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The Guide for IPARD Measure 7

The Managing Authority and the IPARD Agency have prepared the Guide for Measure 7 – Farm diversification and business development, in order to provide support to potential recipients to be eligible for IPARD support within IPARD Measure 7. The Guide clarifies the process of eligibility for criteria for IPARD support from the moment of preparation of the application for project approval, through the realisation of investment and payment of IPARD support, to the proper handling of the investment in the period after the support payment.

The Guide has informative character and, in accordance to that, all interested parties should find relevant information in the actual Rulebook on IPARD subsidies for the farm diversification and business development (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 76/2020), as well as in the First Public Call for submission of the applications for project approval for IPARD support for farm diversification and business development.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECT APPROVAL FOR IPARD MEASURE 7 IS EXTENDED UNTIL 30TH OCTOBER 2020



The electronic version of the Guide for Applicants/Recipients of the IPARD Measure 7 has been published on the Web pages of the MAFWM and the IPARD Agency (<http://www.minpolj.gov.rs/ipard-program-2014-2020/> and <http://uap.gov.rs/ipard-ii-u-srbiji/>). The Web pages of the MAFWM and the IPARD Agency are updated with all relevant information for potential recipients and applicants.

Also, the First Public Call for IPARD Measure 7 is ongoing and it is followed by the promotional video spot which is broadcast on the first channel of the national public service Radio television of Serbia. The spot is published on the MAFWM and the IPARD Agency web pages, as well as on the social networks (Instagram, Facebook).



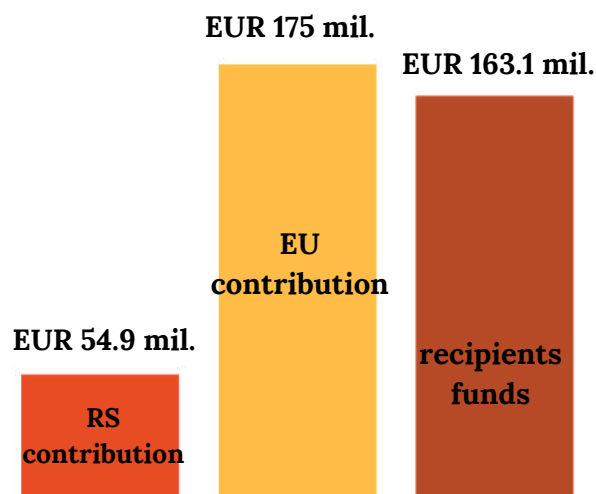
The amendment to the Financial Agreement of the IPARD II Programme was signed

Jadranka Joksimović, as a National IPA coordinator, has signed the amendments to the Financial Agreement of the IPARD II Programme. In addition to the funds from IPARD II Programme for investments in agricultural holdings and processing and marketing of agricultural products and fishery products, signing the amendments to the Financial Agreement enables implementation of the Measure 7 – Farm diversification and business development and Measure 9 – Technical Assistance to provide support for implementation of the IPARD II Programme and Programme monitoring, as well as for preparation of the IPARD III Programme for the next programming period 2021-2027.



393 mil.

for whole programming period
2014-2020



The total budget of the IPARD II Programme for the period 2014-2020 amounts to EUR 393 million, out of which EUR 175 million is EU contribution and national contribution is EUR 54.9 million. The remaining financial funds in the IPARD II Programme (EUR 163.1 million) are the obligation of the recipients of support.

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The priorities on the local area level, its strengths and weaknesses, can be recognized best by the local residents. This is exactly the essence of the LEADER approach, which has been implemented in some EU countries for three decades. The LEADER approach is dealing with specific problems at the local level and enables the residents organized in partnerships - Local Action Groups (LAGs), to implement smaller local projects, which are important for the development and improvement of the quality of life in their rural areas. Small projects include activities such as: village festivals, participation in fairs and events, procurement of materials and equipment - computers, furniture and equipment for common offices, tourist informative boards, signs, production of publications and promotional materials, etc., minor renovation of public buildings, improvement of public spaces and tourist trails, promotion of local products, drafting of plans for the renovation of historic buildings, etc.

EVALUATION OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE IS ONGOING



In order to prepare potential recipients for support through the IPARD Measure 5: Implementation of Local Development Strategies – LEADER approach, the MAFWM has initiated support measure from the national budget “The support to programmes related to the preparation and implementation of the Local Development Strategies”. Contract have been signed by the 22 Partnerships for territorial development which have submitted applications for establishment of Partnerships and development of Strategies. Subsidies in total amount over RSD 17 million were approved to this Partnerships for the preparation of the Local Development Strategies (hereinafter: LDS). The Evaluation Committee for evaluation of LDS, composed experts, representatives of public, civil and economic sectors with experience in the field of rural development was established. The first meeting of the Evaluation Committee was held on 16th September 2020, when the Rules of Procedure of the Committee were adopted and received LDSs were assigned to the members of the Evaluation Committee. Strategies scored by 80 or more points, will be able to apply for the Public Call for the implementation of the LDS, which is planned for the beginning of 2021.

