

## Supply Chain Development Programme

**The Supply Chain Development Programme is funded under Axis 1 of the Rural Development Programme.**

**It aims to increase the number of new and collaborative initiatives in the agri-food and forestry sectors which will lead to more effective and sustainable supply chains.**

Support under the Supply Chain Development Programme will facilitate collaboration in the supply chain and promote the development of new supply chain partnerships.

Support will also be provided to producers working together or along with a processor/end user to establish a new or more effective supply chain process/relationship.

- **Training** — Funding is available towards training of group members in order to develop the capability of the group to achieve their goals.
- **Use of Business Tools** — Funding is available for business tools, for example, benchmarking, lean manufacturing or value chain analysis by all or some of the group members.
- **Co-operation Support** — Funding is available towards costs associated with professional services or advice.

### How do I apply?



### Who can apply?



Groups of primary producers in the agri-food and forestry sectors are eligible to apply to the Supply Chain Development Programme.

The opening and closing dates for schemes/programmes supported by the Rural Development Programme are advertised and promoted widely. The Rural Development Programme website [www.rdpni.info](http://www.rdpni.info) provides a full list of what is currently open for applications together with further details of each scheme/programme and how to apply.

If you are interested in participating in this Programme, but do not have access to the Internet please contact us using the details provided overleaf.

### What funding is available?



Successful applicants to the Supply Chain Development Programme will be eligible to receive a package of support that includes all or some of the following:

- **Facilitation/Mentoring** — A facilitator and/or mentor will be provided to help a group progress their supply chain initiative. A maximum of 50 days is available within the following limits:-

Facilitation - up to a maximum of 5 days per month.

Mentoring - up to a maximum of 10 days per year.