

## GRANT FUNDING INFORMATION SHEET

**Grant Name** Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)

**Funder** EU funding managed through the Regional Development Agencies – with regional variations to approach

The funding has different axes, each focusing on specific activities. Two of these may be of interest to projects involving anaerobic digestion:

**Axis 1: Making agriculture more competitive and sustainable (sections relevant to AD)**

- 111 Vocational training and information
- 121 Modernisation of agricultural holdings
- 122 Improving the economic value of forests
- 123 Adding value to agricultural and forestry products
- 124 Co-operation for the development of new products, processes and technologies
- 125 Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture and forestry

**Axis 3: Quality of life and enhancing opportunity in rural areas**

- 311 Diversification into non agricultural activities
- 312 Support for the creation of micro enterprises

**Examples of eligible funding** **Section 121 – Modernisation of agricultural holdings**

Renewable energy projects for **on-farm use** – funding for renewable energy installations that provide heat and/or power for use on the farm (e.g. anaerobic digesters, wood-fuel boilers, wind turbines, hydroelectric units, bio fuel production.)

Eligible costs which will be covered include – capital costs, new buildings, conversions,, equipment and machinery, accountancy and legal fees, market research and feasibility.

**Section 311 Diversification into non-agricultural activities**

Diversification into energy production for **off farm use**, including electricity and heat production. Eligible costs include - capital costs of new buildings, building conversions, equipment and machinery, start-up running costs for a short period, market research and feasibility, technical support to establish the enterprise). Maximum grant limit is 500,000 Euros.

**Amount** Grants usually are up to 40% of eligible costs

**Greenwatt regularly monitors a wide range of funding sources and can advise on the most appropriate funding for your project, in addition to assisting you throughout the funding application process.**

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