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# ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT ON THE IPARD II PROGRAMME FOR 2020

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The Managing Authority have prepared the Second Annual Implementation Report covering the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, pursuant to Article 59 (1) of the Sectoral Agreement and will be submitted to the EC by the end of June 2021.

The Annual Implementation Report on the IPARD II Programme in the Republic of Serbia for 2020 includes cumulative financial data, obtained by monitoring the implementation of the Programme on the basis of the Common monitoring and evaluation tables.



# IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC CALLS

## Submitted applications

Requested public support:

**EUR 216.55 m**

EU contribution:

**EUR 150.90 m**

## Approved applications

Approved public support:

**EUR 45.00 m**

EU contribution:

**EUR 33.75 m**

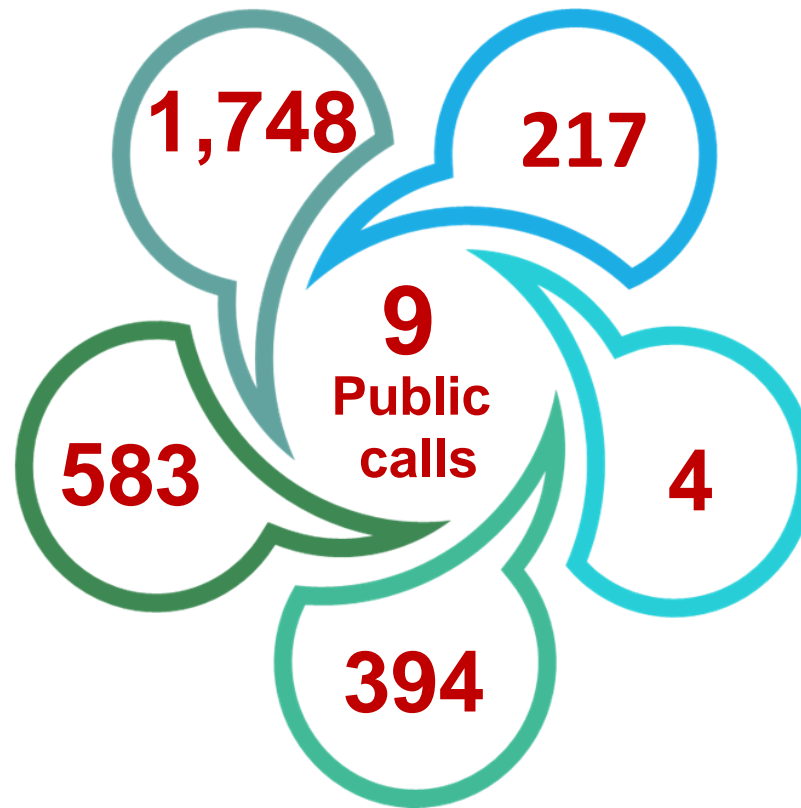
## Rejected applications

Rejected public support:

**EUR 41.40 m**

EU contribution:

**EUR 31.05 m**



## Paid recipients

Paid public support:

**EUR 12.92 m**

EU contribution:

**EUR 9.69 m**

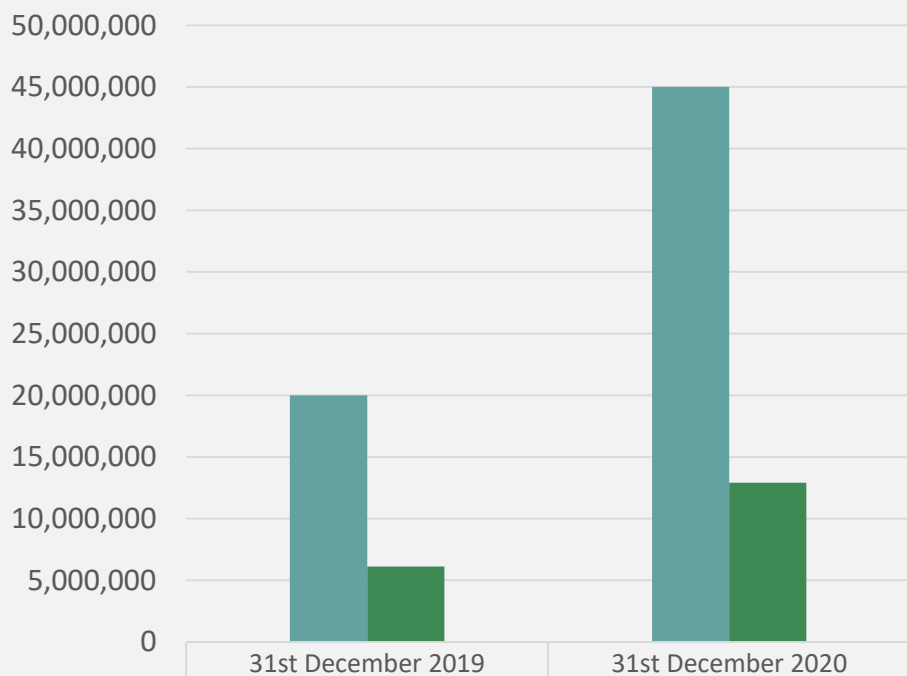
Entrusted measures  
M1, M3, M7 and M9

- In 2020 two Public Calls was opened (Measure 3 and Measure 7)
- First calls for Measure 1 and Measure 3 are closed



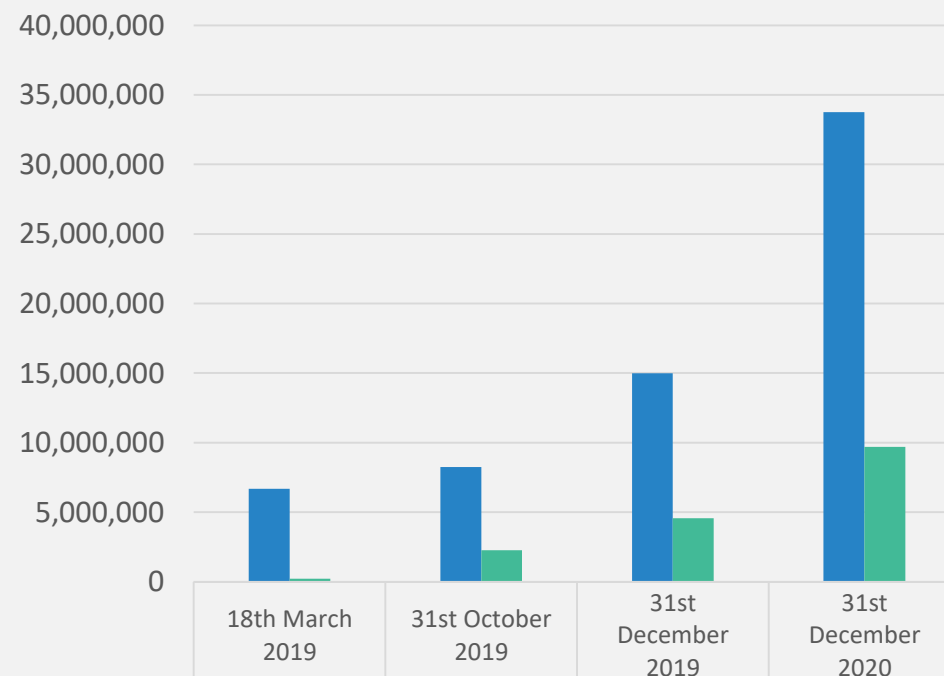
# PROGRESS IN TERMS OF APPROVED AND PAID SUPPORT

## PUBLIC SUPPORT



Approved public support (EUR)	19,990,834	45,005,558
Paid public support (EUR)	6,103,360	12,919,879

## EU SUPPORT



Approved EU support (EUR)	6,683,266	8,256,713	14,993,126	33,754,168
Paid EU support (EUR)	227,570	2,266,310	4,577,520	9,689,909



# MEASURE 1

## Submitted:

Public support: EUR 116.16M

EU support: EUR 87.12M

1,235  
applications



## Approved:

Public support: EUR 29.08M

EU support: EUR 21.81M

526  
applications

## Paid:

Public support: EUR 8.86M

EU support: EUR 6.65M

191  
applications

## Rejected:

Public support: EUR 30.61M

EU support: EUR 22.96M

333  
applications



Female applicants  
279 applications

23%

Young applicants  
523 applications

<40  
42%



# MEASURE 1

## APPLICATIONS BY SECTOR, TYPE OF INVESTMENT AND REGIONS:



54%



29%



10%



4%



1%

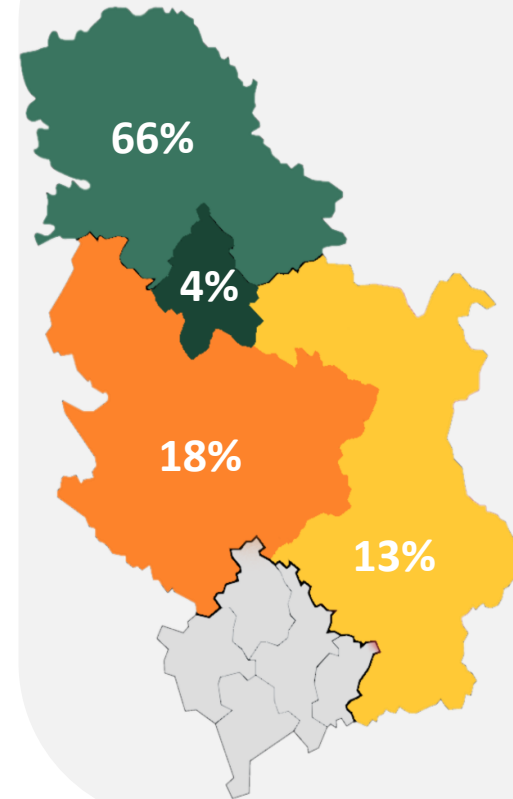


1%

### TYPE OF INVESTMENTS

1. Tractors – 67%
2. Equipment and mechanisation (excluding tractors) – 20%
3. Construction/modernisation of facilities – 11%

### Share of regions in the number of submitted applications



#### Vojvodina Region

No. of applications: 806

Requested public support: EUR 78.85 M

#### Šumadija and Western Serbia Region

No. of applications: 219

Requested public support: EUR 18.63 M

#### Southern and Eastern Serbia Region

No. of applications: 155

Requested public support: EUR 13.75 M

#### Belgrade Region

No. of applications: 49

Requested public support: EUR 4.22 M



# MEASURE 3

## Submitted:

Public support: EUR 54.51M

EU support: EUR 40.88M

## Approved:

Public support: EUR 15.93M

EU support: EUR 11.95M

## Paid:

Public support: EUR 4.06M

EU support: EUR 3.04M

## Rejected:

Public support: EUR 10.79M

EU support: EUR 8.09M



202  
applications

57  
applications

26  
applications

61  
applications



# MEASURE 3

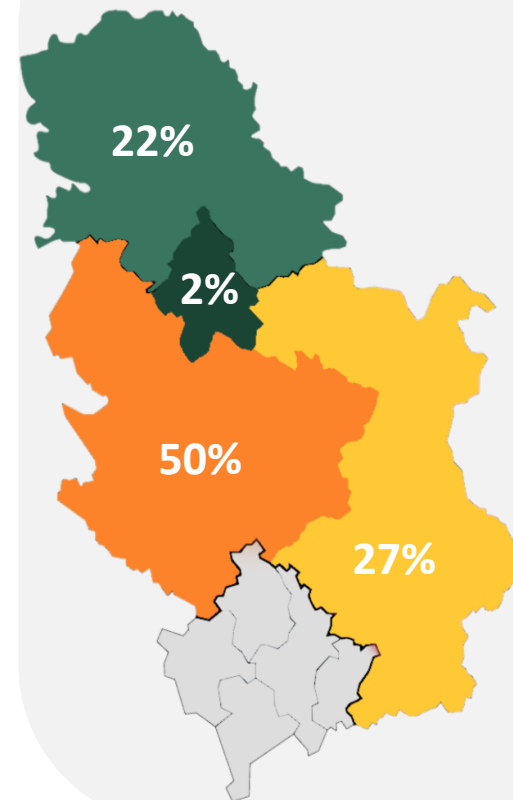
## APPLICATIONS BY SECTOR, TYPE OF INVESTMENT AND REGIONS:



