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THE SEVENTH PUBLIC CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT APPROVAL FOR INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS, IN PURCHASE OF NEW TRACTOR, WAS PUBLISHED ON 14TH FEBRUARY, WITH THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE FROM 17TH FEBRUARY TO 22ND APRIL, 2022.



The allocated fund for this Public Call is RSD 1,351,460,408.52 (approx. EUR 11.5 million). The aid intensity starts from 60% and goes to 65% if the applicant is a young farmer (up to 40 years at the moment of submission of application for project approval) or to 70% if the agricultural holding is located in a mountain area.

Eligible sectors in this Public Call are: milk, meat, fruits and vegetables, other crops (cereals and industrial crops), grapes and eggs. The type and volume of production will determine the acceptable power of the tractor to be supported under the IPARD fund. For example, a potential recipient, with registered 2 to 10 ha under fruit production, will be eligible for purchase of a tractor with a power of up to 60 kW. Tractor with power up to 80 kW, will be eligible for purchase to recipients with registered 10 to 50 ha under fruit production.

The tractor, subject to IPARD investment, in terms of the regulation governing division between types of motor vehicles and trailers and technical requirements for vehicles in road traffic, are required to be type T1 to T5 or S1 to S5. Also, the tractor shall meet requirements in the field of environmental protection regulated by European Union, harmonized with regulations of the Republic of Serbia, stipulating that the exhaust gas emission has to be within the "Stage/Tier V" standard.



The Rulebook with relevant annexes, the text of the Seventh Public Call and the updated Guide for recipients for IPARD Measure 1 is available for download [here](#). For additional information about this Public Call, please contact the Info Centre of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management by calling 011/2607960; 2607961, as well as the contact centre of the Directorate for Agrarian Payments by calling 011/3020100; 3020101, 3107013, during working days, from 7.30 to 15.30 h.

IPARD III Programme

The IPARD Managing Authority has prepared and submitted the IPARD III Programme of the Republic of Serbia for the period 2021-2027 to the European Commission for the process of inter-sectoral consultations. After completion of this process, the IPARD Managing Authority has prepared responses to the comments and submitted the final version of the Programme to the European Commission on 21st January 2022.

The IPARD III Programme of the Republic of Serbia, as well as the programmes of North Macedonia, Albania and Turkey were the topic of discussion at the meeting of the IPA III Committee of the EC, held on 15th February 2022. Considering that all programmes were positively evaluated, by the IPA III Committee of the EC, it is expected that the European Commission shall formally approve the IPARD III Programme of the Republic of Serbia for the period 2021-2027 in the forthcoming days.

Specific eligibility criteria for Measure 1 – Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings under the IPARD III Programme 2021-2027

Recipients in the Milk sector who possess a minimum of 30 cows at the end of the investment shall be eligible under the IPARD III Programme.

When it comes to the Meat sector, the specific eligibility criteria for some sub-sectors are increased. Minimum eligible capacity of registered animal facilities, which IPARD recipients are obliged to fulfil at the end of the investment, are:

- **cattle - 30 (IPARD II Programme - 20),**
- **sows - 30,**
- **sheep and goats - 200 (IPARD II Programme - 150),**
- **fattening pigs - 200 (IPARD II Programme - 100) and**
- **broiler chickens - 5,000 (IPARD II Programme - 4,000).**



Furthermore, in accordance with the recommendations given by the sectoral analysis of meat sector, eligible recipients under IPARD III Programme will be producers of turkeys and geese. Capacity of registered facility for keeping/breeding of turkeys shall be minimum 1,000 and up to maximum 10,000 at the end of investment, while capacity of registered facility for keeping/breeding of geese shall be from 300 up to 3,000.

In Cereals and industrial crops sector, criteria for construction of storing facilities will be increased to 50 ha. The experience in the IPARD II Programme implementation has shown that the interest in construction of small-scale storing facilities is low. Also, the same sectoral analysis has shown no economic justification for construction of small floor storages and silos.

The purchase of tractor in the Cereals and industrial crops sector under the IPARD III Programme has the same specific eligibility criteria as the purchase of other machines and mechanisation in the IPARD II Programme - from 50 to 100 ha of land under cereals and industrial crops. In this way, support will be provided for production and sale of tractors that are assembled in Serbia to farmers who have up to 50 ha.

A specific eligibility criterion is introduced in the production of hops, from 2 to 100 ha at the end of investment.

The recommendation given by the sectoral analyses, to divide the Fruit and Vegetable sector into separate sectors, both due to the specificity of production and the type of investment, was adopted in the IPARD III Programme. In the Fruit Sector and Vegetable Sector, the eligibility for IPARD support will not be the area in hectares, but the value of the investment. All recipients with value of investment exceeding EUR 50,000 (regardless of the area under fruits or vegetables) will be eligible for IPARD support.

Requirements for IPARD support in the Egg sector and Viticulture sector remain the same.

Specific eligibility criteria for Measure 3 – Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products under the IPARD III Programme 2021-2027

Eligible recipients to be supported in the Milk processing sector in Measure 3 remain unchanged – the capacity of the milk processing facility ranges from 3,000 to 100,000 litres at the end of the investment.

