



**REGIONE CALABRIA**  
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**Dept. N. 8**

**“Agriculture and agri-resources”**

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**DECREE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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**Subject:     *2014-2020 Calabria RDP – Reg.(UE) n. 1305/2013 - Expression of Interest for the presentation of innovative ideas and proposals for the subsequent activation of calls for proposals for sub-measures 16.1 and 16.2.***

## THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

### CONSIDERING THAT

- the European Commission approved the Rural Development Programme (RDP) of the Calabria Region with Decision C (2015) 8314 final of 20 November 2015 for the purpose of granting support from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, for the programming period 2014-2020;
- the Regional Committee, with resolution no. 4 of 18 January 2016 has acknowledged the approval by the European Commission of the Calabria Rural Development Programme for the 2014-2020 programming period;
- the Regional Council, with resolution no. 99 of 23 February 2016, has acknowledged the approval by the European Commission of the Rural Development Program of Calabria for the 2014-2020 programming period.

### CONSIDERING THAT

- Calabria 2014-2020 RDP through Measure 16 "Cooperation" supports actions aimed at implementing forms of cooperation between regional operators, extended to entities established in different Member States or regions, able to apply new and innovative cooperation solutions for implementation of joint projects designed to improve their ability to work together, stimulate economic and/or innovative activities and achieve economies of scale;
- that Measure 16, with Intervention 16.01.01 "Support to the establishment and operation of Operational Groups of the IEP " promotes the creation of Operational Groups that gather together innovation actors around concrete projects in the field of productivity and sustainability in the agricultural sector;
- that the same Measure 16, with Intervention 16.02.01 "Support to pilot projects and the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies in the agri-food sector and in the forestry sector" supports cooperation projects in the field of development of competitiveness and sustainability of agri-food and forestry businesses aimed at the application and adoption of research results in order to enhance their value, or technology transfer activities in economic sectors, services and leading-edge technologies;
- that Cooperation in the new Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 is of strategic importance to the need to innovate the non-farm economy soliciting collaborative solutions between agricultural and forestry holdings, often of small size, to bring the business world close to the world of research and innovation; create economies of scale in the use of production factors; develop short supply chains and local markets; contribute to sustainable forest management.

**EXPECTED** that, in order to create favourable conditions to encourage and facilitate the innovation process and the use of the available tools, it seems appropriate to identify and analyse the real needs of innovation at the local level through a preliminary survey of supply and demand for innovation;

**BELIEVED** it, therefore, necessary to proceed with the publication of expressions of interest for the submission of innovation ideas and proposals representative of Calabria agriculture, preparatory to implementation of Intervention 16.01.01 "Support for the establishment and operation of the Operational Groups of the EIP" and 16.02.01 "Support of pilot projects and the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies".

**CONSIDERING** that the recipients of this expression of interest are entities involved in research and in the agricultural, agri-food and forestry sectors and, in particular:

- Agricultural, agri-food and forestry enterprises, individually or collectively;

- Producer organisations;
- Inter-professional organisations;
- Research organisations and/or experimentation centres, including universities;
- Public and/or private woodland/forest owners and managers and their associations
- As well as businesses operating in other sectors whose role is functional to the realisation of the innovative idea.

**RECOGNISED** that the present call for expressions of interest has merely declaratory value and does not generate, at present, subjective rights for individuals who participate nor a contractual obligation for the Regional authority;

**EXPECTED** that this act does not generate financial commitments charged to the regional budget;

**CONSIDERING**

- Reg. (EU) No. 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013;
- Reg. (EU) No. 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013;
- Reg. (EU) No. 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013;
- Reg. (EU) No. 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013;
- Reg. (EU) No. 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013;
- Reg. (EU) No. 1310/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013;
- Reg. (EU, EURATOM) No. 1311/2013 of the Council of 2 December 2013;
- Delegated Reg. (EU) No. 240/2014 of the Commission of 07.01.2014, in the OJEU 74 of 14.03.2014;
- Regional Committee Deliberation - DGR no. 155 of 31/03/2009, as updated by the DDG no. 1339 of 02.14.2014 concerning "regional implementation provisions of the Ministerial Decree 22 December 2009 n. 30125 and subsequent amendments "Discipline of the cross-compliance regime under Regulation (EC) No. 73/2009 and the reductions and exclusions for non-compliance of beneficiaries of direct payments and RDPs - New commitments for measures concerning surfaces ".
- Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 807/2014 of 11 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and introducing transitional provisions;
- Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 of the Commission of 17 July 2014.

**CONSIDERING, also**

- The Regional Law (R.L.) of 13.05.1996, no. 7 and subsequent amendments laying down " rules on the organisational structure of the Regional Committee and Regional Management";
- The D.G.R. no. 2661 of 21 June 1999 establishing "Adaptation of legislation and regulations in force for the implementation of the provisions introduced by L.R. no. 7 of 13 May 1996 and by Legislative Decree no. 29/93 "and subsequent amendments and additions;
- The D.P.G.R. no. 354 of 24.06.1999 on the separation of administrative activities of guidance and control from management activities, as amended and supplemented by D.P.G.R. no. 206 of 05.12.2000;
- The D.G.R. no. 270 of 29 July 2013 which nominated Alessandro Zanfino as "Managing Authority of the 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme of the Calabria Region";
- The D.G.R. no. 24 of the 02.11.2015 which nominated Carmelo Salvino "Director General of Department no. 8 - Agriculture and agri-resources".

**BELIEVED** it necessary to open the terms for the submission of expressions of interest by establishing that:

- The interested parties must apply for participating in the expression of interest using the templates set out in Annexes "A", "B" and "C";
- The documentation has to be sent to the Managing Authority of the 2014-2020 Calabria RDP no later than 15 February 2017.
- The submission of the document will be the responsibility of the concerned parties and transmission will be exclusively by certified mail to the following address: [adg.psrcalabria@pec.regione.calabria.it](mailto:adg.psrcalabria@pec.regione.calabria.it) under the subject "Expression of interest preliminary to the activation of Measure 16 - Sub-measures 16.1 and 16.2 – 2014-2020 RDP"

**UPON PROPOSAL** of the Managing Authority of the 2014-2020 Calabria RDP, formulated in the same way of the survey made by the interested body

### DECREES

For the reasons set out in the introduction, which are deemed fully recalled and transcribed, to:

**approve** the expression of interest for the submission of innovation ideas and proposals representative of Calabrian agriculture, preparatory to implementation of intervention 16.01.01 "Support for the establishment and operation of Operational Groups of the EIP" and intervention 16.02.01 "Support for pilot projects and development of new products, practices, processes and technologies" and its accompanying documents, which are attached to this act in order to be an integral and substantial of the same;

**open** the terms for submission of expressions of interest by providing that:

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**take note** that the call for expressions of interest has merely declaratory value and does not generate, at present, subjective rights for participants nor a contractual obligation for the Regional authority;

**take note** that from this act do not derive financial commitments charged to the regional budget;

**provide** for the full publication of the measure on BURC (regional official bulletin) by the proponent Department, under Regional Law of 6 April 2011, no. 11, at the request of the Director General of the proponent Department as well as on the [www.calabriapsr.it](http://www.calabriapsr.it) site;

**notify** this document to the payment agency ARCEA.

**the Managing Authority**

Alessandro Zanfino

**the Director General**

Carmelo Salvino