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IPARD II PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

IPARD AGENCY

SLOBODAN NIKOLOVSKI, ACTING DIRECTOR

Belgrade, July 2024



IPARD II in numbers

Applications filed

Requested support:
306.92 mil EUR



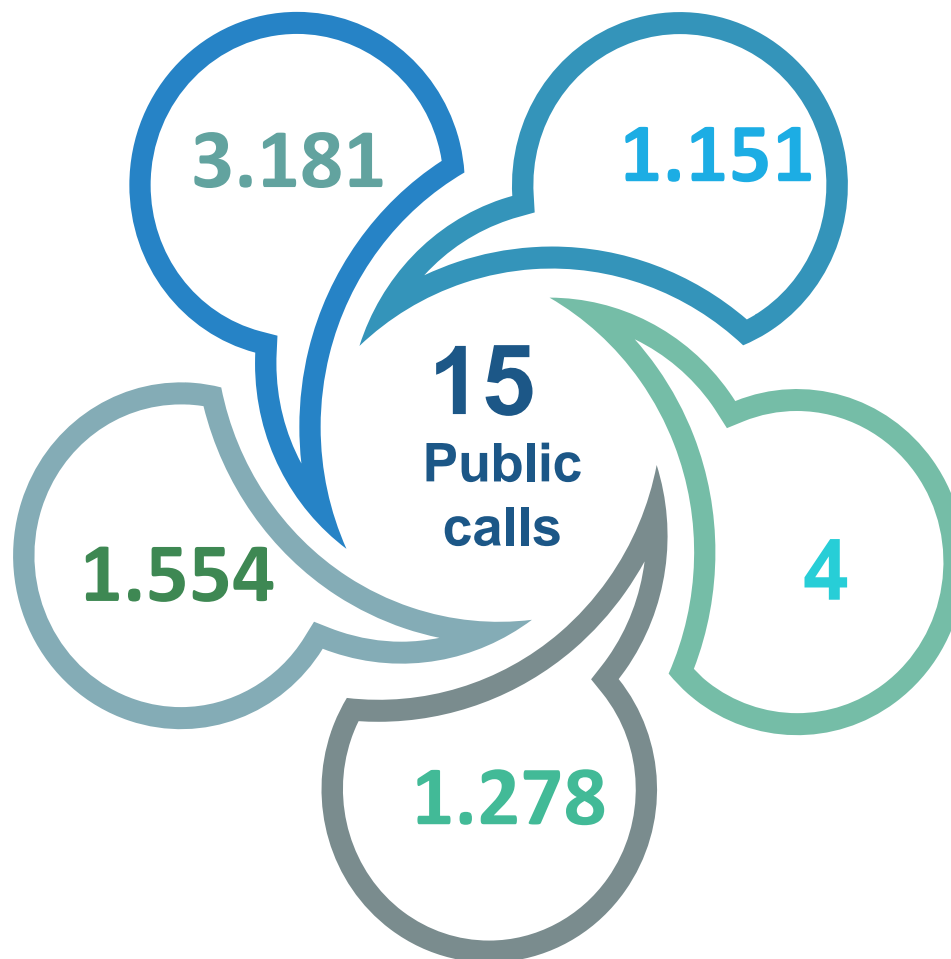
Projects approved

Approved support:
148.08 mil EUR



Payment requests

Requested support:
96.5 mil EUR



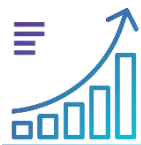
€ Disbursed beneficiaries
Funds disbursed:
80 mil EUR

Measures

🔍 Dedicated funds:
175 mil EUR
-21,56 mil EUR unused funds

Overview: 28/06/2024

Overview of IPARD II



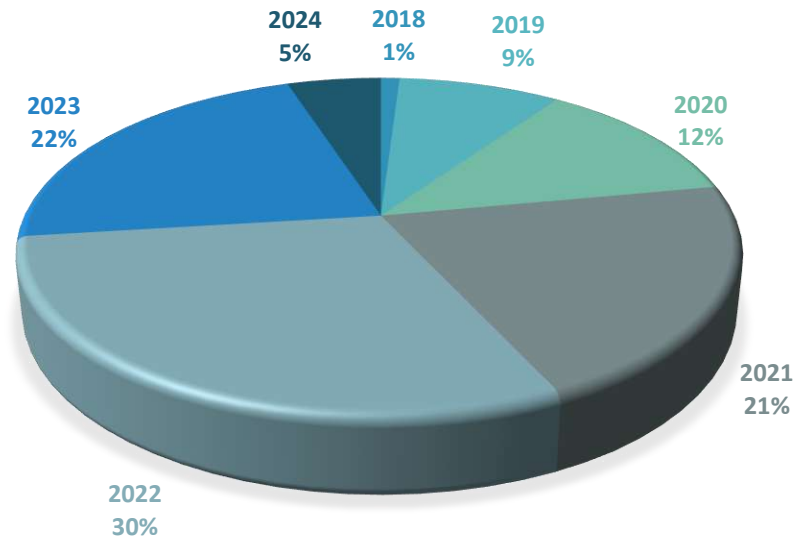
Measure	APPLICATIONS FILED		PROJECTS APPROVED		FINAL PAYMENT		ADVANCE PAYMENT		FUNDS DISBURSED (final + advanced payment)	
	Number	Requested support	Number	Approved amount of support	Number	Funds disbursed	Number	Funds disbursed	Number	Funds disbursed
M1	2.260	154.156.761	1.185	83.502.616	969	53.336.027	25	3.531.253	994	56.867.280
M3	313	73.662.208	174	40.877.369	87	15.415.914	21	4.397.132	108	19.813.046
M7	605	79.069.034	194	23.699.036	29	1.728.520	20	1.634.283	49	3.362.803
M9	3	29.854	1	2.720	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3.181	306.917.857	1.554	148.081.741	1.085	70.480.461	66	9.562.668	1.151	80.043.129