### TYPE OF INVESTMENTS

1. Modernisation of processing and packing equipment - 35%
2. Construction and reconstruction/modernisation of processing enterprises – 32%
3. Production of energy from renewable sources – 9%

### Share of regions in the number of submitted applications



**Šumadija and Western Serbia Region**  
No. of applications: 99  
Requested public support: EUR 22.82 M

**Vojvodina Region**  
No. of applications: 44  
Requested public support: EUR 14.87 M

**Southern and Eastern Serbia Region**  
No. of applications: 53  
Requested public support: EUR 14.38 M

**Belgrade Region**  
No. of applications: 4  
Requested public support: EUR 2.43 M





# MEASURE 7

## APPLICATIONS BY TYPE OF INVESTMENT AND REGIONS:

Submitted applications:

311

Requested expenditures for investment:

EUR 70.60M

Requested public support:

EUR 45.89M

Female applicants

124 applications

40%

Young applicants

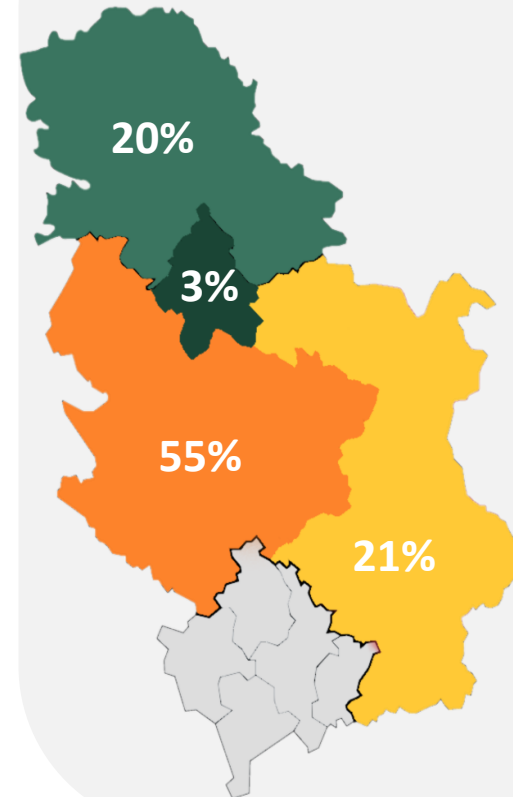
96 applications

<40 31%

### TYPE OF INVESTMENTS

1. Setting of tourist homesteads and recreational zones - 64%
2. Modernisation of existing tourist facilities – 16%
3. Investments in renewable energy resources – 5%

### Share of regions in the number of submitted applications



#### Šumadija and Western Serbia Region

No. of applications: 163

Requested public support: EUR 25.0 M

#### Vojvodina Region

No. of applications: 60

Requested public support: EUR 10.6 M

#### Southern and Eastern Serbia Region

No. of applications: 62

Requested public support: EUR 8.5 M

#### Belgrade Region

No. of applications: 10

Requested public support: EUR 1.6 M





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## 11 of June 2021

### Implementation of IPARD II Programme

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Management Structure

(NAO Support Office and National Fund)

Ministry of Finance



## Overview of the most important activities

- **Amended Financing Agreement adopted by Governmental Conclusion dated on 19 November 2020**
  - **IPARD Measure 1** (Investment in physical assets of agricultural holdings)
  - **IPARD Measure 3** (Investments in physical assets concerning the processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products)
  
  - Entrusting budget implementation of new measures:**
    - **IPARD Measure 7** (Farm diversification and business development)
    - **IPARD Measure 9** (Technical assistance)
- **First Public Call for Measure 7 closed on 30 October 2020 (total submitted applications 311)**
- **Total number of published calls 9: 5 for M1, 3 for M3 and 1 for M7 (total number of submitted applications 1748)**

## Overview of the most important activities

- **Sistem Audit for FY 2020 implemented by Governmental Audit Office of EU Funds, during 2020**
  - Final Report issued on 13 October, 2020 (total number of finding 35, out of which: 5 major, 22 intermediate, 8 minors findings)
- **Audit of operations for IPARD II Programme for FY 2019 implemented by Governmental Audit Office of EU Funds, during 2020**
  - Final Report issued on 31 Decemer, 2020 (total number of finding 4, out of which: 1 major, 2 intermediate, 1 minors findings)
- **Sistem Audit for FY 2021 by Governmental Audit Office of EU Funds – on-going**

## Overview of the most important activities

- In accordance with NAO SO annual OSC plan, 7 checks envisaged (processes: project approval, payment approval, on-the-spot checks, visit to the recipients, horizontal processes)
- Ex-post control at the recipient for M1 implemented in April 2021
- 2 ad-hoc checks implemented in May 2021 in IA (management of irregularities and processing of applications and project approval)
- Based on conducted controls during 2021 it can be concluded that one of the major problem is the period of processing of applications and project approval (verification of offers, changes of projects, incomplete applications, supplement and technical corrections, overlapping of calls and work-load per employee, quality of business plan); the period far exceed the timeline set in the procedures (9 months); recommendations: further recruitment of staff in the Department for Project Approval, simplification of working processes and procedures, changes of legal framework...

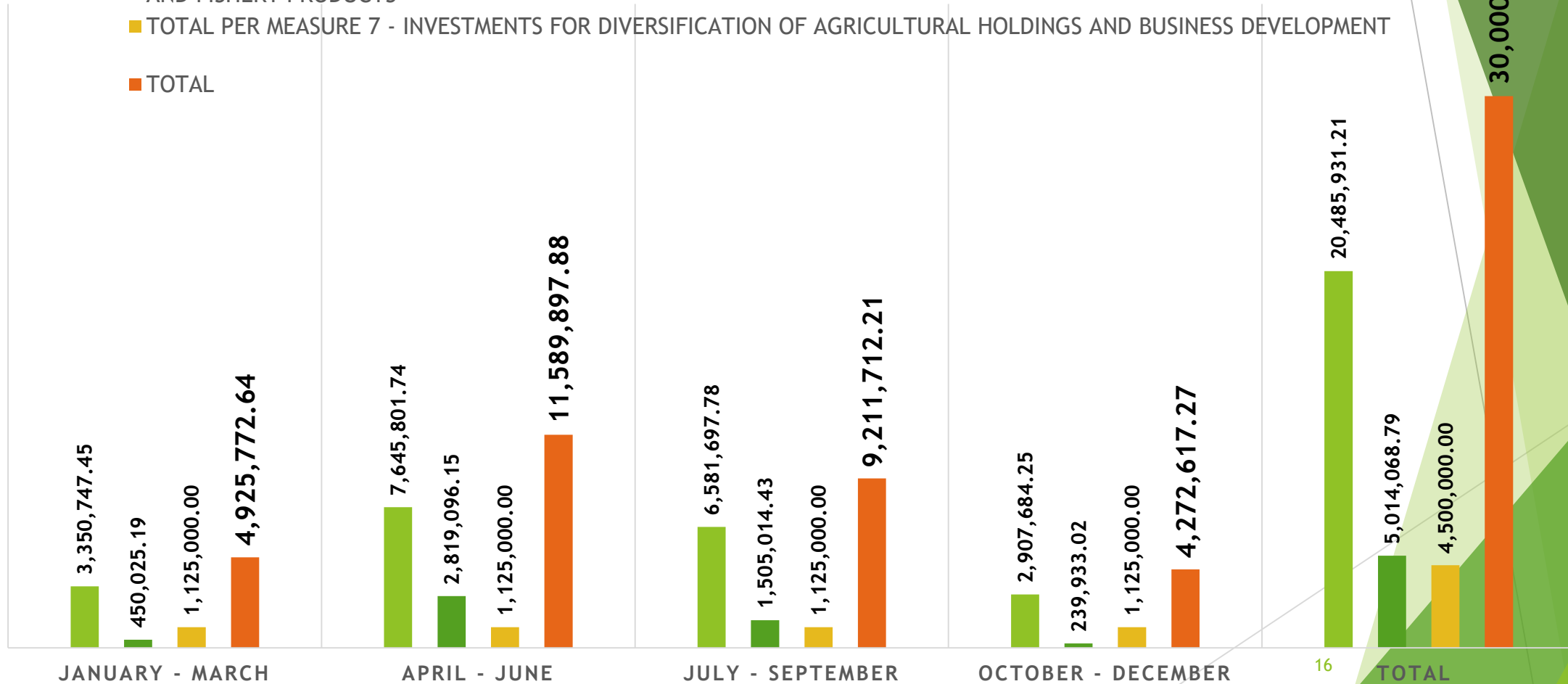
# Overview of the most important activities

- **Declaration of Expenditure and Revenue under IPARD II Programme (D1) for the I quarter of 2021**
  - submitted by NAO to EC on 21 April 2021
  - declared eligible expenditure amounts for the I quarter of 2021:  
**2.375.195,05 EUR** (out of which **1.781.396,29 EUR** is IPA contribution)
  - Total declared eligible expenditure amounts for the 2020:  
**6.816.518,71 EUR** (out of which **5.112.389,09 EUR** is IPA contribution)
  
- **Payment overview**
  - **Total 58 submitted and approved Requests for funds** for 277 recipients since the beginning of implementation
  - **Total disbursed among 15.295.074,22 EUR**  
(out of which **IPA contribution is 11.471.305,64 EUR**, and cofinancing 3.823.768,58 EUR)

# Forecast of Likely Payment Requests 2021-2022

## 2021

- TOTAL PER MEASURE 1 - INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS
- TOTAL PER MEASURE 3 - INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS CONCERNING PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS
- TOTAL PER MEASURE 7 - INVESTMENTS FOR DIVERSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
- TOTAL



