

TECHNO-ECONOMIC STUDIES SUPPORT PROGRAM (PARETE)

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

To better manage their business, farm managers need access to information that lets them compare their technical, economic and financial performance with that of other businesses in their sector.

The Techno-Economic Studies Support Program (PARETE) aims to financially support sectors not covered by the Farm Income Stabilization Insurance (ASRA) program or by supply management for the realization of techno-economic studies.

For the purpose of this program, a techno-economic study involves collecting, from a statistically representative sample of farm businesses in a given sector, data that can be used to conduct a descriptive analysis of the technical and economic results.

The program comes into effect on April 1, 2019 and has a \$1 M budgetary envelope.

ELIGIBLE SECTORS

All agricultural sectors are eligible, **except**:

- those covered by the ASRA program;
- those covered by supply management.

Also, studies exclusively covering processing, fishery and forestry activities are not eligible.

PROGRAM PAYMENT

The financial assistance granted to a recognized industry association will cover 75% of the costs of the study's realization, up to \$90,000.

REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION

To receive financial assistance under this program, the industry association must pay a minimum of 25% of the study realization costs.

In calculating this contribution, La Financière agricole du Québec (FADQ) can take in-kind contributions into account, meaning non-monetary resources that the farm businesses participating in the study or their representatives provide to support the study's realization.

These in-kind contributions are converted into a monetary equivalent as follows:

Contribution	Monetary equivalent
Participation by industry association representatives	Hourly rate of \$55/h for an association employee carrying out specific tasks indicated in the study
Participation by the farm businesses under study	Flat rate of \$43/h to compensate for the time farm businesses spend participating in the study

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Interested industry associations must [submit the application form](#) to the FADQ, describing the needs and scope of the techno-economic study they would like to conduct. The application can be submitted [by email](#) or mailed to the following address:

Direction principale du développement
des programmes en assurance
La Financière agricole du Québec
1400 Guillaume-Couture Blvd.
Lévis, Quebec G6W 8K7

Applications for financial aid must be received by March 31, 2024.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be evaluated:

- the objectives of the association;
- the representativeness expected of the study results;
- how relevant the study is to the technical and economic issues of the sector.

STUDY REALIZATION TERMS

The study's realization must be entrusted to the Centre d'études sur les coûts de production en agriculture (CECPA) and conducted according to proven methods to obtain objective results that are representative of the sector.

The study realization and result dissemination terms will be set out in an agreement signed by the industry association, the FADQ and the CECPA.