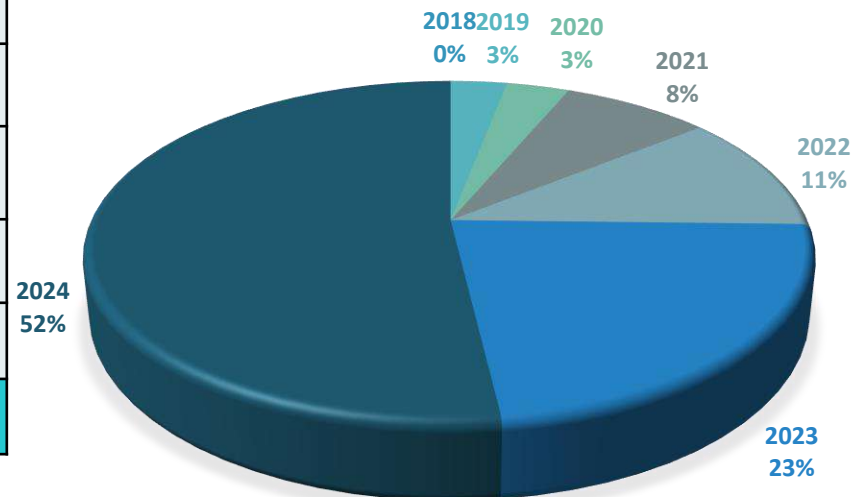
IPARD II implementation per years

Overview 28/06/2024	APPLICATIONS FILED		PROJECTS APPROVED		PAYMENT REQUESTS		DISBURSED BENEFICIARIES	
	Number	Requested support	Number	Approved amount of support	Number	Requested support	Number	Funds disbursed
2018	736	151.357.649	22	1.520.324	10	212.276	0	0
2019	701	155.574.276	244	13.296.794	175	5.891.523	145	4.577.520
2020	311	75.350.422	332	18.957.127	177	9.807.325	72	5.112.389
2021	774	291.000.487	239	32.235.348	223	12.817.760	293	12.113.315
2022	657	27.916.992	381	45.828.224	190	19.678.824	165	17.221.415
2023	2	31.322	323	33.626.854	406	36.296.318	389	34.989.297
2024	0	0	13	2.617.069	97	11.794.504	87	6.029.193
Total	3.181	701.231.147	1.554	148.081.741	1.278	96.498.530	1.151	80.043.129

