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Following the recommendations of the Government of the Republic of Serbia in the previous days, the IPARD Managing Authority and the IPARD Agency have organized themselves in such way that ensures maintenance of the work process, as much as possible, in the circumstances caused by the State of emergency, due to COVID-19 pandemic.



All employees are working hard in order to provide continuity in the implementation of the IPARD II Programme and to minimize the impact of current restrictions on the availability of IPARD funds to Serbian citizens. In this sense, wherever it was necessary and possible, on-calls and work from home are organized and measures for protection of at-risk categories of employees are taken. The focus is redirected on activities that will reduce the consequences of the State of emergency on the implementation of the IPARD II Programme and prepare potential IPARD recipients for new calls. Unfortunately, in some segments of the work, due to the nature of the work, it is not possible to carry out activities completely.

Considering that the measures of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, related to the State of emergency, will also affect the IPARD recipients, additional effort will be made to provide them with the necessary support. In this moment, it is the most important to protect citizens' health. Be responsible, protect yourself and others.

Entrustment of new IPARD measures

European Commission has officially informed the Republic of Serbia on approval for conclusion of Financing Agreement for the entrustment of budget implementation tasks for Measure 7 and Measure 9 of the IPARD II Programme. For Republic of Serbia, this approval implies the fulfillment of certain conditions, on which it will be worked on in the forthcoming period.



Measure 7

Preparation for the implementation of **Measure 7 (Farm diversification and business development)**, for which there is a great interest, is underway. The Rulebook for Measure 7 is in the process of adoption, and creation of a guide for potential recipients in progress.

Measure 9

Measure 9 (Technical Assistance) is primarily intended for the IPARD Managing Authority, and it will enable better implementation of the IPARD II Programme, through organization of educations and informative campaigns, preparation and distribution of promotional material, obtaining expert assistance, etc.



Third modification of the List of Eligible Expenditures

The IPARD Fund is available to the citizens of Serbia for a wide range of different investments in the sector for agricultural production and processing of agricultural products, and now in the sector for rural tourism, as well. The IPARD Managing Authority's permanent mission is to adapt the IPARD II Programme to the real needs of potential recipients.

In order to additionally improve the IPARD II Programme and to simplify the submission of applications, the IPARD Managing Authority, in cooperation with the IPARD Agency and the European Commission, has prepared the Third modification of the List of Eligible Expenditures. This List is an integral part of the rulebook of all entrusted IPARD measures and it will be available upon announcement of public calls.

A few significant modifications were made in the List of Eligible Expenditures, as well as few technical changes in order to eliminate recipient's doubts and better clarify the eligible investments.

The group of investments related to raising, restructuring and conversion of vineyards has been deleted from the List of Eligible Expenditures, while a group of investments for the construction of water supply system and water preparation for further technological processes was added in each sector under Measure 3.

Also, in fruit and vegetable sector under the Measure 1, potential recipients who are planning the investments in construction of the greenhouses or glasshouses for which the building permit provided by local governments is not necessary, will be able to apply for these investments under the new code from now on, which will provide good ground for better completion of the request for project approval.



Reminder!

Potential IPARD recipients can apply for multiple investments under one sector. This possibility is especially important in the sector of fruit production where within one request an applicant can apply for the procurement of planting material, soil preparation, procurement of mechanization, as well as for the procurement of irrigation system and system for protection against hail.



Support for winemakers and vinegrowers from the IPARD Managing Authority

In order to achieve the goal foreseen by the Strategy for development of winemaking and winegrowing strategy in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2020-2030, which implies the increase of the area under vineyards in Serbia by 750-1,000 hectares per year, it is necessary to start with planting new and expanding existing vineyards in 2020 already.



As the realization of investments supported by the IPARD fund cannot be started before obtaining the Decision on project approval, at the proposal of the Association of Serbian Winemakers and Vinegrowers, investments related to the raising, restructuring and conversion of vineyards are no more available through the IPARD II Programme. This way, it has become possible for winemakers and vinegrowers to be supported for these investments within national rural development measures, through which realization of investment can be done immediately and thus - this seasonal job can be done on time.

SUPPORT FROM THE IPARD II PROGRAMME IS STILL AVAILABLE TO WINEMAKERS AND VINEGROWERS FOR OTHER TYPES OF INVESTMENTS.

IPARD support is still available to producers from winemaking and winegrowing sector within Measure 1 and Measure 3, for the procurement of equipment and mechanization, as well as for the construction and equipping wineries.

In this way, winemakers and vinegrowers will be able to receive the right support at the right time so that investments in which they are investing could be realized without difficulty.

Evaluation of the IPARD II Programme

IPARD Managing Authority has engaged experts from the Institute of Agricultural Economics to carry out an objective analysis, i.e. evaluation of the IPARD II Programme for the period from the beginning of the implementation until the end of 2019, in order to improve quality and effectiveness of the implementation of the IPARD II Programme.

This analysis has included evaluation of the indicators which enable the identification of the achieved effects of the implementation of the IPARD II Programme on agriculture, as well as on the whole economy of the Republic of Serbia.

Another important aim of the conducted evaluation has been analysis of the applications processing in order to facilitate the administrative procedures, as well as to speed up the process of applications processing.

Based on the conducted evaluation, the team of engaged experts has prepared recommendations for improvement of the IPARD II Programme in Serbia. Results from the conducted evaluation shall be available through the first Annual implementation report of IPARD II Programme, prepared by the IPARD Managing Authority which will be presented on the Seventh session of the IPARD Monitoring Committee.



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