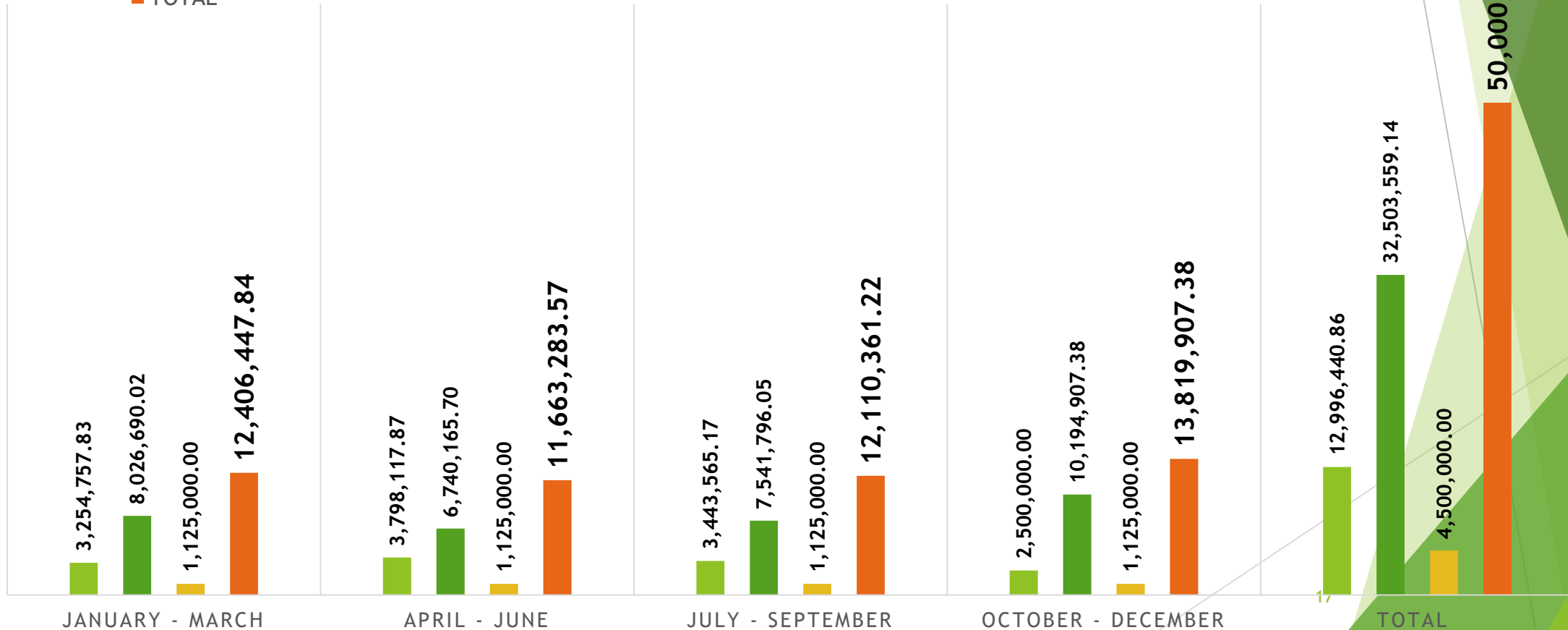
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# Forecast of Likely Payment Requests 2021-2022

## 2022

- TOTAL PER MEASURE 1 - INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS
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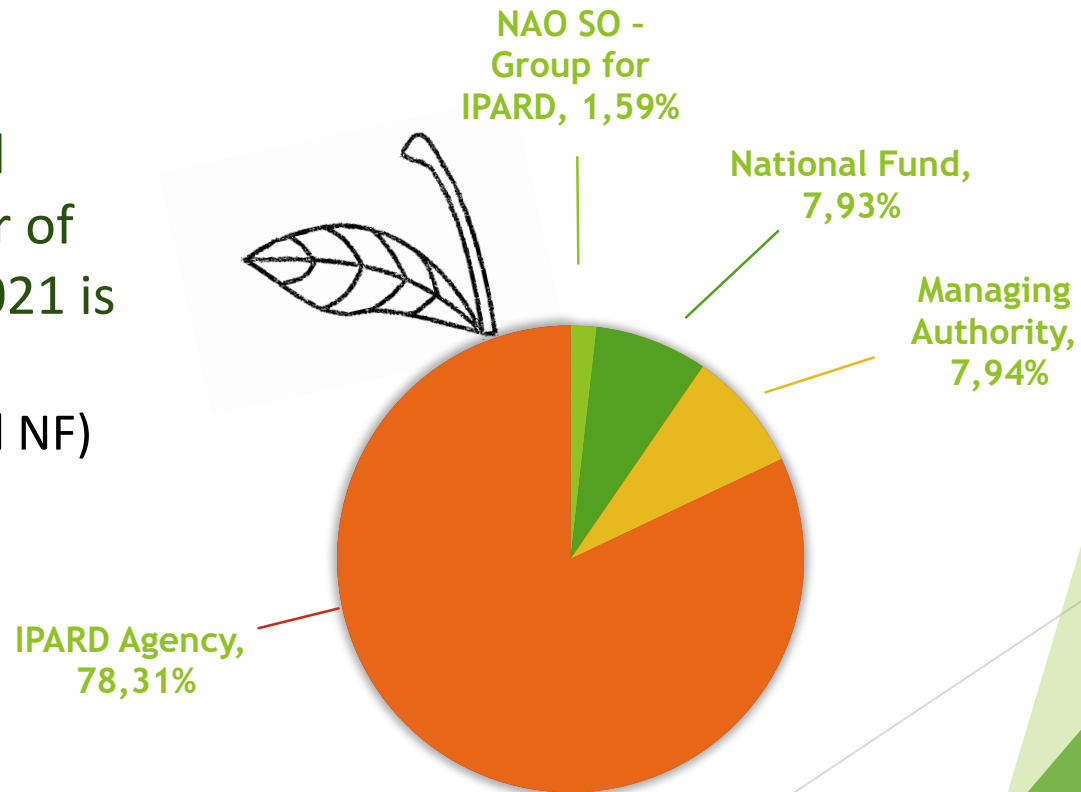
# Administrative capacities for IPARD bodies

➤ Total number of employees in all IPARD bodies is 189, out of which:

- Management Structure (NAO SO and NF) 26
- Managing Authority 15
- IPARD Agency 148

➤ The overall gap regarding the filled positions in relation to the number of employees required by WLA for 2021 is 164,4 out of which:

- Management Structure (NAO SO and NF) 7,7
- Managing Authority 10,82
- IPARD Agency 146



## Further activities planned to be taken in relation to the IPARD II implementation

- **Monitoring findings and reporting to the DG AGRI on the state of play of implementation**, in accordance with conditions stated in Amended Financial Agreement 2014-2020; First report with updated Action Plan sent on 01 October
- **Further preparation of changes of legal framework and procedures** in order to simplify working processes and increasing of absorption of funds, Working Group was formed at the end of 2020. At the end of the second quarter 2021, the draft amended Law on Agriculture and RD was submitted, which, among other issues, includes: blank/incomplete application form, advance payment (in accordance with the amendments of the Sectoral Agreement, advance payment was introduced, up to 50% of investment value, in addition to bank guarantees), requests for changes to the approved project (the party has the right to request a change to the approved project only once), definition of technical assistance, refund (default interest is introduced in case of return of incorrectly spent funds).
- **Increased National Authorising Officer supervision** related to the activities planned to be implemented in cooperation with all IPARD bodies
- **Ensuring staff capacity in all IPARD Bodies**, focusing on: further recruitment of staff in line with WLA, applying different tools and mechanisms for retaining staff and continuous training and improving institutional capacity

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# IMPLEMENTATION OF IPARD II PROGRAMME

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# IPARD IMPLEMENTATION IN FIGURES

## Applications

Requested support:  
**217,99 mil. EUR**



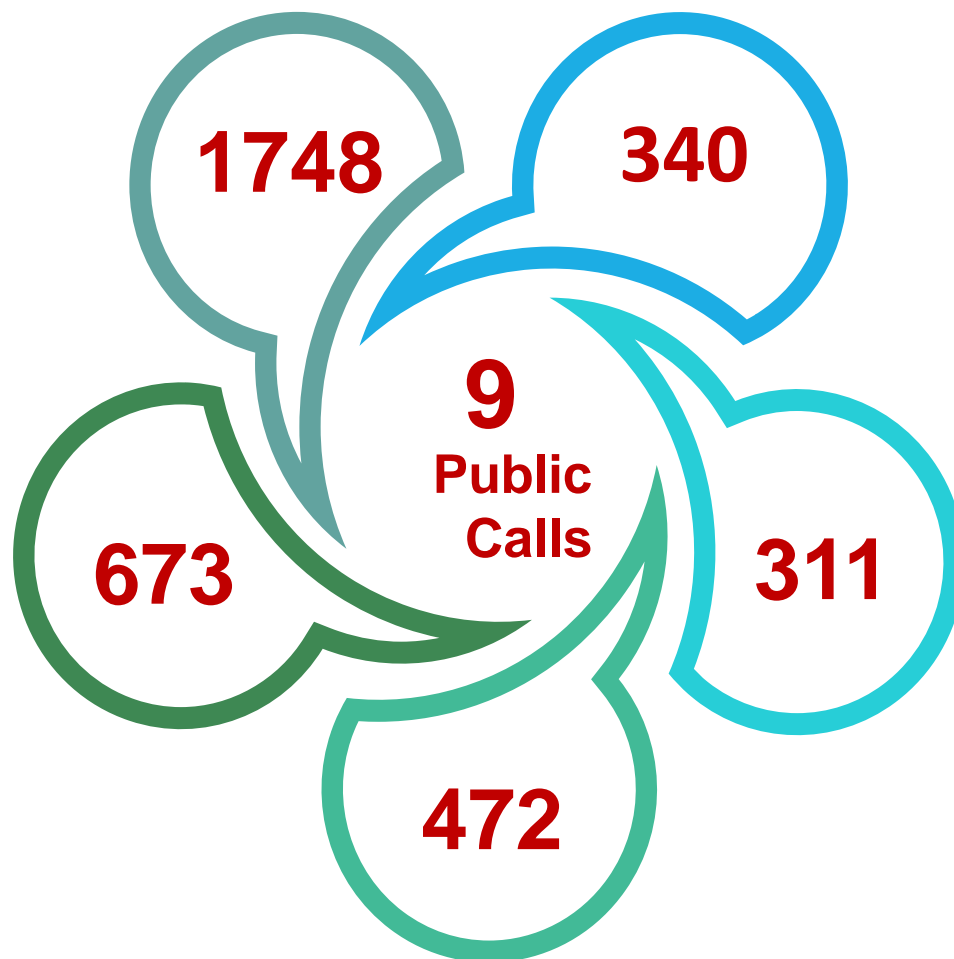
## Awarded contracts

Requested support:  
**55,14 mil. EUR**



## Payment requests

Requested support:  
**27,85 mil. EUR**



## Recipients

Payed funds:  
**19,07 mil. EUR**



## Measure 7

Requested support:  
**45,96 mil. EUR**



# MEASURE 1

M1 - The First, Second, Third, Forth and Fifth Public Call*	November 2019	December 2020	May 2021
<b>Number of Applications</b>	629	1235	1235
<b>Requested amount of funds</b>	72,27 million EUR	193,72 million EUR	195,89 million EUR
<b>Completed Applications</b>	67,25%	65,83%	<b>79,27 %</b>
<b>Adopted</b>	212	487	<b>605</b>
<b>Approved amount of support</b>	8,71 million EUR	27 million EUR	<b>37,37 million EUR</b>
<b>Number of Payment Requests</b>	170	258	<b>445</b>
<b>Requested amount of funds</b>	6,69 million EUR	11,84 million EUR	<b>19,60 million EUR</b>
<b>Paid funds</b>	5,09 million EUR	7,52 million EUR	<b>13,98 million EUR</b> (paid applications: 312)

\*The Fourth and Fifth Public Call were published on September 24th 2019 and are not included in statistics for November 2019



# MEASURE 3

M1 - The First, Second and Third Public Call	November 2019	December 2020	May 2021
<b>Number of Applications</b>	<b>107</b>	202	202
<b>Requested amount of funds</b>	45,44 million EUR	109,03 million EUR	109,01 million EUR
<b>Completed Applications</b>	58,88 %	54,46%	<b>72,78 %</b>
<b>Adopted</b>	29	56	<b>68</b>
<b>Approved amount of support</b>	5,61 million EUR	15,58 million EUR	17,76 million EUR
<b>Number of Payment Requests</b>	5	28	37
<b>Requested amount of funds</b>	536.810 million EUR	4,45 million EUR	<b>8,25 million EUR</b>
<b>Paid funds</b>	/	3,29 million EUR	<b>5,09 million EUR</b> (paid applications:28)

\*The third Public Call has been published on November 26, 2019. and it is not included in statistics for November 2019.