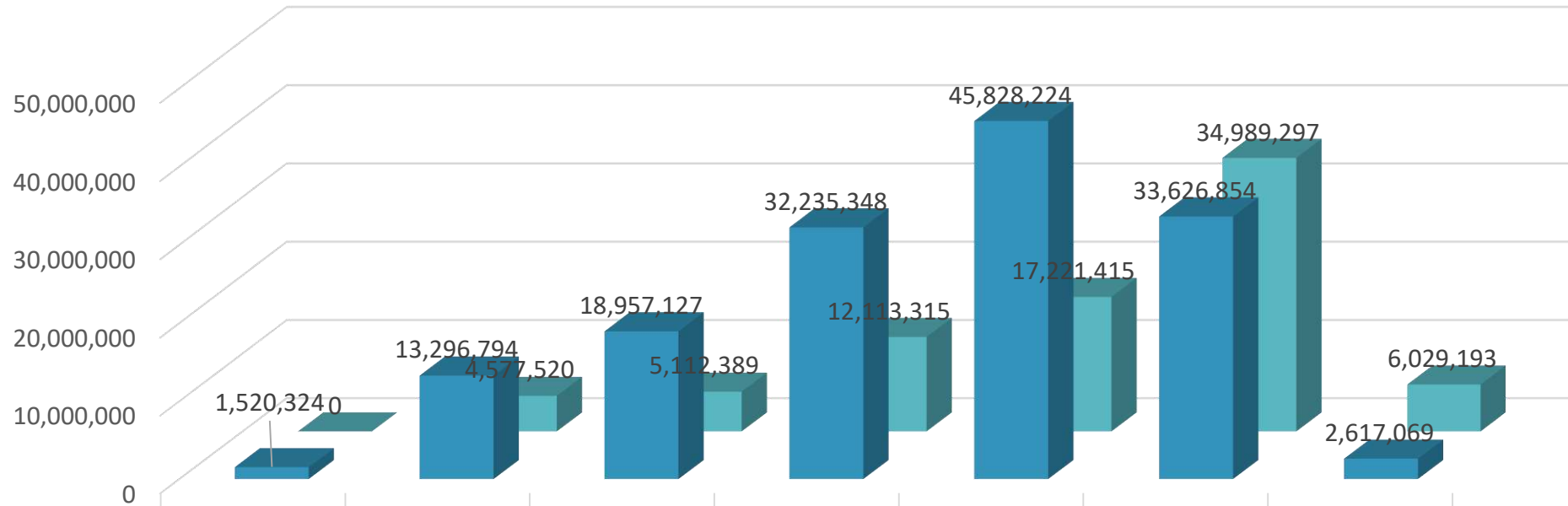
APPROVED AMOUNT OF SUPPORT



FUNDS DISBURSED



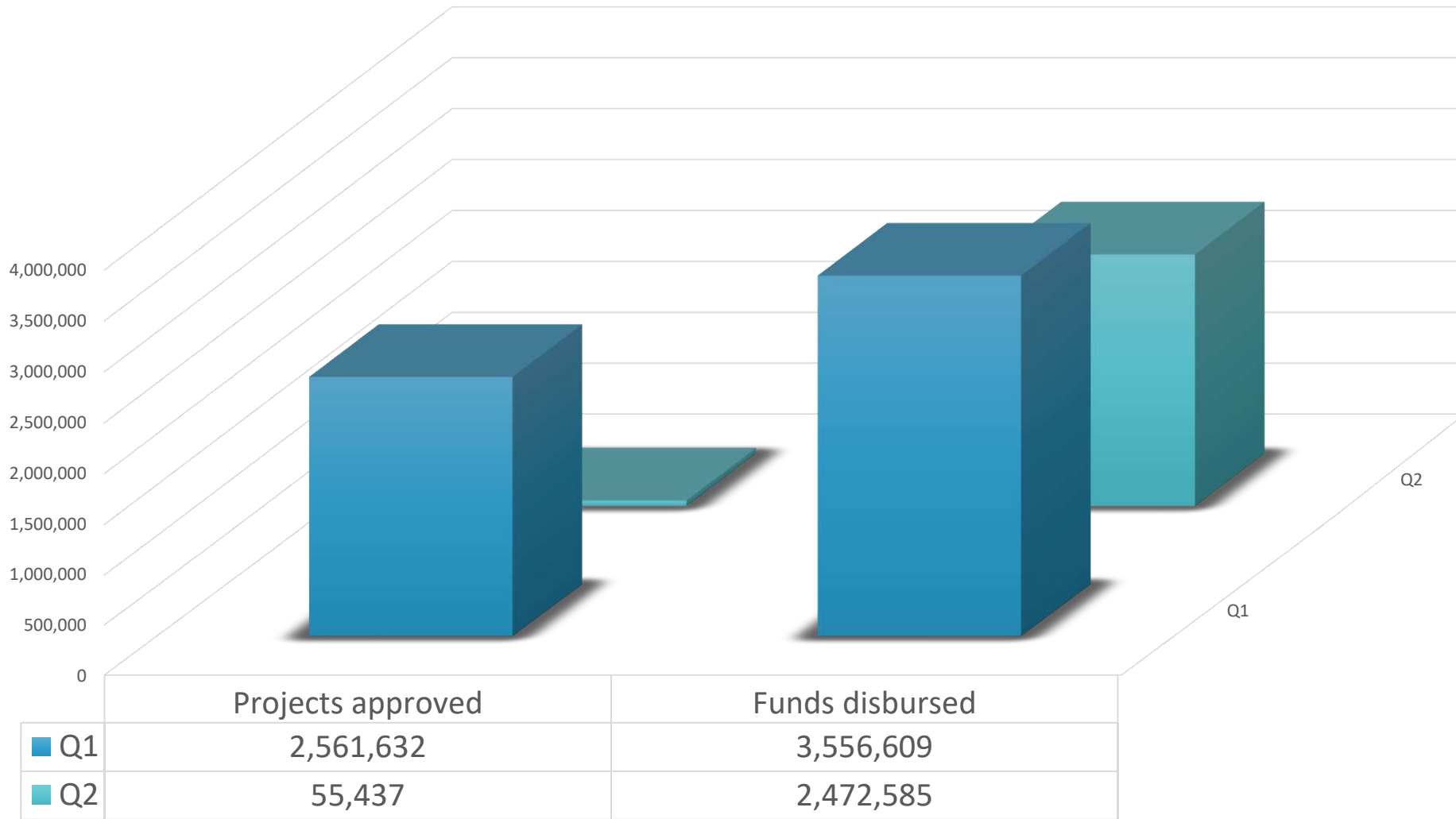
IPARD II implementation per years



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Approved amount of support	1,520,324	13,296,794	18,957,127	32,235,348	45,828,224	33,626,854	2,617,069
Funds disbursed	0	4,577,520	5,112,389	12,113,315	17,221,415	34,989,297	6,029,193

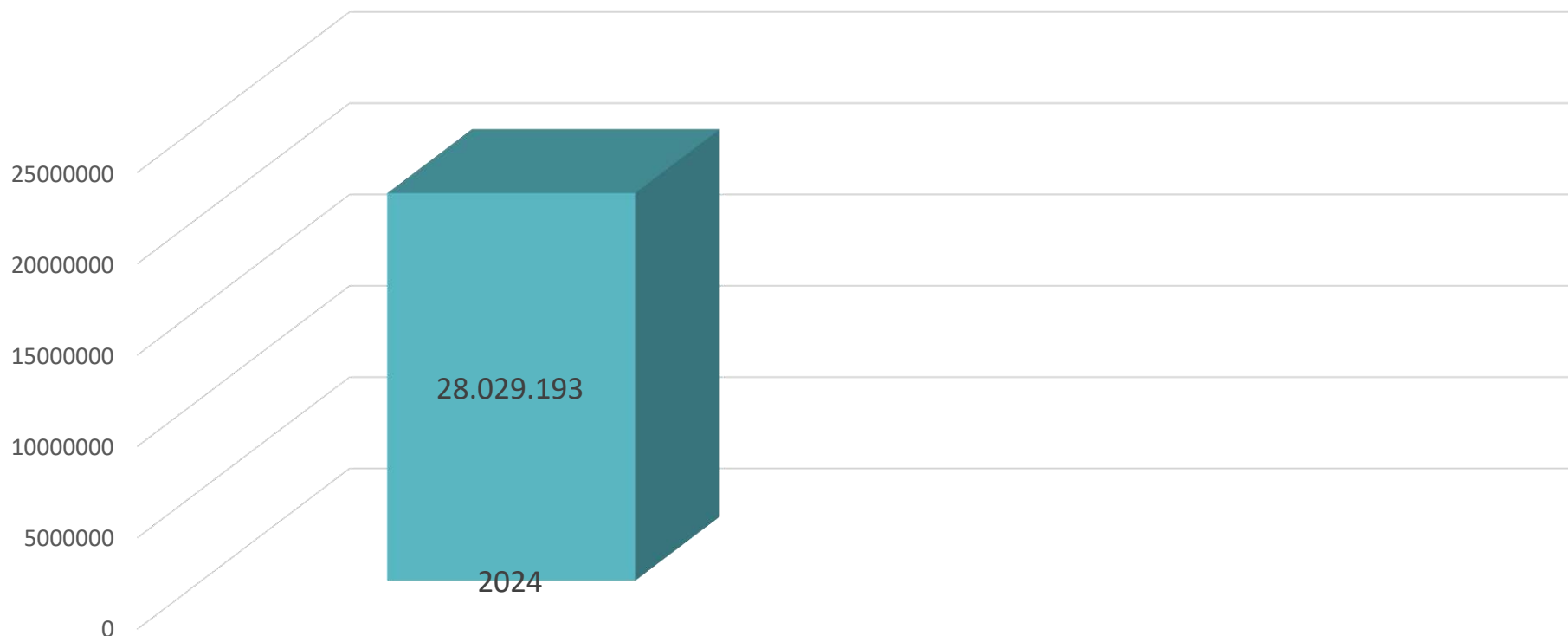


Implementation in 2024



2024 Disbursement forecast (for approved projects)

2024 Forecast



* In 2024, the current implementation amounts to 6,029,193 EUR, while the forecast is that an additional around 22 mil. EUR will be paid out by the end of 2024.

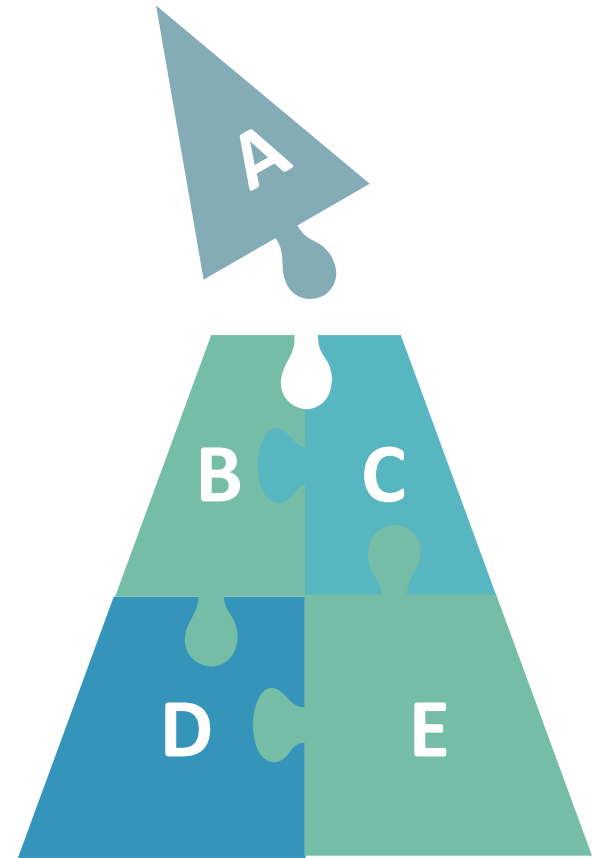
** A certain number of projects have deadlines for submitting requests for final payment in the second half of 2024.