MAFWM has printed the Guide for establishment of the Partnerships and preparation of LDS, which contains practical instructions and information for realisation of preparatory activities for establishment of the Partnerships/LAG. An electronic version of the Guide is available on the MAFWM website and can be downloaded [HERE](#).

The informative workshops for IPARD Measure 7

The successful implementation of the IPARD measures and ability of potential recipients to use IPARD funds depends directly on the quality of the submitted applications, the awareness of the recipients, as well as update of information for providing support. In this chain, the consultants have important role, because they provide support to potential recipients, both in the preparation of applications for project approval, and through the entire process from the moment of application submission to the payment of support, and their continuous education is necessary.



Given that the First Public Call for IPARD Measure 7 is ongoing, the IPARD Managing Authority, in cooperation with the IPARD Agency and representatives of the Tourist Inspection organized a two-hour online informative workshop on 25th September 2020. The workshop was intended for legal entities engaged in the providing of consulting services, development of business plans, development of projects and technical documentation, development of feasibility studies and other studies.



Representatives of the Managing Authority, IPARD Agency and the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications presented potential recipients, general and special eligibility criteria, ranking criteria, amount of subsidies and types of investments, necessary documentation and other elements important for approving and paying subsidies for IPARD Measure 7. Also, the prescribed conditions for performing the catering activity of providing accommodation services, the authorization of the tourist inspection, as a technical body in the IPARD Measure 7 and the promotion of the Guide for recipients/applicants are explained in detail.

The workshop was attended by 60 representatives of companies and entrepreneurs who, in the session of the workshop intended for discussion, had the opportunity to ask questions, mostly referred to eligible investments within the announced Public Call for IPARD Measure 7, as well as to specific eligibility criteria.



Also, in cooperation with the Institute for Applied Science in Agriculture, on 29th September 2020, a workshop "Identification and support to potential recipients for IPARD Measure 7" was held, with the aim of raising the level of knowledge of agricultural advisors in the Republic of Serbia and providing support to potential recipients for IPARD Measure 7.

Review of question and answers for IPARD measures

How can an investment be financed until the moment of receiving IPARD support?

The investment could be financed from sources of recipient or from other sources of financing (e.g. bank loans). In addition, the subject of the investment financed from other sources of public funding or in the process of obtaining funding from other public sources of funding (e.g. the procedure of eligibility to subsidies for the same investment through a project or local self-government budget) shall be considered as ineligible.

Does an applicant with a university degree in the field of tourism and catering receive additional points, when scoring the applications within Public Call for IPARD Measure 7?

When applying the procedure of scoring and ranking application for project approval under IPARD Measure 7, an applicant with a university degree receive additional ten points, whereby the acquired university degree does not have to be in the field of tourism and catering.



Do payments have to be made from an assigned farm account?

No, payments could be made from another current account of the applicant also, but the applicant must have proof from the bank that the account from which he pays is opened in his name.

Is the control over the investment realized with IPARD support performed?

Yes, control over the investment is carried out as an on-the-spot control: before the project approval and before the payment of IPARD support after realisation of investment, as well as within five years from the date of payment of IPARD support. Investment control activities are carried out by the Department for on-the-spot control within DAP.

How many offers from the supplier should the applicant enclose with the application for project approval and does he have to choose the offer with the lowest value?

The applicant should submit one or three collected offers, depending on the value of the investment, namely one offer for investments up to EUR 10,000, or three offers for investments over EUR 10,000. Out of the three collected offers, one has to be filled in the application for project approval form and is treated as selected, i.e. the offer according to which the applicant wants to realise the investment. The offer with the lowest value does not have to be chosen. Offers have to be comparable in content and specifications and valid on the day of application submission. They are not submitted only for realised general costs, for which an invoice is submitted. The IPARD subsidies calculation is based on the lowest value of the offer or on the reference price in the case this value is the lowest. The calculation is made for the offer selected by the applicant and as such entered in the form of the application for project approval.

Example of a good project:



After graduating from the Faculty of Agriculture, Department for Plant Protection, Vulović Marina (39) from Čenta decided to open her own agricultural pharmacy, which would have an advisory role, beside the sale of protective products. Since the agricultural pharmacy could not provide existence for her and her family, Marina decided to invest in the purchase of arable land and to start crop production. She has gradually increased her land and now she is exclusively engaged in the agriculture.

IPARD support for the purchase of tractor has helped her to raise production to the higher level and to be engaged in her primary profession, as she says. Namely, this dynamic woman continued to provide her neighbors with free advisory services, in order to protect better their crops on the arable land.

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](https://www.instagram.com/ipardnadlanu)) and Facebook ([IPARD na dlanu](https://www.facebook.com/IPARDna.dlanu)).

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