In the Meat processing sector, the eligible recipients remain unchanged when it comes to the investments for slaughterhouses – a minimum capacity of 10 cattle or 50 pigs or 50 sheep and goats or 5,000 poultry per day at the end of the investment. The eligibility criterion for slaughtering more than 500 turkeys and/or geese has been added to the above criteria, within the IPARD III Programme.

Also, in the Meat processing sector, under the IPARD III Programme, investments in construction and equipping of facilities for meat processing with minimum capacity of cutting or processing of 500 kg per day at the end of the investment.



In accordance with the recommendation given by the sectoral analyses, the Fruit processing sector and Vegetables processing sector are separate sectors. All processors in the Fruit processing sector and Vegetables processing sector with value of investment exceeding EUR 50,000 will be eligible for IPARD support.

In the Cereals and industrial crops processing sector, the eligibility for IPARD support will not be conditioned by the processing capacity, but by the value of the investment. Recipients with value of investment exceeding EUR 50,000 will be eligible.

In the newly introduced Fishery processing sector, the specific eligibility criterion will be minimum daily fish processing capacity of 200 kg.

Eligible IPARD recipients, in the Egg Processing Sector and the Wine Sector, remain the same.

Activities of IPARD II Monitoring Committee

The IPARD Managing Authority has prepared the Action plan for measure “Technical Assistance” for 2022, as well as updated version of the Evaluation Plan. Abovementioned documents were adopted by the IPARD II Monitoring Committee members through written procedure. Furthermore, the Semi-annual Implementation Report on IPARD II Programme covering the period from 1st January to 31st August 2021 was prepared with the aim of informing the IPARD II Monitoring Committee members on progress achieved in the implementation of the IPARD II Programme.

All mentioned documents are available on the MAFWM website.

Promotional
activities

17TH Farmers' Winter Seminar

The representatives of the MAFWM Managing Authority attended the 17th Farmers' Winter Seminar in Tara, organized by the 100P Plus Farmers Association, from 23rd to 29th January 2022. The seminar was also attended by the representatives of the Provincial Secretariat for Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, as well as experts and representatives of various companies in the field of agriculture. More than 250 farmers from the RS had the opportunity to gain information through the presentation of the Managing Authority on measures planned to be implemented within the IPARD III Programme of the RS for the period 2021-2027.



Agro Belgrade

The Third International Fair of Fruit, Vegetable and Viticulture “Agro Belgrade 2022” was held in the period 27th to 29th January 2022. During this three-day fair-conference event, about 500 domestic and international exhibitors presented themselves in the fields of agricultural machinery, irrigation and hail protection systems, seed and nursery, fertilization and plant protection, as well as in the field of fruit and vegetable food products. The event was opened by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Branislav Nedimović, and attended by the Ministers of Agriculture of the Republic of Albania, North Macedonia and the Republika Srpska.



Promotional activities in Novi Sad, the European Capital of Culture for 2022

The representatives of the IPARD Managing Authority participated in two important events organized in Novi Sad in February. The first event referred to the conference “Smart Agriculture”, which was held on 2nd February, organized by Serbian Young Farmers Association (SUMP), and supported by the Provincial Secretariat for Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry. The aim of the conference was information and education of young farmers about innovations in agriculture. One of the topics at the conference was “How IPARD recognizes smart agriculture”.



The second event was held on 25th February, entitled: “New Tractor via IPARD”, organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vojvodina. Participants in this event had the opportunity to be informed about the ongoing Seventh Public Call for Measure 1, exclusively for the purchase of tractors with environmental standard Tir/Stage 5. This, also, provided an opportunity to present models of support through the Guarantee Fund of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Development Fund of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, as well as support conditions offered by the commercial banking sector to the potential IPARD recipients.

IPA 2017 Project

IPA 2017 EU financed Project: "Support to IPARD Operating Structure (Managing Authority, IPARD Agency)" has started in January 2022 and will last for next 12 months. The Project will strengthen functions of IPARD Operating structure – MA and IPARD Agency through two components by implementing activities in two stages: first, preparation of procedures and related documents for roll-over entrustment of already accredited IPARD measures (M1, M3, M7, M9) and second, preparation of procedures and related documents for the entrustment of budget implementation tasks for M4 and M5.

Example of a successful project

Thirty-eight-year-old Milosav Andrić is a sheep breeder in the idyllic surroundings of Zlatibor, one of the most beautiful and visited mountains in Serbia. The proximity of the open-air ethno museum makes this area attractive for rural tourism. However, Milosav, at least for now, decided to breed Île-de-France sheep breed in a herd currently numbering 260, with the intention of its expansion.

After the purchase of a new tractor was realized under the IPARD support within the Second Public Call for Measure 1, Milosav decided to apply to the Fifth Public Call for the procurement of mechanization, the tractor front manure loader. Given that he was ranked fifth on the list, he was certain that he will be eligible for IPARD support. In the view of faster and more efficient farm development and its growing capacity, he plans to continue the modernization of his mechanization through the IPARD support



Milosav wishes to revitalize his beautiful region, that young people, engaged in animal husbandry, gather courage, strengthen their farms and multiply their herds. Milosav believes that the key to success is cooperation and joint market presence through a well-organized cooperative.

One click to first-hand information

For the newest information on events, announcements, calls and rules regarding the implementation of the IPARD II Programme in Serbia, follow the official IPARD Managing Authority accounts - on Instagram (@ipardnadlanu) and Facebook (IPARD na dlanu).

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