Human Resources – The Path to a Stable and Efficient System

- ### Ensuring continuity through long-term mandates of the management structure
 - ### A new UAP director appointed for a period of six months (from the ranks of civil servants of the Directorate for Agrarian Payments)
 - ### Four assistant directors have been appointed for a period of five years.
- ### Continuous announcement of job vacancies
- ### Public competitions in 2023
 - The competition for filling IPARD executive positions, announced on May 17th, has been completed.
 - 19 employees began working in 2024
- ### Drafting of a proposal for a new Regulation on internal organization and job classification
- ### Staff retention policy
 - ### The Government of RS approved DAP to systematize a larger number of senior positions.
 - ### 13 civil servants were promoted to higher positions, while 83 moved to a higher salary grade in 2024.
 - ### Salary increase for civil servants by 10% starting from January 1, 2024

232 systematized
IPARD positions
170 filled positions
24 employees on
temporary contracts





Re(accreditation) process

- **Request for reaccreditation of M1, M3, M7, and M9 conditionally** approved on November 22, 2023.
 - Meeting the conditions related to the appointment of all assistant directors and strengthening human capacities in IA
- **Rulebook preparation for the IPARD III measures: M1, M3, M7 and M9**
 - The Rulebook for Measure 1 - on IPARD subsidies for investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings under the IPARD III program was adopted on **February 14, 2024**.
 - The first public call for submitting project applications for IPARD incentives for investments in the physical assets of agricultural holdings, for the construction and equipping of facilities, as well as the establishment of perennial production and parent plantings, within the IPARD III program was announced on February 23 and lasts until **July 26**.
- **Roll-over**
 - Harmonization of the existing accredited procedures with the requirements of the new program cycle has been completed: Procedures for the implementation of M1 (Rulebook for M1 has been adopted) **have been prepared** and reviewed by the Internal Audit of the IPARD Agency.
 - Other procedures which are subject to re-accreditation **will be completed after the adoption of the Rulebooks** for relevant measures (3,7,9)
- **The defining of the procedures for the measures which have not been implemented so far – Measure 4 and Measure 5 will follow the preparation of the Rulebooks for this measures**



Strengthening institutional capacities for the implementation of the IPARD III program



- **The propose of the new job classification act is in progress**
 - In line with the request for introducing new IPARD measures
 - More IPARD positions
- **Training plan for 2024**
- **Basic information package for newly employed personnel**

(introduction to work, organizational structure, IA procedures, and job description tasks)

- **Newly employed personnel training:**
 - Presenting and implementing IPARD III measures
 - Concept of irregularity
 - IPARD
 - IPARD within IPA
- **Support of the mentor during the first six months from the date of employment**
- **Trainings for all employees:**
 - IPARD III – implementation M4, M5 and M9
 - Specific LPIS trainings (for M4 implementation)

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IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE 9 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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2nd July 2024, Belgrade

M9 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



General objective

To build-up modern public administration for agriculture and rural development in the RS, respecting good governance principles, as well as to improve community development and social capital in rural areas

Specific objectives:

- Providing support for the monitoring and evaluation of the IPARD Programme
- Ensuring an adequate flow of information and publicity regarding the IPARD Programme
- Supporting studies, trainings, visits and seminars to improve the capacity of IPARD administrations and of recipients
- Providing support for external expertise
- Support for establishment and preparation of pLAGs
- Providing support for the improvement of the capacity of the national advisory services, to be able to provide advise under Measure 10 - “Advisory services” - in IPARD Programme
- Improving the capacity of local entities (e.g. municipalities, regional entities) supporting the implementation of the IPARD Programme
- Strengthening the national administration managing the IPARD Programme

M9 – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Recipient under Measure 9 is the IPARD Managing Authority (Department for Management of IPARD Programme within MAFWM)
Other IPARD entities and related bodies that, through the IPARD Managing Authority can obtain support for the activities envisioned within the Measure 9 - DAP, NAO, NAO SO, Accounting Body, technical bodies, pLAGs, the National Rural Development Network



Aid intensity - 100%, out of which is 85% is the EU contribution rate, 15% is the national contribution

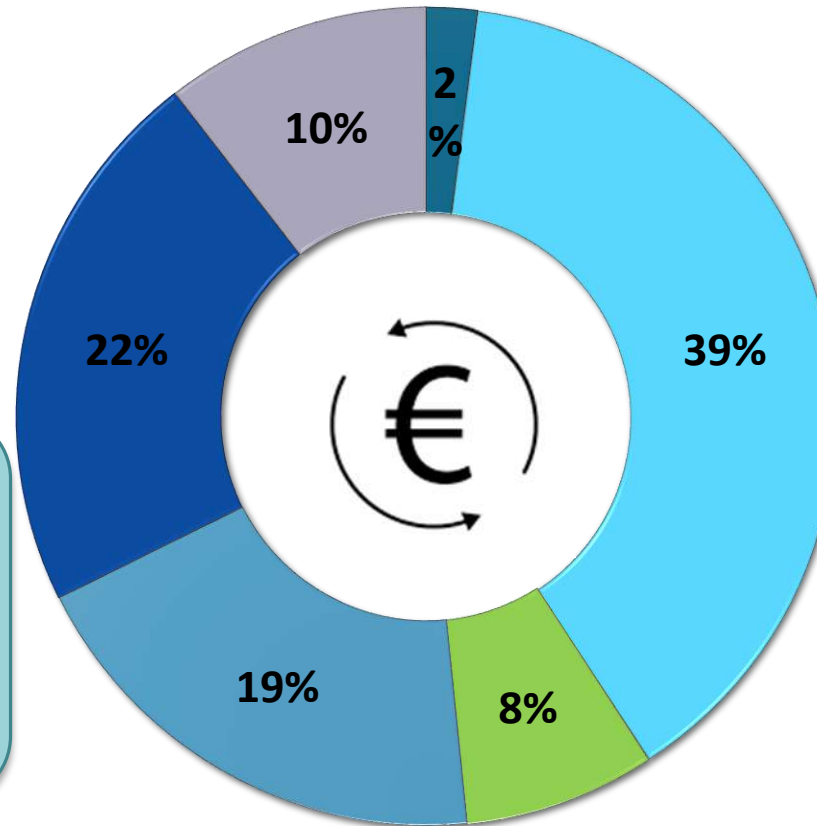
Measure 9 is pre-financed from the MAFWM budget

ACTION PLAN FOR 2024

Structure of the expenditures per group of activities in total budget for 2024

 **TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2024**
1.141.478,00

EU CONTRIBUTION
970.256,30



- Functioning of the MC (2,04%)
- Promotion and visibility of the IPARD Programme (38,77%)
- IPARD entities capacity building (7,56%)
- "Acquisition of skills" to prepare potential LAGs (19,30%)
- Preparation, reduction of the administrative burden for recipients or streamlining of implementation of measures (21,81%)
- Evaluation of the IPARD II Programme (10,51%)

IMPLEMENTATION OF IPARD II MEASURE 9 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Calls under the IPARD II Programme

2022

- Design and updating of Web pages including support for maintenance and content management (Service)