**M7 – The First Public call**

**May 2021**

Number of Applications

**311**

Requested amount of funds

**70,71 million EUR**

Allocated funds

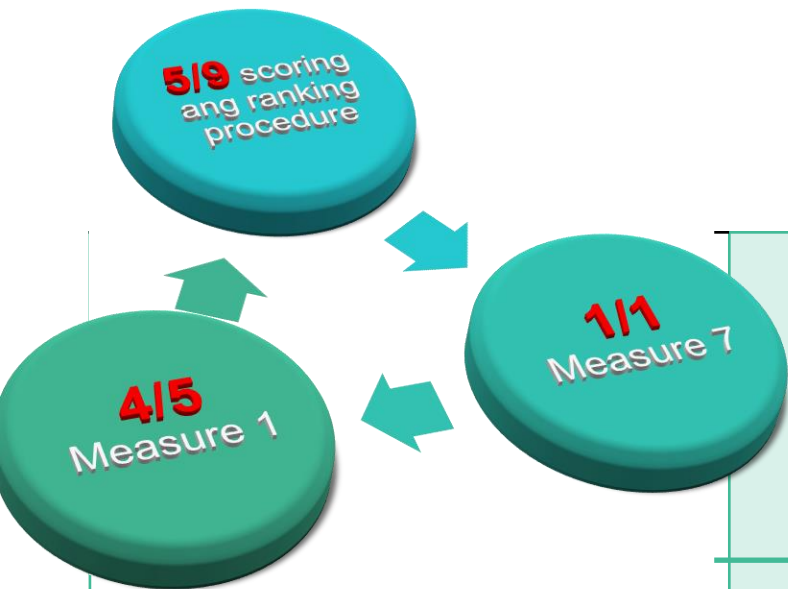
**20 million EUR**

- From 1 June to 1 October 2020 year
- Subsidies for the construction of accommodation capacities and purchase of new equipment
  - **60%** applications for construction and equipment of capacities
  - **30%** applications for reconstruction and equipment of capacities
    - **10%** applications for equipment of capacities
  - **One-third** of the applications without mandatory construction documentation
- The deadline for processing applications within the budget (102) is July 31, 2021, and it is expected to meet the deadline



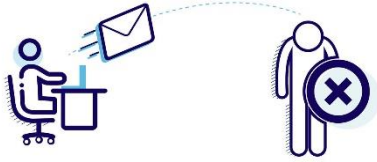


# Applications below the budget line



	<b>M1 Second Public Call</b> (tractors)	<b>M1 Third Public Call</b> (equipment, mechanization and construction)	<b>M1 Fourth Public Call</b> (tractors)	<b>M1 Fifth Public Call</b> (equipment, mechanization and construction)	<b>M7 First Public Call</b> (Construction and equipment of accommodation capacities)
<b>Number of received applications</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Allocated budget</b>	ca. <b>4,65</b> mill. EUR	ca. <b>25,50</b> mill. EUR	ca. <b>10,28</b> mill. EUR	ca. <b>33,04</b> mill. EUR	ca. <b>20</b> mill. EUR
<b>Requested amount of support</b>	ca. <b>11,46</b> mill. EUR	ca. <b>41,77</b> mill. EUR	ca. <b>15,50</b> mill. EUR	ca. <b>41,60</b> mill. EUR	ca. <b>45,96</b> mill. EUR
<b>Budget overdraft</b>	<b>245%</b>	<b>164%</b>	<b>150%</b>	<b>125%</b>	<b>230%</b>
<b>Applications outside the budget at the moment</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>209</b>





# Rejection/withdrawal - reasons

MEASURE	Number of rejected Applications
Measure 1	208
Measure 3	58
Measure 7	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>

MEASURE	Number of withdrawn Applications
Measure 1	165
Measure 3	17
Measure 7	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>

MEASURE	TOTAL
Measure 1	373
Measure 3	75
Measure 7	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>466</b>

## • Rejection

- non-compliance with general and specific requirements
- ineligible investments and costs
- failure to supplement the Applications
- application submitted outside the prescribed deadline

## • Withdrawal

- non-compliance with national and EU standards
- dissatisfaction with the amount of the approved subsidies

- **Appeals** against the Decisions on Project Approval were mainly due to low reference prices
- **Origin of the goods**



# Project approval

Challenges

- 100% administratively **incomplete Applications** mostly related to business plans and offers

- High number of requests for the **extension of the deadline** for realization of the investment and requests for **project modification**

- **238** completed applications

- **Capacity of human resource**

- **High number of Applications**

Actions

- Very efficient on-the-job training for new employees with mandatory mentoring from experienced colleagues
- Additional trainings of employees - business plans, offers and construction
- Coordination with beneficiaries in order to prompt them to finalize the investment realization
- Simplifying the procedures
- The RPDB is permanently updated

- Efficient inclusion of new employees in the processing of applications
- The speed of applications processing has been significantly improved
- Very challenging Measure 1 Call 2 are completed
- At the time, the applications submitted under Measure 1 - Call 4 and 5, and applications from Measure 3 Call 3 are in the final phase of processing
- With great effort, conditions have been created for applications within the allocated budget for the First Call for new Measure 7 to be completed on time

Achievements





# On-the-spot check

- IPARD Agency strives to maintain the work processes and business continuity during the COVID 19
- The work of the Sector for on-the spot check has been regulated through the mechanism of exceptional situations
- Pre-approval verification of applications for tractors wasn't performed during this period
- After normalization of the work process **289** on the spot verifications have been performed
- High intensity of the activity in March and April 2021 year - **130** on the spot verifications
- Controllers are constantly engaged in preparing, executing, and writing reports on completed verifications, even overtime

## Completed verifications 01/12/2020 - 10/06/2021

By measures	Measure 1	Measure 3	Measure 7
Pre-approval (with additional controls)	<b>67</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>
Pre -payment (with additional controls and controls of hidden works)	<b>178</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>/</b>
EX post	<b>5</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>
	<b>250</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>		

Timeline	December 20	January 21	February 21	March 21	April 21	May 21
	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>24</b>





# Payment approval

- A low number of submitted Payment requests due to difficulties in the realization of investments during the COVID 19 pandemic
- A high number of requests for the extension of the deadline for realization of the investment: 238 decision have been issued in total, 155 from the beginning of COVID 19
- Regular cooperation with Technical Bodies in order to speed up the processing of payment requests
- Due to the epidemiological situation, inspectors are unable to carry out the verifications, which has resulted in a large number of applications for TB control.

**A high number of applications processed**

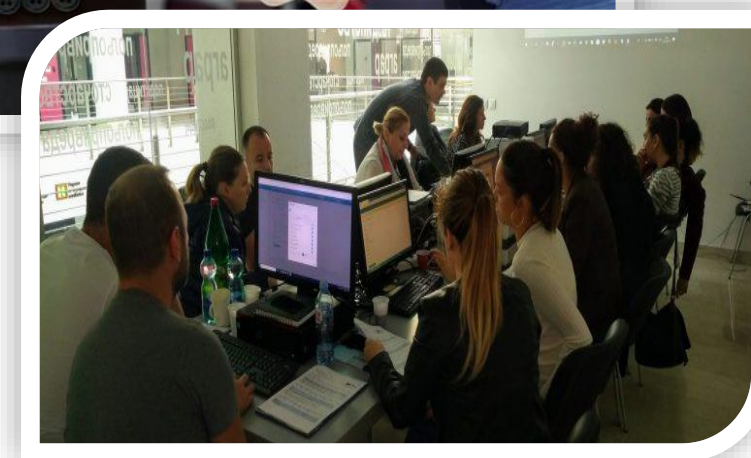
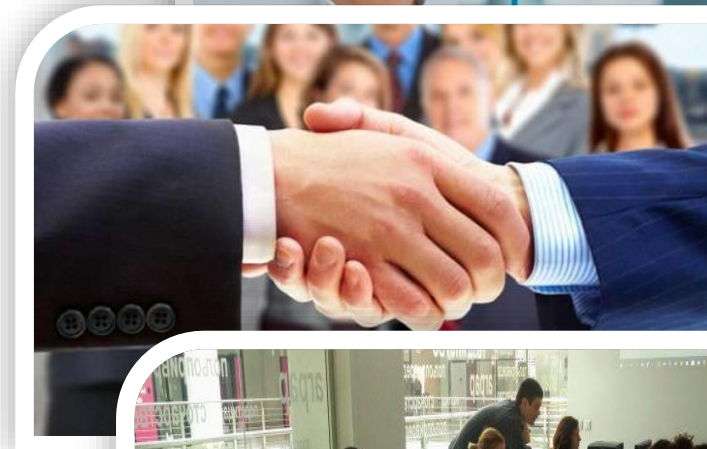
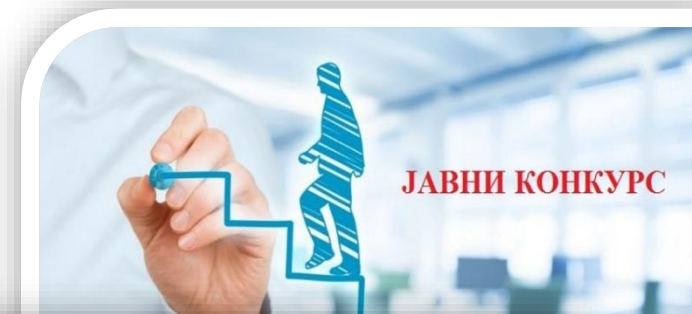
Observed period 01/12/2020 -09/06/2021						
	Measure 1				Measure 3	Total
	Call 2	Call 3	Call 4	Call 5	Call 2	
<b>Submitted</b>	4	4	159	12	7	186
<b>In process</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Technical bodies</b>	1	1	33	3	1	39
<b>On-the-spot check</b>	1	1	25	2	3	32
<b>Calculation</b>	0	0	4	0	1	5
<b>In payment process</b>	1	1	35	2	2	41
<b>Payed</b>	0	0	58	5	0	63
<b>Rejected</b>	0	1	4	0	0	5





# Strengthening the capacities

- The Rulebook on Internal Organization and Systematization of Workplaces entered into force on 21 of May 2021
- **234** workposts systematized for IPARD
- **123** filled positions
- Clear division of responsibilities
- **16** new employees were hired for IPARD according to the last public competition
- **16** temporary employees are engaged in the Project Approval Sector
- The process of filling the 10 vacancies through Public competition has been started
- The public competition for the appointment of assistant directors for the Sectors of On-the-Spot Check and Project Approval is now closed.





