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Dear readers,

IPARD in Focus is a monthly newsletter designed by the IPARD Managing Authority MAFWM, with the aim of informing all stakeholders, directly or indirectly involved in the IPARD II Programme, on current events, announcements, calls and rules about the implementation of the IPARD II Programme in the Republic of Serbia. Our idea is to bring IPARD closer to recipients and to eliminate the prejudice that access to this fund is difficult and that meeting criteria is "mission impossible".

IPARD is the European Union instrument for pre-accession assistance in the field of rural development, created for the candidate countries in order to facilitate the transition period, as well as to empower the farmers for better product placement on the common European market. IPARD is also an excellent preparation for farmers for using significantly larger funds for agriculture and rural development that will be available to them through EU membership.

The IPARD funds are intended for the procurement of equipment and mechanization, construction and reconstruction of facilities in agriculture, and rural development, but essentially these investments should

contribute to meeting of European standards in the fields of hygiene and food safety, animal welfare and environmental protection.

Exactly IPARD subsidies, which can offer a support of up to 80% of the investment's value, present away for providing the Serbian population with safe, locally produced food, as well as conditions for living in a healthy environment. **Well invested money, IPARD returns well.**

More than 55 million euros for IPARD in 2020

The new plan of calls for 2020, published in mid-January, foresees the announcement of four public calls for IPARD subsidies intended for the development of agriculture and diversification of agricultural holdings through rural tourism, as well as one call for Measure 9 intended for the support of IPARD Managing Authority in the implementation of IPARD II Programme. Over EUR 55 million is the value estimated for announced calls in 2020.

Plan of calls is available on the MAFWM web site, in serbian language, and it can be obtained [here](#).

MORE THAN 75% OF TOTAL IPARD II BUDGET HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE END OF 2019.

M1	Procurement of new tractor 01.10.2020 - 10.12.2020.	5 million
M1	Construction/equipment of facilities 02.11.2020 - 18.01.2021.	21 million
M3	Construction/equipment of facilities 01.12.2020 - 19.02.2021.	21 million
M7	Subsidies for rural tourism 16.03.2020 - 15.06.2020.	8,5 million
M9	Technical assistance 01.04.2020 - 31.12.2020.	450 thousands



Digitalization in IPARD Agency

Slow procedure of application processing for IPARD subsidies may soon be a thing of the past! Electronic processing of submitted applications, through the new IT software which is currently being introduced in IPARD Agency, will significantly simplify and speed up the administrative procedure. Upon completed training of employees and finalization of system testing - electronic application processing should be established by the end of 2020. The development of the new IT software solution for application processing has been supported through the project financed by the European Union.

New IPARD measures in spring

The implementation of the IPARD II programme is well underway! Over EUR 6.5 million of IPARD support for agricultural production and processing has been paid out. Hard work is being put into approval of a large number of received projects, as well as regularly informing and conducting trainings of potential recipients, and above all that - new IPARD measures are being prepared.

Whole IPARD support in the Republic of Serbia, so far, has been made available through Measure 1 and Measure 3, for investments in the construction of facilities and the procurement of equipment and machinery for agricultural production and processing. As the result of intense preparations and several months of work by the IPARD Managing Authority and the IPARD Agency, the Republic of Serbia has sent to the European Commission a package of documents for the entrustment of two new IPARD measures, at the beginning of November 2019. Getting the “green light” to adopt a national legal basis and publishing of the first public calls for new measures is expected in the spring, already.

New IPARD Measure 7 will enable natural persons and legal entities investments in the construction and equipping of rural tourism facilities, while IPARD Measure 9 (Technical Assistance) will provide significant financial support to the IPARD Managing Authority for better implementation of the IPARD II Programme, through informing and educating the potential recipients, promotion of IPARD II Programme, obtaining expert help, etc.

**TOTAL IPARD II BUDGET
FOR RURAL TOURISM:
EUR 20 MILLION**





Sectoral analyses in agriculture - good ground for IPARD III

State of agricultural production and processing in the Republic of Serbia, in the previous several months was the subject of detailed analyses by the team of experts that were engaged by IPARD Managing Authority. The experts' analyses included sectors of production and processing of meat, milk, fruit, vegetables and other crops, and for the first time the fishery sector, as well.

Sectors that were already covered by the IPARD support, has been analysed in order to provide the insight in the current state and the future needs of all sectors, while the fishery sector has been analysed with the aim of determination of sector's potentials in the Republic of Serbia and possibilities of introduction of support for development of fishery sector trough IPARD III Programme.

In mid-January this year, the authors of sectoral analyses presented the first results of conducted analyses to the representatives of production and processing sectors, scientific and educational institutions, Serbian Chamber of Commerce, local governments and other units in MAFWM, as well as to all the other interested parties. Through active participation they contributed to determination of recommendations for programming the IPARD III Programme.

The first results of expert's evaluation of IPARD II Programme arrived

Evaluation of the implementation of the current IPARD II Programme and preparation of recommendations based on the conducted analysis of socio-economic, agricultural and agro-environmental indicators, as well as administrative procedures, were the subject of analysis conducted by expert, engaged in early October 2019, by the IPARD Managing Authority. The first results arrived and the final version of evaluation will be available from June this year through the First Annual Implementation Report of IPARD II Programme.

Improvement of processing capacities through IPARD Measure 3

Subsidies for investments in modernization of processing capacities in the milk, meat, fruit and vegetable, grape and egg sectors, available through IPARD Measure 3, have the aim to increase the productivity and competitiveness of processing sector, to increase export, and to meet necessary European standards, in environmental protection primarily.

For the first time, IPARD funds have been paid out for investments in agricultural processing through Measure 3! So far, the total amount of EUR 6.5 million has been paid out for 148 IPARD projects, out of which the amount of EUR 308 thousand has been paid out to three recipients through IPARD Measure 3.

A detailed IPARD Measure 3 guide for recipients is available on the MAFWM web site, in serbian language, and can be obtained [here](#).



CALL FOR IPARD
MEASURE 3 IS
OPEN UNTIL

24.02.!

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