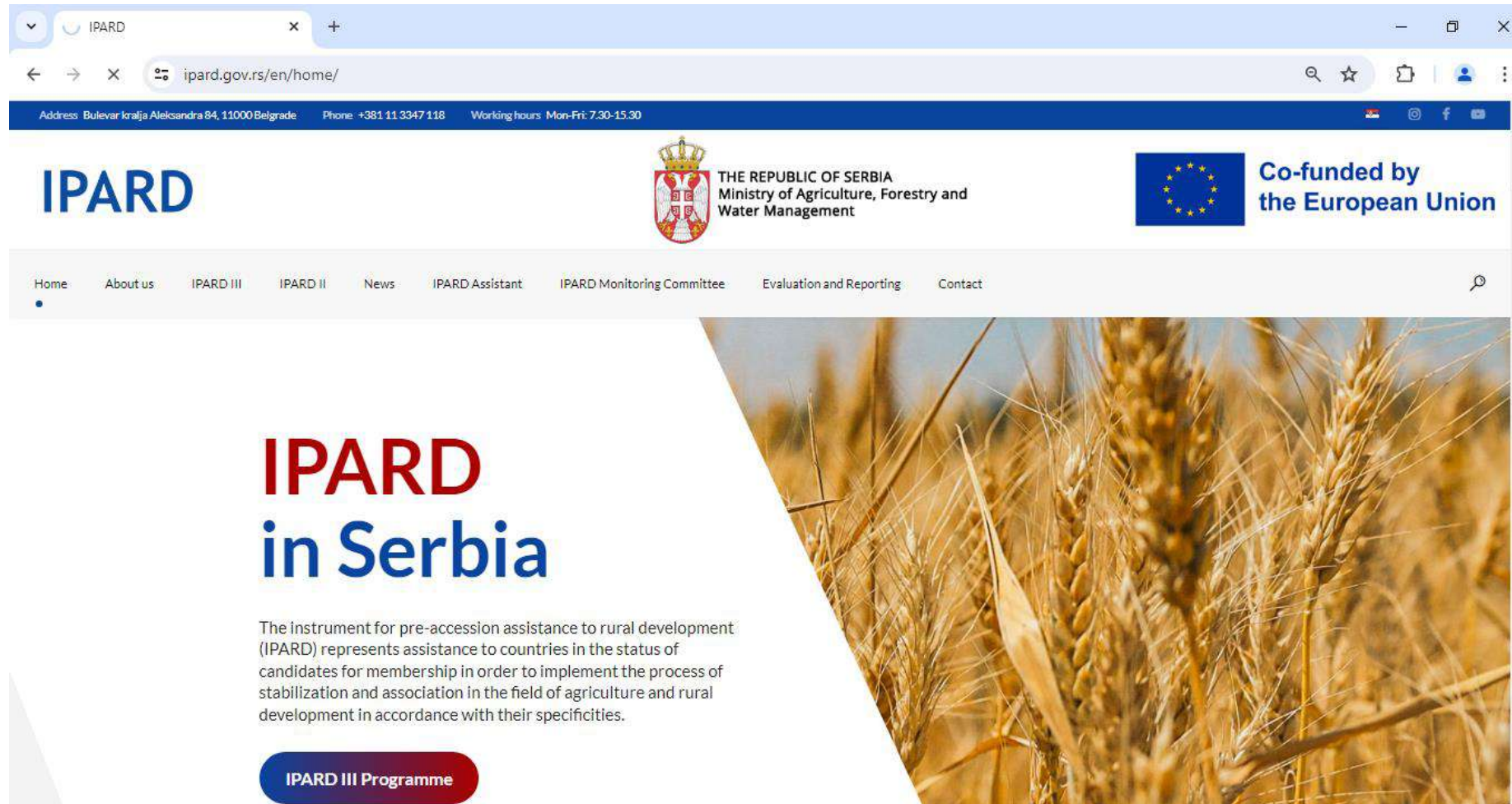
2023

- Supply of promotional materials
- Preparation, printing, producing, copying, distributing of promo materials (Service)

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IMPLEMENTATION OF IPARD II MEASURE 9 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



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Draft rulebook for implementation of Measure 3 under the IPARD III Programme

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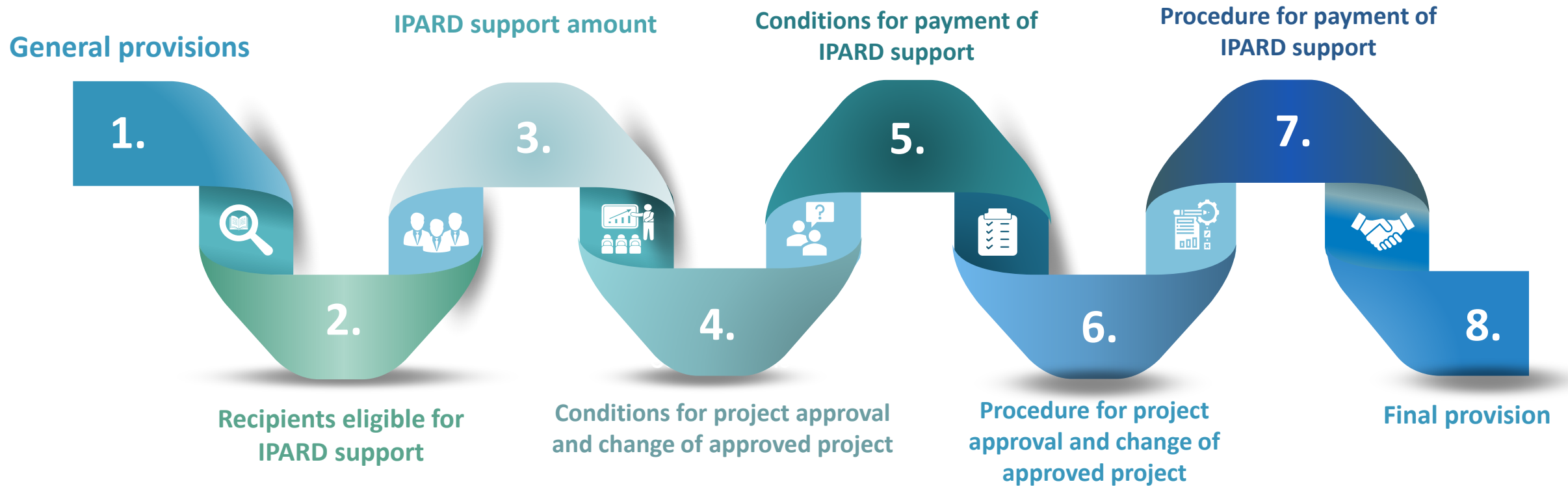
Department for Management of IPARD Programme

IPARD Managing Authority

2nd July 2024, Belgrade

Structure of draft Rulebook for implementation of Measure 3

The structure of the draft Rulebook for IPARD subsidies for Investments in Physical Assets Concerning Processing and Marketing of Agricultural and Fishery Products within the IPARD III Programme



Measure 3 – Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF RECIPIENTS

COMMON ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- no outstanding tax or social security payments;
- no double financing of same project;
- no financial obligation towards MAFWM;
- recipients with establishments already on DG SANTE list of non EU establishments authorized to export food of animal origin to the EU can apply for those establishments that are not listed, as well as in investments in renewable energy and circular economy.