# Promotion activity in 2021

## ➤ Active participation in events with lots of potential beneficiaries:

- **Online Agricultural FAIR in NS**

- ✓ From 18 to 21 May 2021
- ✓ around 10.000 visitors

- **Online Agro Belgrade fair**

- ✓ around 5000 visitors

## ➤ Education

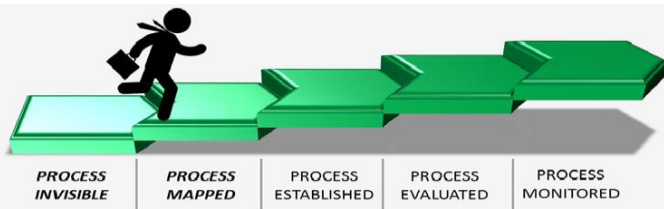
- ✓ **In your service** – 5 episodes about IPARD Agency and IPARD Programme that will be broadcast on Agro TV - the first specialized television channel agriculture, and on their YouTube channel
- ✓ The material is distributed through the Tanjug News Agency

## ➤ Communication with beneficiaries on daily basis

## ➤ Preparation for the campaign EU for Agriculture







# On-going activities

## Support of IPARD operating structures

### Upgrading and initialization of RD IT software solution

- The project will be completed by the end of July
- Workshops to test the operation of the software solution through the processing of complex applications

### Support to IA during the initial phase in the implementation of IPARD II measures 7 and 9

## Improvements of the procedures

**Advance payments** – study visit to the Albanian Paying Agency in June

### Amendments of Rulebooks

M1 - published  
 M3 - Proposal is in normative procedure in Legal sector of the Ministry,  
 M7 – in last phase of harmonization,  
 M9 - preparation phase

**Technical correction of procedures** in line with Rulebooks

**Change of the legal framework** - Law of Agriculture and Rural development



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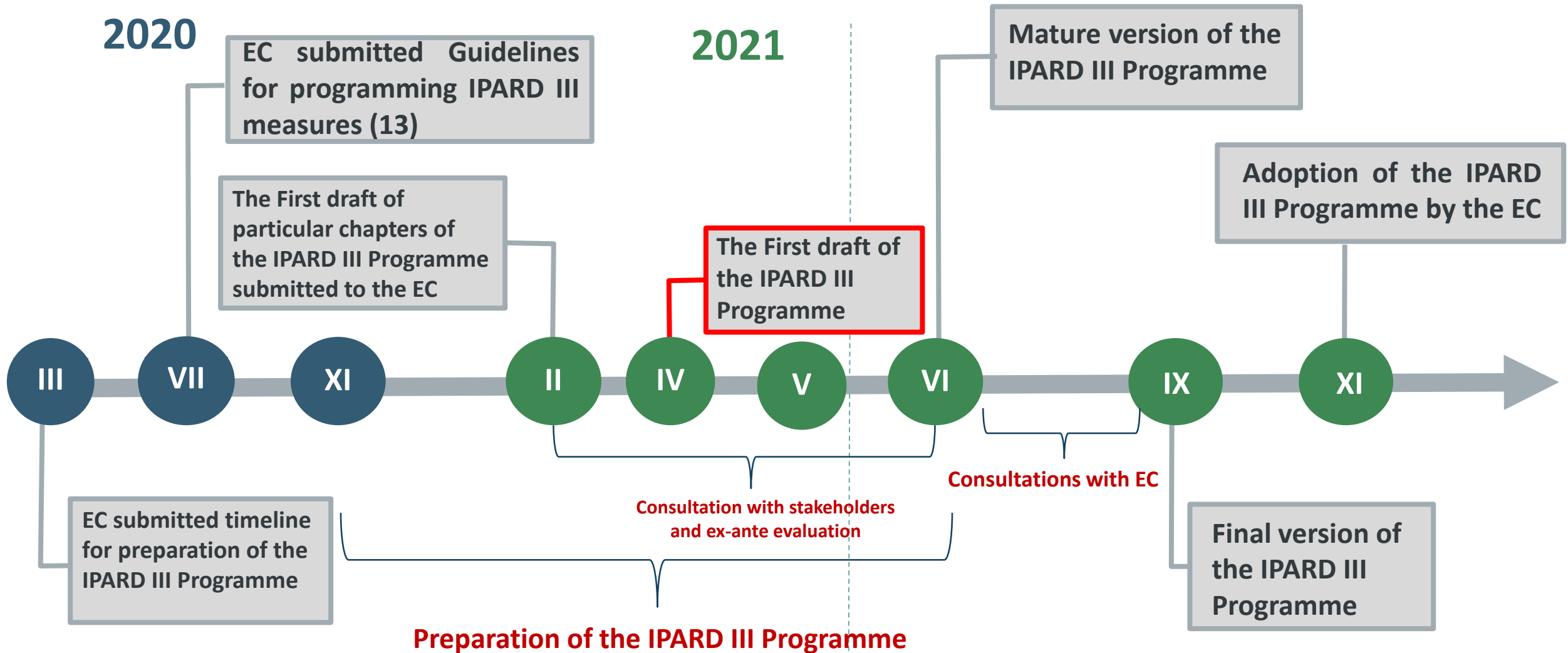
# IPARD III PROGRAMME

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# PREPARATION OF THE IPARD III PROGRAMME



# ACTIVITIES ON THE IPARD III PROGRAMME PREPARATION

2020

- Sectoral analyses for **meat, milk, other crops, fruit, vegetable and fishery** have been prepared and presented to the stakeholders
- **Analysis of financial instruments for budget support** to agriculture and rural development in RS (2015-2019) was conducted
- **Analysis of the capacity of local self-government units**, challenges and opportunities for IPARD III Programme usage, as well as the current state of rural infrastructure was carried out in cooperation with the SCTM
- **The EU Green Deal analysis - Goals and consequences relevant for Serbia was carried out**

2021

- Continuation of consultations with the EC
- Contracting and implementation of ex-ante evaluation of the IPARD III Programme
- Work with SNKE and JNKE on Measure 4
- Consultation process with stakeholders



# SET OF PROPOSED MEASURES FOR THE IPARD III PROGRAMME

**M1** Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings

**M2** **Support for the setting up of producer groups**

**M3** Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products

**M4** Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure

**M5** Implementation of Local Development Strategies - LEADER approach

**M6** Investments in rural public infrastructure

**M7** Farm diversification and business development

**M8** **Improvement of training**

**M9** Technical Assistance

**M10** **Advisory Services**

**M11** **Establishment and protection of forests**

**M12** **Financial instruments**

**M13** **Innovation and knowledge transfer**



# SELECTED MEASURES OF THE IPARD III

EU budget  
288 M

- M1** Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings
- M3** Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products
- M4** Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure
- M5** Implementation of Local Development Strategies - LEADER approach
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- M7** Farm diversification and business development
- M9** Technical Assistance

- Entrusted measures
- Entrustment 2022/23
- Entrustment 2024/25



# Measure 1 – Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings



Proposal to increase the minimum support intensity from EUR 5,000 to EUR 20,000



Proposal to introduce the Fishery sector (annual capacity 10t of fish)



Other crops sector: Proposal to equate the eligibility criteria for the procurement of tractors, machinery and mechanisation and construction of facilities (50 – 100 ha), i.e. 2-10 ha under hops  
Proposal to include seed processing centers as potential recipients of support



Meat sector: Proposal to increase the minimum capacity for: cattle 40, sows 40, sheep and goats 200, fattening pigs 300, broilers 5,000 and introduction of investments for turkeys (1,000-10,000) and geese (300-3,000)



Milk sector: Proposal to increase the minimum number of dairy cows from 20 to 50



Fruit and Vegetable sector: Proposal to divide the Fruit and Vegetable sector into Fruit sector and Vegetable sector and to define eligibility of recipients according to the investment value (> EUR 50,000), not according to the available area



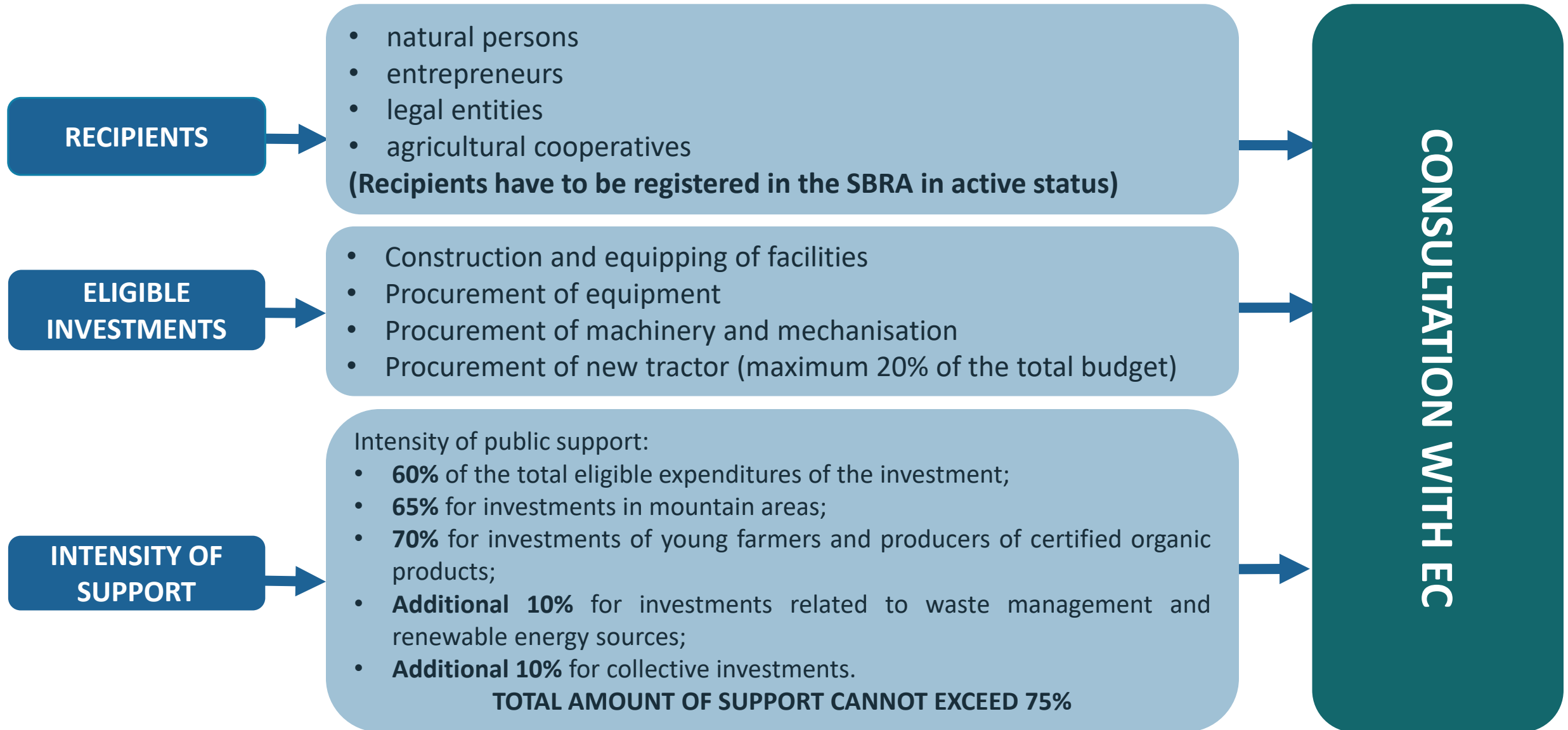
Egg sector: unchanged (5,000-200,000 laying hens)

Viticulture sector: unchanged (2-100 ha)





# MEASURE 1 - Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings



# MEASURE 3 – Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products



Proposal to increase the minimum support intensity from EUR 10,000 to EUR 20,000



Proposal to introduce the Other Crops processing sector (investment value > EUR 50,000) and the Fish processing sector (maximum daily fish processing capacity >200 kg of fish)



Meat processing sector: Proposal to introduce turkeys and geese for slaughterhouses (daily capacity of 500 units)  
Processing facilities: minimum cutting or processing capacity of 500 kg per day at the end of the investment



Milk processing sector: unchanged – average daily capacity of 3,000-100,000 liters of milk at the end of the investment



