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International agricultural fair in Novi Sad

During the 90th International Agricultural Fair in Novi Sad on May 22nd, 2023, representatives of the IPARD Managing Authority were at the stand of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management in the "Master" hall, where they answered visitors' questions regarding the implementation of the IPARD Programme. Visitors to the Fair had, also possibility to learn about the IPARD Programme and opportunities that potential recipients can expect within the IPARD III Programme.

On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, within the framework of the 90th International Agricultural Fair in Novi Sad, on May 22nd, 2023, the National Dialogue on the Transformation of Food Systems in Serbia was held. The dialogue was organized in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization - FAO, the MAFWM and the National Association for Organic Production Serbia Organica. Through the dialogue, measures and activities related to agroecology, adapting to climate change, local food production and short supply chain, preservation of indigenous varieties of plants and animals, and support to agricultural producers for implementation of sustainable practices were promoted.



During the panel discussion, in which the representative of the IPARD MA also participated, the importance of establishing a balance between the agricultural production and conservation of natural resources was emphasized, in order to ensure a sustainable future. In an effort to achieve that balance, the IPARD III Programme will provide support to agricultural producers through the implementation of Measure 4 - "Agro-environment-climate and organic farming measure". Measure 4 was created with the aim of encouraging agricultural producers to protect and improve the environment on the farm they manage, through the implementation of agro-ecological activities for a period of at least five years.



The EU Opportunity week - "You can too"

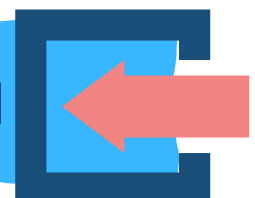
The EU Opportunity Week is a unique series of events that provide Serbian citizens with the opportunity to find out everything they are interested in about the available funds in one place and take advantage of the opportunities to realize their ideas. During the first EU Opportunity Week, sessions and debates were held in three cities: Belgrade, Niš and Novi Sad and included various areas - economy, business, education, youth, sport, culture, media, civil society, local development, green transition and agriculture.

On 24th June, 2023, on a day dedicated to agriculture and the IPARD Programme, three panels and information sessions were held in Novi Sad. Representatives of the IPARD Managing Authority introduced the participants to the opportunities that the implementation of the IPARD Programme in the Republic of Serbia brings to recipients. A panel dedicated to the experiences of implementing the IPARD Programme "Agriculture in Serbia - experiences of recipients of the IPARD Programme support", presented the experiences of recipient Milan Plavšić in realizing of IPARD support for the purchase of a new tractor, as well as the experiences of the IPARD Operational structure in implementing the programme.



The Head of the IPARD Managing Authority spoke about the necessary prerequisites and readiness for the implementation of the IPARD Programme, as well as the results of the implementation. At the information session dedicated to the measures of the IPARD III Programme, the new opportunities offered to potential recipients in the new programming period by the measures that are already being or will be implemented were presented in detail (Measure 1 - Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings, Measure 3 - Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products, a new Measure 4 - Agri-environment - climate and organic farming measure and Measure 7 - Farm diversification and business development).

The indexation of prices has started



TAIEX workshop on IPARD Programme implementation

Representatives of the IPARD Managing Authority participated at the TAIEX Multi-country workshop on the IPARD Programme implementation in Brussels, May 24th and 25th, 2023. The aim of the workshop was to prepare the IPARD beneficiary countries for the start of the implementation of the IPARD III Programme, as well as the exchange of experience between the countries with aim of improving the implementation of the IPARD II Programme.



The lecturers at the workshop were experts from the European Union countries, who presented their knowledge and experience in implementing the programmes from the pre-accession period. The main topics related to the policy of retaining employees in the IPARD structure, detection and prevention of fraud and irregularities, as well as the exchange of countries' experiences in the implementation of Measure - Investments in rural public infrastructure.

“GROW UP” regional agribusiness conference

The regional agribusiness conference “GROW UP - strength of the land” was held on May 30th – 31st, 2023 at Kopaonik. The aforementioned conference is the largest agribusiness meeting in the region, that brings together international and domestic experts, business leaders, representatives of state institutions, agricultural producers and representatives of the food industry. At the conference, through a series of panels, topics related to Serbian agriculture were discussed, with a focus on finding solutions to overcome all the current challenges Serbian agriculture is facing .

One of conference topics was “The role of IPARD funds and the financing of agriculture”. Among others, the Head of Department for Management of IPARD Programme spoke at the panel dedicated to this topic. One of the conclusions from this panel was that the IPARD Programme and financing opportunities must be more relaxed and accessible to agricultural producers, as well as that all challenges during the implementation of the IPARD Programme have to be overcome through continuous communication with all stakeholders and their education.



Start of education for Measure 4: Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure

As part of the “AgriCapture CO2” development project financed by the European Union, a workshop on regenerative agriculture was held in Sremska Mitrovica. The organizers of the workshop were the Association of Eco Innovations in the Balkans, “GiLab” DOO Belgrade and the Association of Farmers of the Municipality of Ruma.

The participants of the workshop had the opportunity to hear the experiences of the application of regenerative agriculture in Serbia, which benefits this production system can bring to farmer, not only in improving soil health and in the fight against climate change, but in the economy as well.

Part of the workshop programme was dedicated the presentation of Measure 4 - “Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure”, i.e. opportunities to provide financial support for the implementation of certain sustainable agricultural practices that contribute to the protection and improvement of natural resources, through the IPARD III Programme.



Measure 4 is intended for registered agricultural holdings that voluntarily accept the obligation to apply the prescribed agro-ecological conditions within one or more of the four selected operations, for a period of at least five years. Measure 4 can be implemented through four operations: Crop rotation on arable land, Grassing of inter-row space in perennial crops, Establishment and maintenance of pollinator strips and Sustainable use of meadows and pastures.

Compensation for additional costs and lost income arising as a result of the implementation of agro-environment measure will be received by farmers in the form of annual payments per hectare of agricultural land where a certain operation is carried out.

Example of good practice

The IPARD recipient who successfully realized the investment is the farm for the production of consumption eggs “Rebracommerce”, located in the village of Ašanja, municipality of Pećinci. In addition to the production of consumption eggs, this recipient is also deals in the production of animal feed and laying hens.



During the visit to the recipient, the executive director, Rade Šćepanović, presented the importance of the production of eggs with a high Omega 3 fatty acids content, which was the result of long-term thinking and direct involvement, research and testing. On that occasion, he pointed out the importance of flax as a forgotten raw material in the laying hens feed, a necessary natural source of Omega 3 fatty acids.



Farm “Rebracommerce” submitted the application within the Fifth Public Call for Measure 1, in the Egg Sector. The subject of application was the procurement of equipment for laying hens in an aviary system, equipment for laying hens in enriched cages and equipment for packing and sorting of eggs. The investment was approx. EUR 1.6 m. The recipient was first paid advance support in the amount of EUR 453 thousand, and after the realization of the project, the total support was paid, which, together with the advance payment was EUR 906 thousand. The EU contribution was over EUR 679 thousand .

One click to first-hand information

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