ECONOMIC VIABILITY

- The economic viability of the recipient is shown in a business plan. **Simplified business plan is for projects below EUR 100,000. Complete business plan for projects above EUR 100,000.**

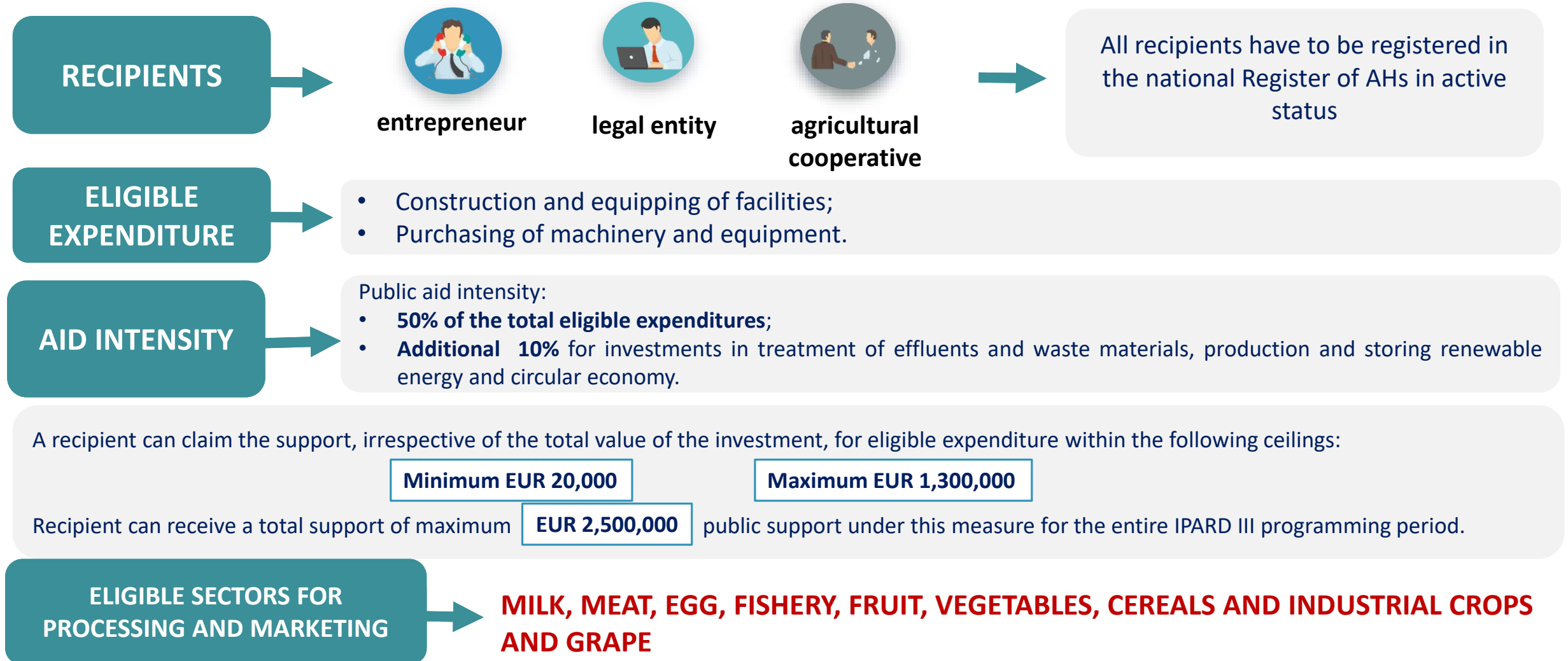
NATIONAL STANDARDS/ EU STANDARDS

- Not later than the final payment, the entire enterprise must comply with the main relevant national standards in force regarding environmental protection, public health (food safety aspects), animal welfare, and occupational safety.

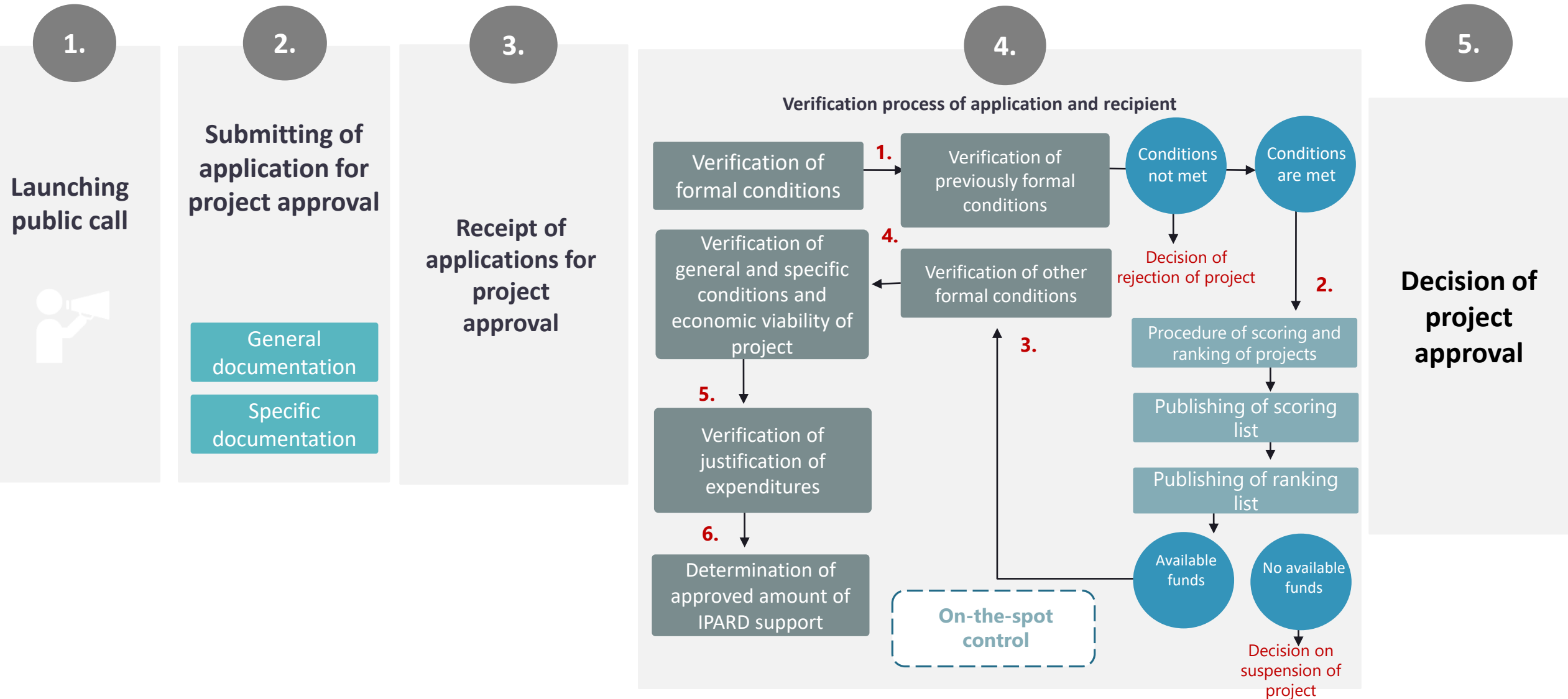
OTHER OBLIGATIONS

- The recipients have an obligation after the final payment by the IPARD agency, to use the investment for five years, without any significantly changes that affect its nature or the conditions for its implementation;
- The recipients are obliged to keep all accounting records for at least 7 years after the investments take place;

Measure 3 – Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products



Procedure for approval of IPARD project



Procedure for payment approval of IPARD support

Advance payment

- 50% of approved amount
- Bank guarantee
- 60 days form day of issuing decision on project approval

Launching of process of advance payment

Decision on advance payment of IPARD support

1.