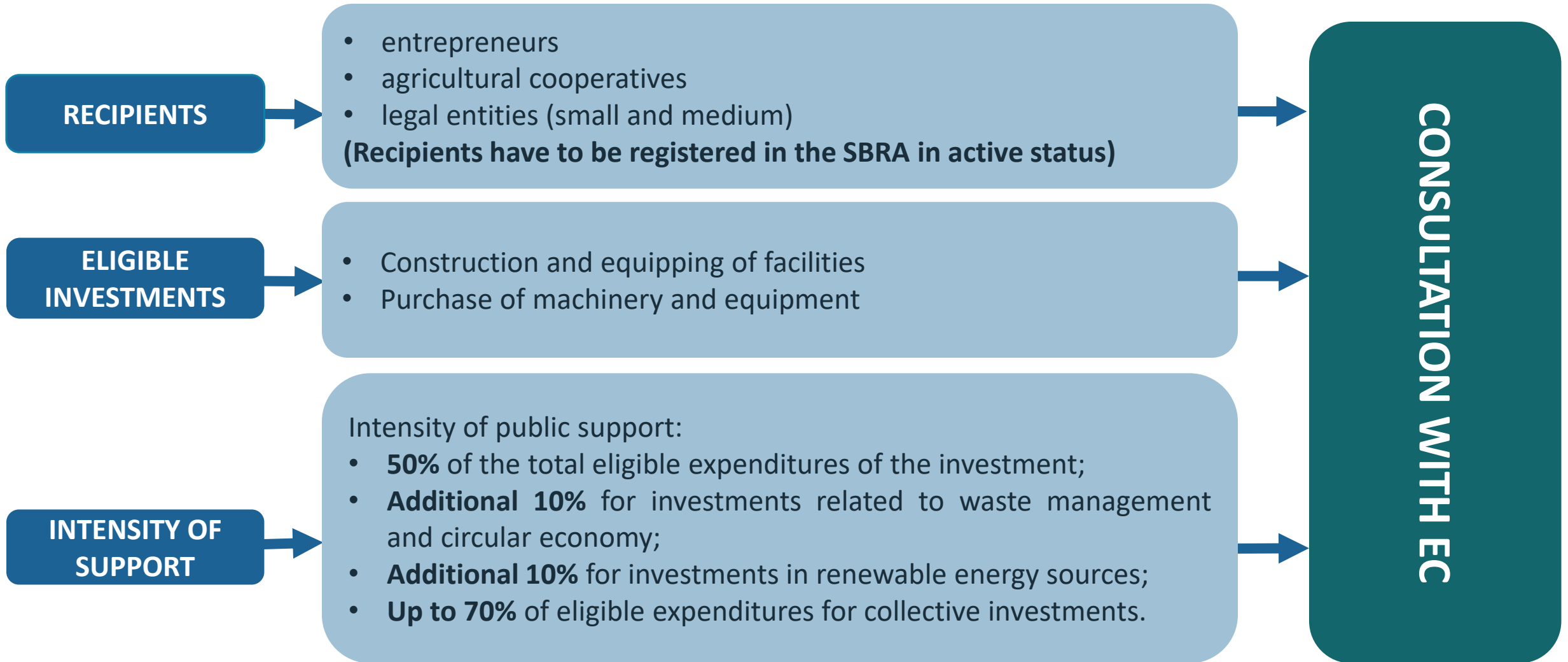
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Egg processing sector: unchanged

Wine sector: unchanged - wineries with an annual production of 20,000-1,000,000 l of wine

# MEASURE 3 - Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products



# MEASURE 4 – Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure

The aim of Measure 4 is to encourage agricultural practices that are beneficial to the environment and mitigate the negative effects of agriculture.

Operations under Measure 4 may also support the maintenance of biodiversity and genetic resources in agriculture.

The support is in the form of an annual payment per unit area or endangered head, as compensation for loss of income and additional costs, which are the result of adhering to special conditions that exceed the starting point and the usual agricultural practice (Baseline)

**ORGANIC FARMING MEASURE will be supported through National Rural Development Programme and not through IPARD III Programme**



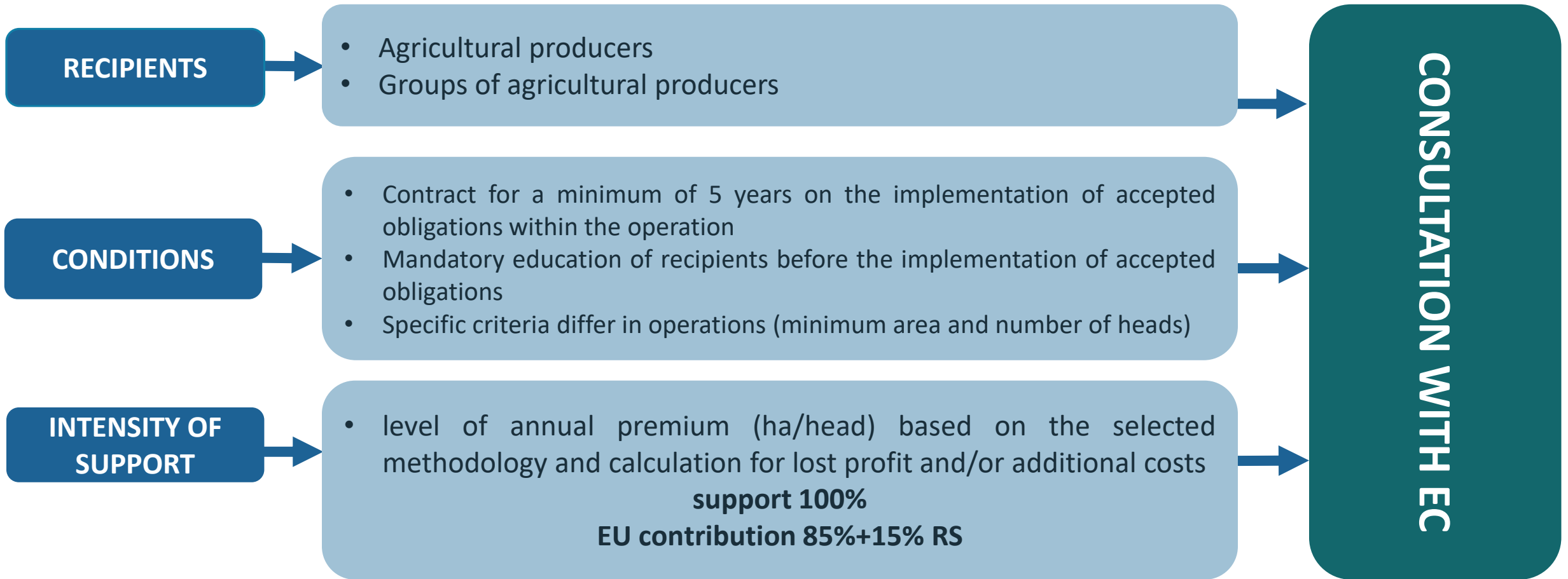
# MEASURE 4 – Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure

## Type of operations:

- Replacing chemical fertilisers with bio-fertilisers, green/animal manure in permanent crop land and/or arable land in line with a nutrient management plan;
- Banning the use of herbicides and replacement with mechanical removal of weeds in permanent crop land;
- Application of inter-row cover crops and/or organic mulching in permanent crop land;
- Establishment and maintenance of pollinator forage strips on arable land and gardens;
- Management of meadows, pastures through less intensive grazing, stocking density, resting during ecological sensitive periods;
- Conservation of animal genetic resources for endangered sheep and horse breeds.



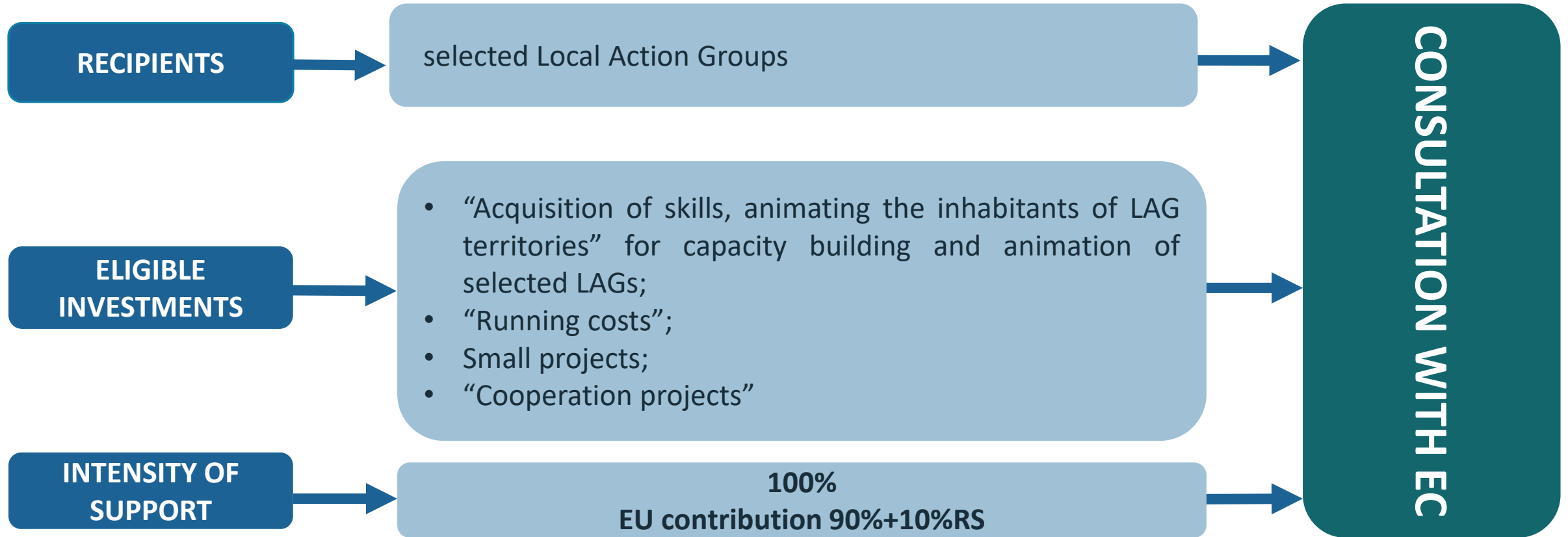
# MEASURE 4 – Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure



The selection of operations, definition of the methodology and determination of the approximate level of the premium are ongoing



# MEASURE 5 - Implementation of Local Development Strategies - LEADER approach

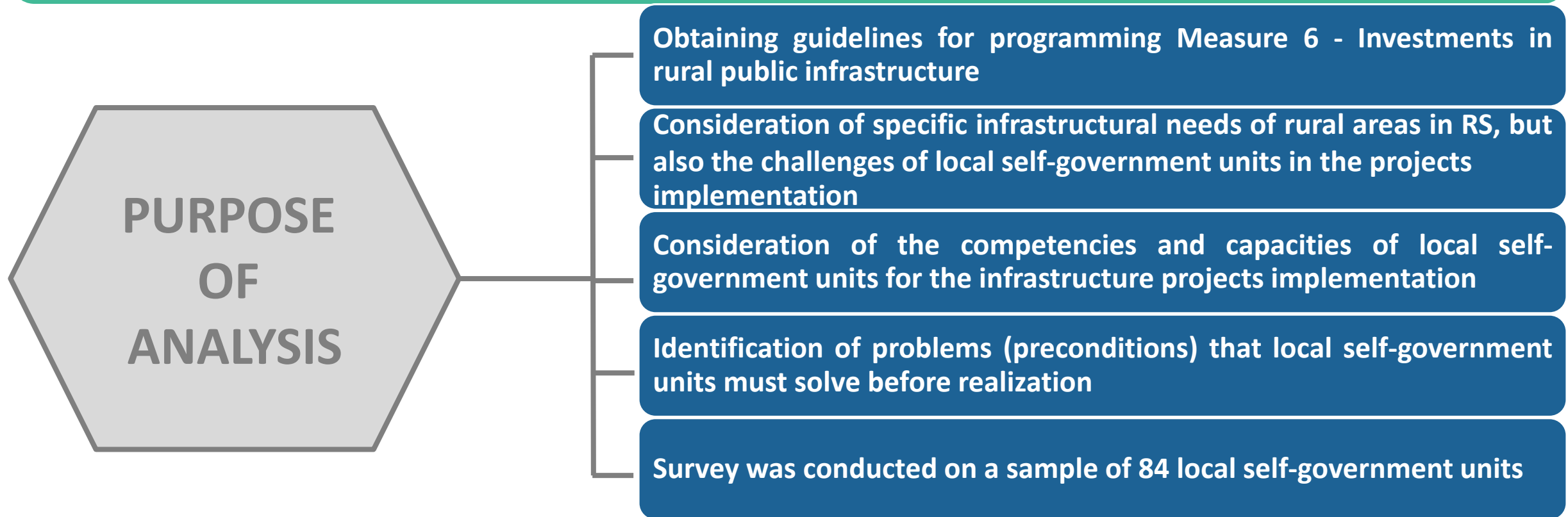


The selection criteria for the selection of the LDS for IPARD Measure 5 have been defined and will be a special Annex to the IPARD III Programme.



