

## RDPE UPDATE



# Farming and Forestry Improvement Scheme Round 2



CLOSURE FOR APPLICATIONS  
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## What is FFIS



- FFIS is a programme of financial support, within the RDPE, aimed at helping farmers, foresters, farming contractors, woodland owners and horticultural businesses to **improve competitiveness** through investment that meets one or more of the following objectives.
- Improve animal health and welfare
- Reduce energy usage
- Improve the management of manures/farm nutrients
- Improve water resource management
- **Improve use of forestry resources**

## What it can and cannot do...



- It cannot fund straight replacements or items required to meet legislative standards or conditions as part of normal operations.
- It can fund up to 40% of the eligible costs of projects that meet the criteria for grant (50% in Upland Areas).
- Projects need to be between £2,500 - £25,000
- Applicant must be farmers, foresters, farming contractors, woodland owners and horticultural businesses no bigger than an SME <250 employees <€50m turnover or <€43m on balance sheet.

- **OBJECTIVE: To improve the economic value of forests through the efficiencies of improved processing and adding value.**

- Firewood processing is defined as the grading, cutting and splitting of logs for the firewood/log market. The drying and seasoning of logs falls outside the scope of this scheme.

## Support for Forestry



- **In Forest activities**
- Timber processor/ harvesting heads for primary processing of felled trees (ex cutting head and mechanism cost)
- Forwarders;
- Tractor mounted forestry grabs/tongs
- Forestry trailers Only trailers specifically designed for hauling timber / logs.
- Tractor mounted and self propelled chippers
- Tractor mounted firewood processors
- Associated processing equipment

## Support for Forestry



- **Forestry yard based activities**
- Static chippers;
- Static firewood processors
- Trommel or other types of chip screening
- equipment
- Firewood splitters
- Kindling machines
- Static saw bench

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## APPLICATION FORM AND HANDBOOK

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