Realization of investment

Paying of obligations for suppliers

2.

Submission of application for final payment with invoices and other documentation

General documentation

Specific documentation

3.

Procedure on verification of application for final payment

Verification of formal conditions

1.

Verification of previously formal conditions

Conditions not met

Conditions are met

Verification of general and specific conditions

3.

Verification of other formal conditions

Decision of rejection of project 2.

4.

Verification of justification and eligibility of expenditures, **indexation** of approved value of eligible expenditures and determination of final amount of IPARD support

OSC before final payment

4.

Final payment

Final payment after advance payment

Returning of bank guarantee

5.

EX post OSC in 5 years period

Measure 3 - Specific eligibility criteria per sector

The recipient has to be registered in the List of Establishments at the end of investment;
In case of **slaughterhouses**, eligible are recipients with a minimum capacity for: **10 cattle** or **50 pigs** or **50 sheep and goats**, or **500 turkeys and geese** or **5,000 poultry per day at the end of investment**;
In case of **cutting and/or processing facilities** eligible recipients are enterprises with a minimum cutting or processing capacity of **500 kg per day at the end of investment**.

MEAT SECTOR



NEW SECTOR

Recipients have to be registered in the List of Establishments with the available daily fish processing capacities more than **200 kg at the end of the investment**

FISHERY SECTOR



MILK SECTOR



The recipient has to be registered in the List of Establishments at the end of investment;
Recipient is required to have capacity of **3,000 - 100,000 l** of collected cow milk per day at the end of investment, or capacity of **500 - 5,000 l** of collected sheep and/or goat milk per day at the end of investment.

EGG SECTOR



Recipients have to be registered in the List of Establishments.

Measure 3 - Specific eligibility criteria per sector

FRUIT SECTOR

Eligible investments more than **EUR 50,000** (The recipient has to be registered in the Central register of Establishments at the end of investment).



VEGETABLES SECTOR

Eligible investments more than **EUR 50,000** (The recipient has to be registered in the Central register of Establishments at the end of investment).



NEW SECTOR

CEREALS AND INDUSTRIAL CROPS SECTOR

Eligible investments more than **EUR 50,000** (The recipient has to be registered in the Central register of Establishments at the end of investment).
In case of seed processors eligible recipients are enterprises registered in the **Register of seed processors.**



GRAPE SECTOR

The recipient has to be registered in the Vineyard Register with the maximum available capacities of annual wine production **from 20,000 to 1,000,000 liters** at the end of the investment and registered in the Winery Register.



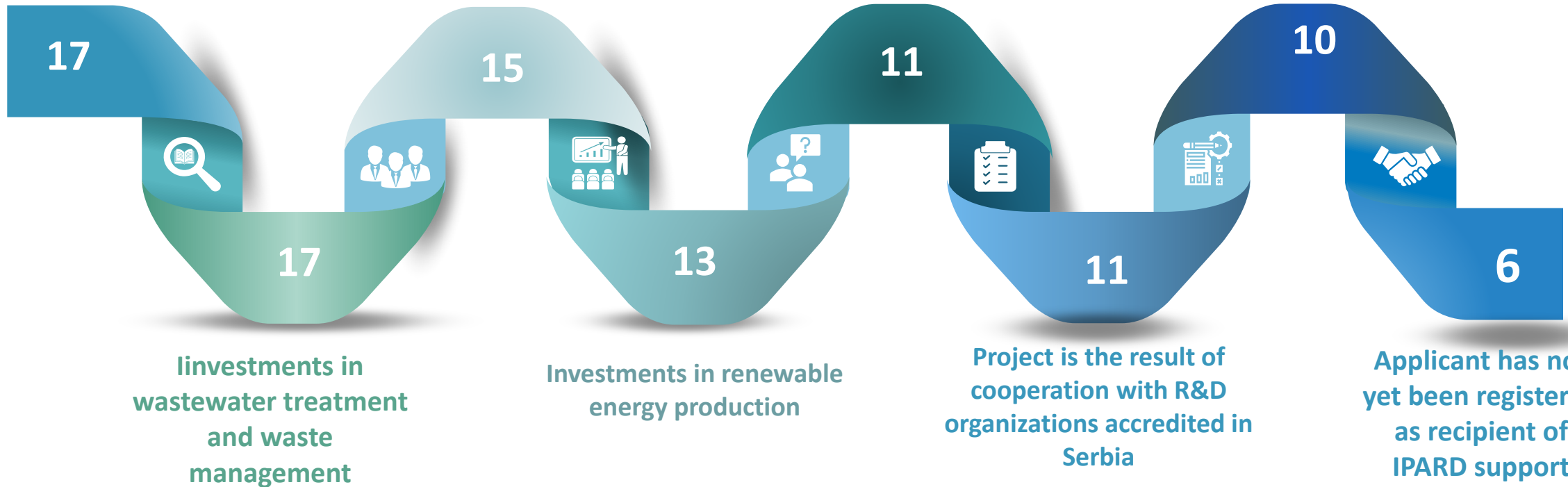
Selection criteria for Measure 3

The investment is located in the areas with difficult working conditions in agriculture

Recipient has established food safety and/or food quality standard system

Applicant is certified for organic production and/or is recipient under Measure 4

Applicant is an agricultural cooperative



List of eligible expenditures

3.2. MILK SECTOR

3.2.1. CONSTRUCTION

Categories of expenditures	Type of investments	SORS categories
Construction of buildings/facilities for processing (of primary) agricultural products (including new equipment and electrical and water supply/plumbing facilities) for Milk processing sector and marketing, which contribute to the objectives of this measure, and especially for environmental objectives and the circular economy;	3.2.1.1. Storing, production and supporting premises and facilities for the purpose of milk processing and marketing	Elements and materials for installation in construction
	3.2.1.2. Facilities for waste management, effluent and wastewater treatment	Elements and materials for installation in construction
	3.2.1.3. Facilities for production and storage of energy from renewable sources, including the connection of the plant to the distribution grid	Elements and materials for installation in construction
Construction of the administrative facilities of production capacities (offices, rest areas for workers, changing rooms and sanitary facilities, storage for cleaning, washing, disinfection and plant protection products).	3.2.1.4. Administrative building with supporting premises and facilities	Elements and materials for installation in construction

