



An IBIZAPRESERVATION programme

**EIVISSA SEMBRA FUTUR
Terms & Conditions
for grants to plant fruit trees, 2024**



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS TO PLANT FRUIT TREES

1. Organiser

The foundation *IbizaPreservation* has opened a funding call for the planting of fruit trees in Ibiza.

2. Objective of the funding call

The objective of this initiative is to enable farms to increase their area of productive trees (sweet fruit and rainfed crops), with varieties adapted to current and future climatic conditions.

The call aims to cover almost the entire cost of planting, and seeks to encourage farmers to recover or improve their land.

Objectives of the 2024 call:

- To assist farms in the planting of fruit trees, to cover shortages or to promote new plantations.
- To facilitate the economic diversification of farms and their viability.
- To introduce farmers to local varieties of tree species that may be better adapted to climate change and test their management, without involving a great expense.
- To promote biodiversity and pollinators.
- To promote the conservation of the Ibiza wall lizard by installing traps in the agricultural land where the plantation will be carried out, in order to increase the resilience of this creature and thus help to improve soil quality and combat pests.

3. Requirements of the applicants

The requirements for persons owning or managing agricultural farms to be eligible for the grants are as follows:

1. To be a natural or legal person.
2. To be the owner or manager of a farm registered in the Register of Agricultural Holdings (RIA) of the island of Ibiza.
3. To have space to plant at least 20 trees.
4. To commit to maintain the trees for a minimum of 5 years.
5. Not to receive any other public or private aid for the planting of these trees.
6. Although it is not a mandatory requirement, preferably to plant local varieties adapted to the climate, organic, and/or fruit trees from the list provided in Annex I of Planting Criteria (page 6).

4. How to apply

Applications may be registered via the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/240582646221049>

The deadline for receipt of applications is **27th March 2024**.

5. Financing and eligible expenses

The total amount of the call is 7,000 euros to be distributed among eligible individuals or legal entities.

Each beneficiary will receive a grant of 30 euros for the planting of each tree. The aid may be requested for planting a minimum of 20 trees (600 euros).

This amount includes:

- Purchase of tree;
- Stakes;
- Protectors;
- Cost of pit to plant tree.

The aid cannot be sought alongside other grants or subsidies that have the same purpose.

6. Evaluation and result

Once the application period is over, a technical team formed by members of *IbizaPreservation* and external experts will evaluate the proposals received.

Priority will be given to those farms that agree to participate in a pilot project to improve crops through the conservation of the Ibiza wall lizard, as part of the Biodiversity programme of *IbizaPreservation*, by installing and managing traps to capture snakes (for more information about the project, see Annex II on page 6).

The successful applicants will be selected on **8th April 2024**.

7. Collaboration agreement

The beneficiaries will sign a collaboration document with *IbizaPreservation* which will outline the requirements and agreements established for the development of the financed activity as well as the acceptance of these terms and conditions.

8. Payment

The payment of the grant approved by *IbizaPreservation* for the planting of fruit trees will be made in two phases, each corresponding to 50% of the total amount awarded.

Once the grant has been awarded, 50% of the requested amount will be transferred. The remaining 50% will be transferred once the justification documentation has been submitted and evaluated.

9. Follow-up and reporting

The beneficiary must submit the following documentation, through the Ibiza Produce email address (info@ibizaproduce.org) in order to substantiate the grant:

1. Technical and economic report according to the template provided by *IbizaPreservation*.
2. Photographs of the plantation, where all the planted trees can be seen. These photographs may be used by *IbizaPreservation* in their social networks, web, annual report and other platforms.

IbizaPreservation reserves the right to monitor and evaluate the plantation at any stage of its execution, in order to verify the correct completion of the activity.

10. Obligations of the successful applications and execution deadlines

1. Plantings carried out between 1 January and 30 November 30 2024 are eligible to be financed.
2. The beneficiary must be responsible for the correct use of the grant, which in no case may be diverted to an unintended purpose.
3. The beneficiary must deliver the reporting documents before 10 December 2024.
4. The beneficiary must sign a declaration of responsibility to maintain the planted trees in the best possible agricultural condition.

12. Reimbursement

IbizaPreservation may claim either partial or total reimbursement of the amounts hitherto received by the beneficiary in the case that:

- The beneficiary does not present the corresponding final report by the deadline indicated;
- The beneficiary does not comply with the conditions established in the collaboration agreement in a way that substantially alters the purposes for which the contribution was granted;
- Data or documentation to substantiate the grant are found to have been falsified.

13. Acceptance of the terms and conditions

The submission of an application for the funding call implies the acceptance of these terms and conditions by the individual or legal applicant.

For further information or queries, please contact:

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ANNEXES

Annex I. Technical planting criteria

It is recommended that the trees have a maximum of 1 year of grafting. Newly planted trees must have the corresponding stakes and protectors.

The following types of tree will be given priority, although others will be considered:

Apricot tree
Plum tree
Cherry
Almond tree
Olive tree
Carob
Fig

Organic crops and/or those adapted to the local environment and climatic conditions will be given preference.

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Annex II. Pilot project for the conservation of lizards in agricultural farms

The accidental introduction and naturalisation of the horseshoe whip snake (*Hemorrhois hippocrepis*) and the ladder snake (*Zamenis scalaris*) has had a great impact on the biodiversity of the island of Ibiza. The Ibiza wall lizard (*Podarcis pityusensis*), endemic to the archipelago, is one of the most affected species. Intense predation has triggered the near disappearance of specimens in the north of Ibiza, and there is research that suggests it could disappear entirely from the island in the coming years if the trend is not reversed. In response, the Biodiversity programme of *IbizaPreservation* has been working together with other local stakeholders since 2022 to tackle the proliferation of the snakes and thus safeguard the endemic lizard population.

On this occasion, we intend to develop a pilot project for the protection of the species in agricultural farms, with the following objectives:

- To help create snake-free habitats to ensure the conservation of the Ibiza wall lizard.
- To favor the organic control of pests in the crops of the participating farms by increasing the presence of lizards.

The project will run from May to October 2024 and will include the following activities:

- Installation of snake traps in the farms participating in the project. It is estimated that 5 to 10 traps will be installed on each farm, depending on their size and other characteristics.
- *IbizaPreservation* personnel will provide training and support for the farms in the correct management of the traps and capture of snakes.
- Data collection by the farm and *IbizaPreservation* personnel.
- Adaptation of walls with plants in order to improve lizard habitats.