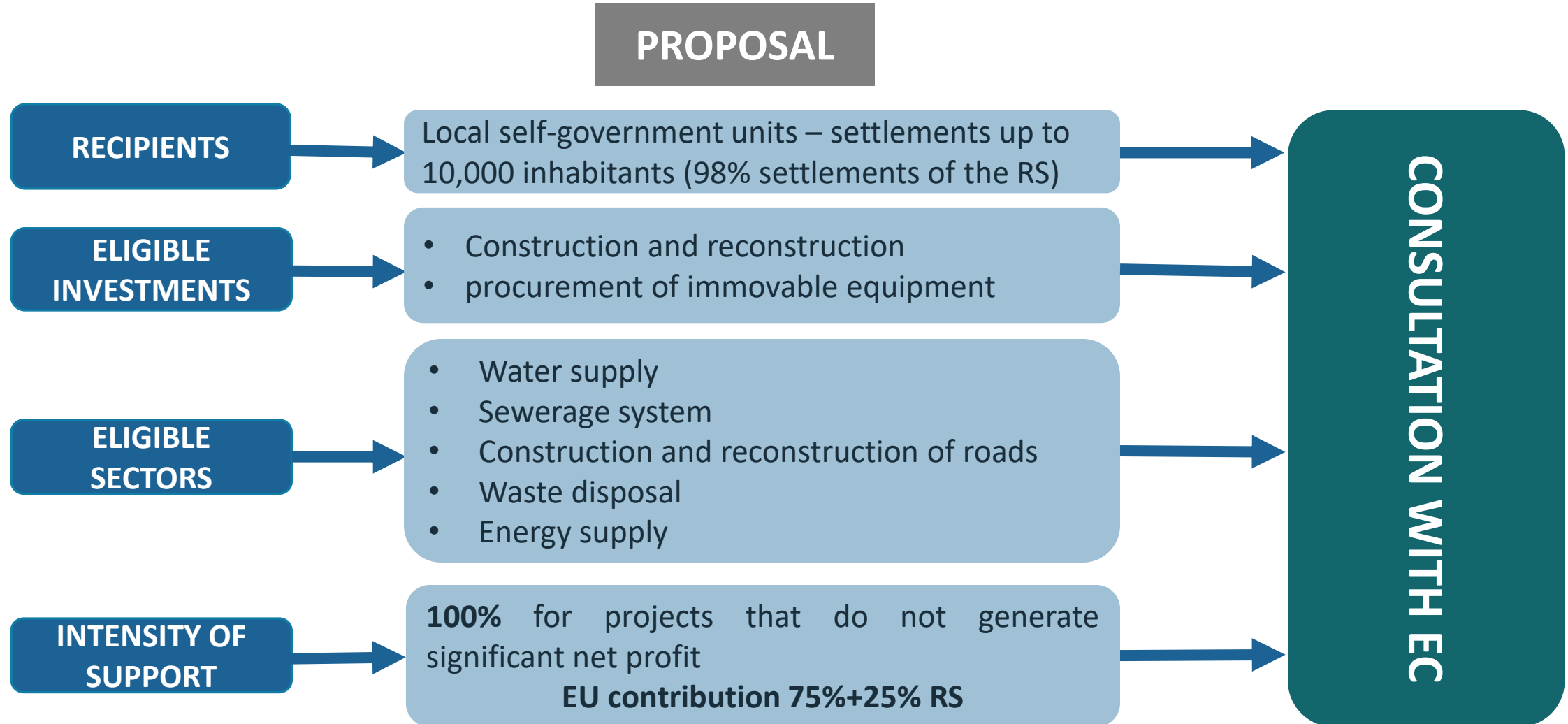
# MEASURE 6 - Investments in rural public infrastructure

The "Analysis of the capacity of local self-government units, challenges and opportunities for IPARD III Programme usage, as well as the current state of rural infrastructure" was conducted in 2020, with the support of the SCTM.







# MEASURE 6 - Investments in rural public infrastructure



# MEASURE 7 – Farm diversification and business development


## Rural tourism

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- construction and equipping of categorized accommodation facilities (e.g. rural touristic household and handicraft, tourist camps, small hotels...)
  - construction and equipping of secondary facilities for providing rural tourism services (infrastructure)



**Direct marketing of agricultural - food products and homemade products** (clothing, cosmetics and hygiene products, art objects, etc.; construction and equipping of facilities for storage and sale: on the farm, in local shops, markets, restaurants, online...)

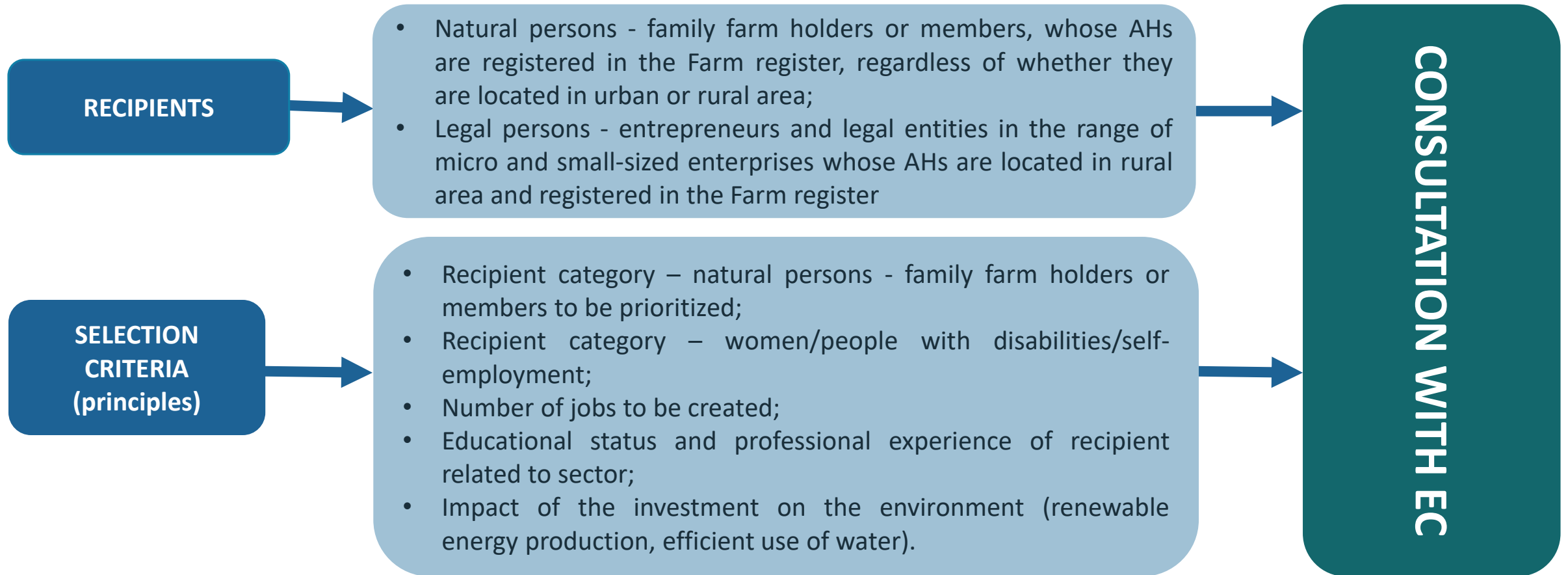
## Small-scale services for local people and tourists

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- construction and equipping of facilities for providing services (e.g. repair of agricultural and forestry tools, machinery and mechanisation, motor vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles; repair of computers and communication equipment, hairdressing/cosmetic services...)

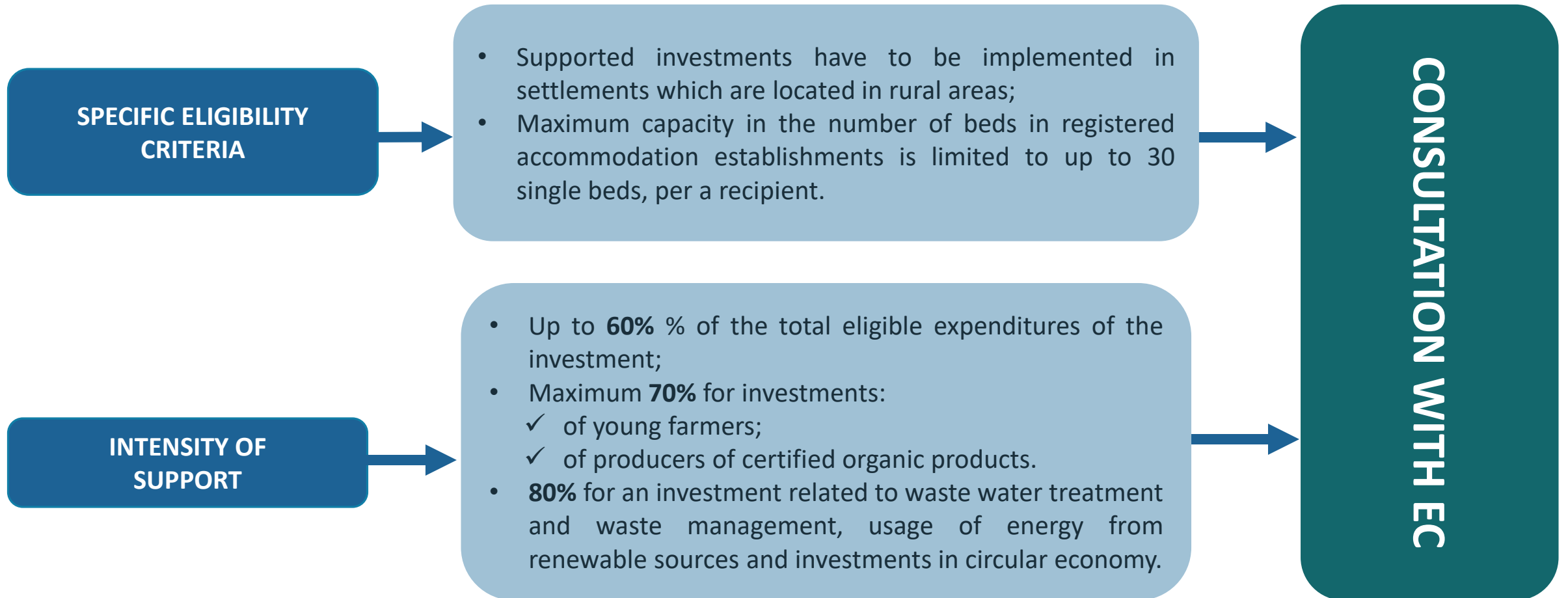
Investments in the renewable energy sources shall be eligible as an integrated part of a project in these sectors (solar panels in rural tourism or other sector etc.).



