



INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN KOSOVO (IWRM-K) - PHASE 2 May 2024 – April 2029

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - CA-2025-002

Training and Grants to Support Farmers in Implementing Agroecological Manure Management Practices in the Ibër River Basin

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Background and Purpose of the Call

The Swiss and Government of Kosovo's Program *Integrated Management of Water Resources in Kosovo (IWRM-K)* Program (hereinafter "the Program" or "IWRM-K") aims to strengthen long-term water resources management capacities at the national and river basin levels, in line with Kosovo's socio-economic priorities and the principles of sustainable development. In Phase 2, the Program continues to promote a shift from the previous fragmented approach towards a more comprehensive, integrated, and participatory model of water resource management at the river basin scale, fully aligned with the principles of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and the EU Water Framework Directive (EU WFD).

Building on the successful approaches and lessons learned during Phase 1, the Program is expanding and scaling up its activities that address agricultural pressures on water bodies. These activities continue to promote and demonstrate practical, agro-ecological prototypes and farm-level measures aimed at reducing pollution from livestock farming in the targeted areas of Kosovo.

As part of the Phase-2 *Competitive Grants Scheme (CGS)*, the Program now invites interested livestock farmers located within the Ibër Basin area (see attached list of municipalities eligible for support) to apply for participation in a structured training program, followed by a competitive grant scheme. The Call aims to further broaden the adoption of environmentally friendly manure management practices, building upon the positive results, farmer engagement, and proven models developed during Phase 1.

The trainings will take place at the "*Eurolona*" *Farm facility in Fushë Kosova*. Transportation to the training venue is the responsibility of the selected farmers, regardless of the municipality they come from.

Through this Call, the Program aims to select **50–60 livestock farmers** who meet the eligibility criteria. The selection will be carried out based on **predefined criteria**. The selected candidates will become project partners in implementing modern agricultural practices aimed at reducing negative environmental impacts and improving organic manure management on their farms.

The training will be followed by a **written test** to assess the knowledge required for the application of the recommended agricultural practices. Based on the test results, and in line with other predefined criteria, a total of 35–40 farmers from all eligible municipalities will be selected to become beneficiaries of the Program's grants.

The Program encourages livestock farmers without manure storage facilities, as well as those with existing but non-functional manure storage facilities, to apply to this call.

Grant Components

The grant will be allocated as follows:

- **On-farm equipment** (machinery for organic manure management, such as a mixer for the manure pit, a trailer for spreading solid manure, a tanker for spreading liquid manure, and a scraper for removing manure from the stable); or
 - Construction of manure storage facilities, depending on the type and capacity of the farm.

Each of the selected grantees will be monitored during the following **three years** and will be required to implement the recommended manure management practices. Throughout this period, external experts will be available to farmers to provide practical training and targeted support upon request.

The specific types of equipment and materials to be financed by the Program will be determined by a team of experts. The procurement of all required equipment and materials will be carried out **directly by the Program**; **no cash transfers** to farmers are foreseen. The training sessions will be organized in **December 2025**, and the written test will be conducted after the completion of the training. All necessary materials for test preparation will be provided to all participants.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 1. Completed application form.
- 2. Applicant age between 18 and 60 years.
- 3. **Location of the livestock farm** within the Ibër river basin. See below the list of eligible municipalities.
- 4. Registered farm status (individual farmer with a valid Farm Registration Number NIF, or registered business);
- 5. Minimum livestock numbers:
 - o at least 5 dairy cows, or
 - o at least 10 bulls (over 6 months), or
 - o farms with at least 10 cows and calves combined.

In the event of a high number of applications, additional environmental criteria will be applied for ranking purposes (e.g., farm structure, proximity to water bodies with endangered status, such as the rivers Sitnica, Drenica, and Llapi, proximity to protected areas, production system in the barn, source of drinking water, and other relevant factors). In cases of equal scoring, priority will be given to earlier applications and to farms located closer to the listed water bodies.

Application Process

The application form can be obtained electronically **by clicking the link HERE**. Printed copies may also be collected from:

KAMP Office: Boulevard Bill Clinton 112/11, Prishtinë.

If the application is submitted in printed format, the completed form must be provided in **two copies** (in one of the official languages):

- One (1) original
- One (1) copy

All applications must be submitted on or before 16.30 CEST on 8 December 2025.

Applications may be submitted electronically by email at projektikamp@gmail.com or delivered directly to the KAMP office: Boulevard Bill Clinton 112/11, Prishtinë.

For additional information, please contact:

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Attachments

1. Application Form

List of eligible municipalities

Prishtinë

Podujevë

Obiliç

Fushë Kosovë

Vushtrri

Gllogoc

Graçanicë

Lipjan

Shtime

Skenderaj

Mitrovicë

North Mitrovica

Zveçan

Zubin Potok

Leposaviç

Implementation

The IWRM-K supported activity "Enhancing Environmentally Friendly Manure Management Practices in Livestock Farming in Kosovo" is implemented in partnership with the Kosovo Association of Milk Producers (KAMP).