# MEASURE 7 - Farm diversification and business development



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# MEASURE 9 – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- monitoring and evaluation of the IPARD Programme;
- flow of information and publicity regarding the IPARD Programme;
- studies, trainings, visits and seminars to improve the capacity of IPARD administration and recipients;
- external expertise;
- establishment and preparation of pLAGs;
- **improvement of the capacity of the national AAS;**
- **improving the capacity of local entities supporting the implementation of the IPARD Programme (e.g. local self-government units) ;**
- **strengthening the national administration managing the IPARD Programme (top-ups).**

## RECIPIENTS

### IPARD Managing Authority

Indirect recipients: Operating Structure, Management Structure, Advisory services, Technical bodies, potential LAGs and National Rural Development Network

## INTENSITY OF SUPPORT

100%  
EU contribution 85% + 15%RS



# MEASURE 9 – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Eligible expenditures



- ❖ **IPARD Monitoring Committee meetings**
- ❖ Other expenditure necessary to discharge the responsibilities of the IPARD Monitoring Committee (expert assistance/advice, meetings and ancillary tasks of working groups, seminars)



- ❖ **Information and publicity campaigns**, including costs of internet presence, printing and distribution
- ❖ **Translation and interpretation of documents** mentioned in the FwA, SA and FA and those requested by the Commission



- ❖ **Trainings, visits and seminars for administration officials**
- ❖ **„Acquisition of skills“ to prepare potential LAGs** for the implementation of the M5 - "Preparation and implementation of local rural development strategies – LEADER approach"



- ❖ Preparation, **reduction of the administrative burden for recipients** or streamlining of implementation of measures in the programme to ensure their effectiveness, including pilot projects for those measures where entrustment/implementation is foreseen at a later stage



# MEASURE 9 – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Eligible expenditures

- ❖ Evaluations of the IPARD Programme
- ❖ Establishment and operation of a national rural development network in line with the EU rules incl. expenditure linked to participation in the European Network for Rural Development

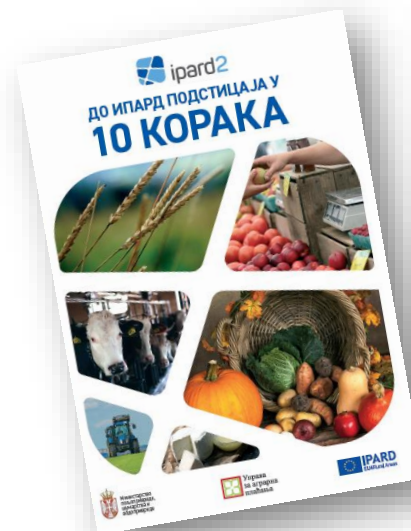


- ❖ Purchase of IT equipment and software licences (up to 5% of the TA budget)
- ❖ Implementation of a sustainable human resources policy in the IPARD III entities

- ❖ Capacity building of the national advisory services to perform tasks associated with implementation of IPARD Programme
- ❖ Establishment and operation of pilot projects in setting up cooperation in short value chains and value chains for quality products



# PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES PUBLICATIONS



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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# Overview of progress in preparations for IPARD III

11 June 2021

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**European Commission**

**DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

## Main achievements

- *Political support and recognition of IPARD as a significant support to agriculture and RD*
- *Efficiency is increasing*
- *Administrations learning fast, working well together*
- *Application of advanced payments speeded-up absorption*
- *Implemented projects now appearing, increasing publicity and visibility for IPARD and the EU*
- *Calls operated efficiently and transparently*

## IPARD III

- *Drafted Guidance documents, revised and agreed measure fiches*
- *Link to Green Agenda for the WB, e.g.,*
  - ✓ **Manure and waste management, organic farming, modernisation of assets and farming methods, sustainable use of natural resources**
- *Two new measures proposed:*
  - ✓ **Financial instruments and**
  - ✓ **Innovation and knowledge transfer**

## IPARD Hubs

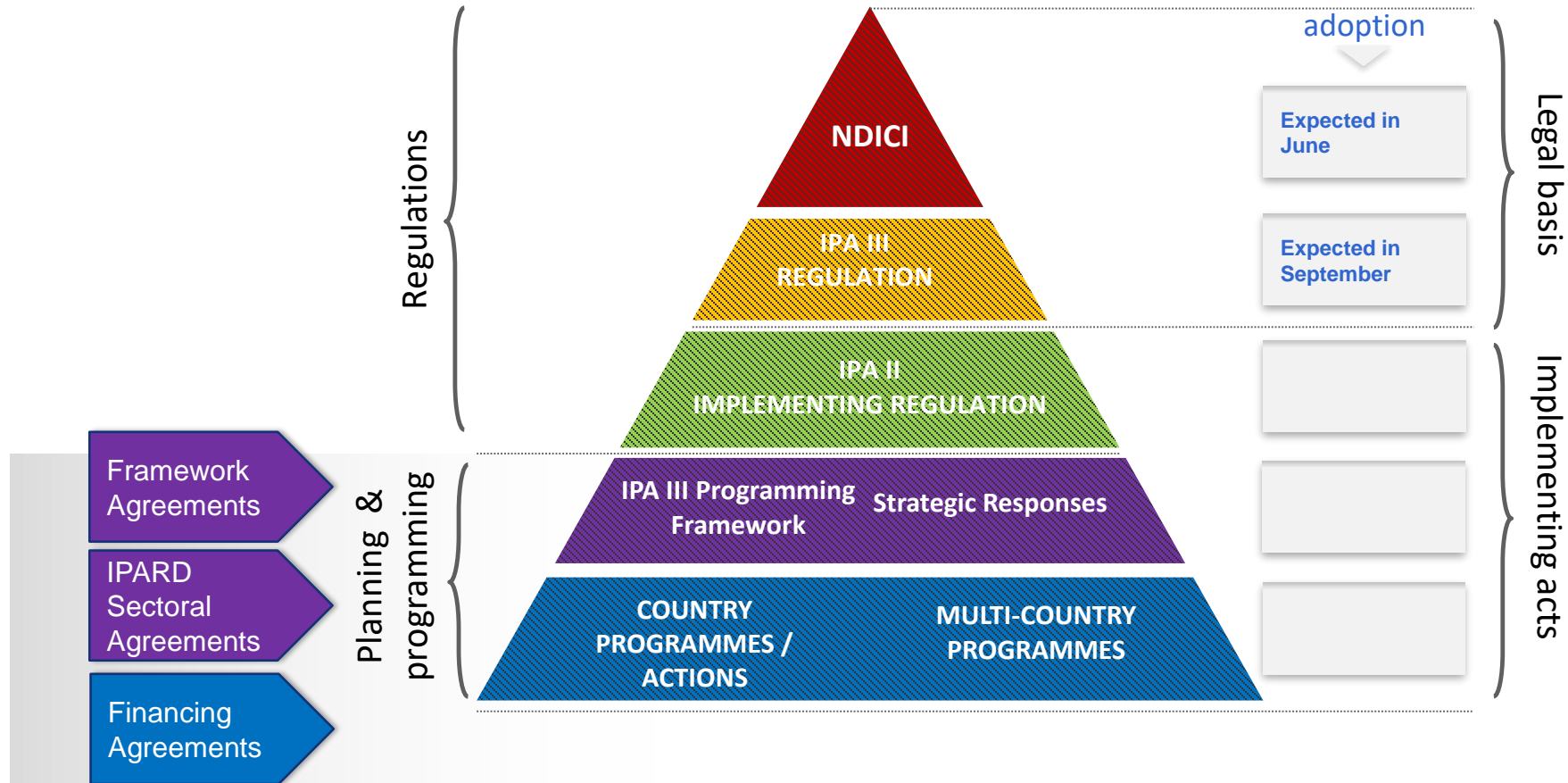
- *A non-formalised group of colleagues from DG AGRI units and other DGs - an informal advisory entity without a decision-making power*
- *Objective - to provide continuous support to a specific IPARD country when drafting its IPARD III Programme*
- *Aim – to ensure timely adoption of IPARD III Programmes by end of 2021*
- *5 Hubs – Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey*

**Entrustment of budget implementation tasks**  
**Upcoming entrustment request**

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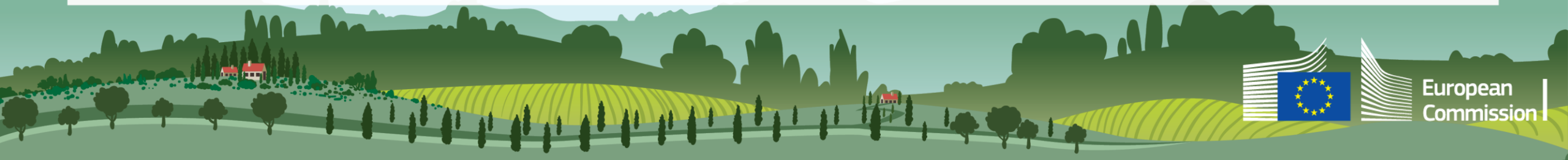
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4	Agri-environment- climate and organic farming measure					
5	Implementation of local development strategies – LEADER approach					
6	Investments in Rural Public Infrastructure					
7	Farm diversification and business development					
9	Technical assistance					
	<b>Budget (in million EUR)</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>601</b>

# IPA/IPARD III architecture



Overview of legal framework

# IPARD 2021-2027



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## *The role of IPA & IPARD in implementing Green Agenda*

- IPA framework encourages the IPA beneficiaries to develop renewable energy sources, to shift to resource-efficient and sustainable low-carbon economies in line with the EU targets for climate action and environmental protection
- IPA framework includes specific windows addressing the implementation of the Green Agenda and inclusive growth in agriculture
- The Green Agenda objectives on sustainable use of natural resources, reaching higher standards and increasing climate change mitigation and adaptation provide numerous benefits:
  - the health and wellbeing of the citizens,
  - the region attractiveness for investments and tourism,
  - the economic potential of the green growth and circular economy.
- Sustainable agriculture and food production as the centerpiece of IPARD programmes.

## *Sustainable food systems and rural areas - main initiatives*

- **Aligning** the agri-food and primary production sectors **with EU standards** for food safety, plant and animal health and welfare;
- **Strengthening the sanitary controls** along the entire food chain, improve the traceability and labelling of food products to ensure food safety
- Promoting **environmentally friendly and organic farming** and reducing chemical input
- Supporting cooperation: research - food producers – food processor to **facilitate transfer to innovative and environmentally friendly technologies** and farming methods
- Fostering actions to **reduce waste** in rural areas
- **Stepping-up efforts for sustainable development of rural areas** by implementing Leader, modernizing physical assets in the agri-food sector, supporting economic diversification and improving rural infrastructure under IPARD.

THANK YOU