List of eligible expenditures

3.2.2. MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND MECHANISATION

Categories of expenditures	Type of investments	SORS categories
New machinery and equipment for milk processing and marketing sector, including computer hardware and software, that contribute to the objectives of this measure, as well as new machinery and equipment for fulfilling the EU standards relevant for the project;	3.2.2.1. Machinery, mechanization and equipment for reception of raw milk, storing, processing and packing of final products;	Capital products
	3.2.2.2. Equipment for administrative building and supporting premises and facilities;	Durable products for mass consumption
New machinery and equipment needed for renewable energy;	3.2.2.3. Machinery and equipment for waste management, effluent and wastewater treatment;	Capital products
	3.2.2.4. Machinery and equipment for production and storage of energy from renewable sources, including the connection of the plant to the distribution grid;	Capital products
	3.2.2.5. Specialized vehicles for transportation of raw milk, including specialized equipment and trailers;	Capital products
	3.2.2.6. Specialized vehicles for transportation of final products, including specialized equipment and trailers.	Capital products
Specialized vehicles for transportation of primary agricultural products or live animals in compliance with animal welfare requirements, excluding trucks and including specialized trailers or on-truck equipment.		

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Brief overview and update

Belgrade, 2 July 2024

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IPARD II programmes [2014-2020]

- For all 5 programmes, implementation ends on 31/12/2024
- Situation after the **first quarter of 2024**:

(in EUR)	ALLOCATION 2014-2020	Pre-financing	EU interim payments	Absorption rate	Decommitments
Albania (*)	71 000 000	13 200 000	41 934 886	59,1%	
Montenegro	39 000 000	6 900 000	23 219 053	59,5%	
North Macedonia (**)	60 000 000	11 700 000	47 315 392	78,9%	
Serbia	175 000 000	34 500 000	77 497 520	44,3%	
Türkiye (**)	601 000 000	95 640 000	562 643 895	93,6%	
TOTAL	946 000 000	161 940 000	752 610 746	79,6%	23 294 638

(*) Reimbursements are interrupted as of July 2023

(**) Reimbursement by Commission subject to maximum 95% for pre-financing and interim payments

IPARD III programmes [2021-2027]

	Adoption programme (+ last modified)	Sectoral agreement	Financing agreement	Entrustment for measures	
Albania	09/03/2022	31/01/2023			
Montenegro	29/06/2022 (14/12/2023)	23/01/2023	02/02/2024	1, 3, 7	Conditional
North Macedonia	09/03/2022 (24/06/2024)	15/02/2023	29/11/2023	1, 3, 7, 9	
Serbia	09/03/2022 (20/10/2023)	09/08/2023		1, 3, 7, 9	Conditional
Türkiye	14/03/2022 (27/03/2024)	12/04/2023	08/04/2024	1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9	

IPARD III programmes [2021-2027]

	Calls	Launch	Measures	Status
Albania				
Montenegro	No 1	07/02/2024	7	Call closed
	No 2	28/03/2024	7	Call closed
	No 3	19/06/2024	3	Call open (until 27/8/2024)
North Macedonia	No 1	01/09/2023	1 & 7	Call closed
	No 2	13/04/2024	3	Call closed
Serbia	No 1	23/02/2024	1	Call open (until 26/07/2024)
Türkiye	No 1	21/03/2024	3	Call closed
	No 2	.././2024	7	Under preparation
	No 3	.././2024	1	Under preparation
	No 4	.././2024	7	Under preparation

IPARD III programmes [2021-2027]

- Pre-financing: maximum 30% of 3 most recent years; at least 50% for first instalment; subject to budget availabilities
- Envelopes 2021-2022: eligible for EU contribution if paid by **31/12/2025** [N+3]

(in EUR)	ALLOCATION 2021-2027	Pre-financing	EU interim payments	Absorption rate	Decommitments
Albania	112 000 000	0	0	0,0%	
Montenegro	63 000 000	4 200 000	0	0,0%	
North Macedonia	97 000 000	6 300 000	0	0,0%	
Serbia	288 000 000	0	0	0,0%	
Türkiye	430 000 000	30 750 000	0	0,0%	
TOTAL	990 000 000	41 250 000	0	0,0%	0

IPARD III programmes [2021-2027]- new measures

Serbia

No	Measures	IPARD III programme	Latest planning
4	agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure	2023	Q4 2024
5	implementation of local development strategies - LEADER approach	2023	Q4 2024
6	investments in rural public infrastructure	2024	Q1 2025



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IPARD visibility requirements

- Legally binding visibility rules to be complied with like other commitments and eligibility conditions – IPARD visibility requirements are not optional.
- Non-compliance with visibility requirements means breaching grant contracts and should lead to sanctions.
- Compliance with visibility requirements to be part of on-the-spot verifications by the IPARD Agency.
- The Audit Authority to verify the appropriateness of on-the-spot verifications including the checks of visibility obligations.
- No checks on visibility obligations may be considered as a non-compliance with the respective key control(s) and may lead to a flat-rate correction.

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IMPLEMENTATION 2023 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Under the slogan **WHEN WE KNOW WE PLAN BETTER**, in the period from October 1 to December 15, 2023, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia (SORS) successfully implemented the 2023 Census of Agriculture



The census was conducted in accordance with:

- ❖ Law on 2023 Census of Agriculture (Official gazette RS, no 76/21)
- ❖ World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020, FAO – UN
- ❖ Regulation (EC) no 2018/1091 of the European parliament and of the Council of 18. July 2018, on integrated farm statistics



FINANCING

- Financial resources for the implementation of the census were provided from EU pre-accession funds, within the National Program IPA 2018 and from the budget of the Republic of Serbia
- The 2023 Census of Agriculture, as well as the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings conducted in 2022, was financed by the European Union with 55.17% of the funds



THE IMPORTANCE AND GOALS OF THE 2023 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

- ❖ Continuity in the production of structural data in the field of agriculture
- ❖ Provision of data for the lowest territorial level for basic indicators
- ❖ The basis for the creation and monitoring of national agricultural policy measures
- ❖ Updating the Statistical Farm Register (SFR)



REPORTING UNITS AND SCOPE

All agricultural holdings on the territory of the Republic of Serbia which meet the criteria for an agricultural holding, and which are in the SFR

Updating of SFR

- ❖ Regular statistical surveys
- ❖ Administrative registers
- ❖ Information from the 2022 Census of population, households and dwellings – potential agricultural holdings



SUBJECT OF CENSUS

Structural data of agricultural holdings:

Basic indicators

- ❖ Land by categories of use
- ❖ Livestock by types and categories
- ❖ Labour force
- ❖ Organic production
- ❖ Other data of the holdings



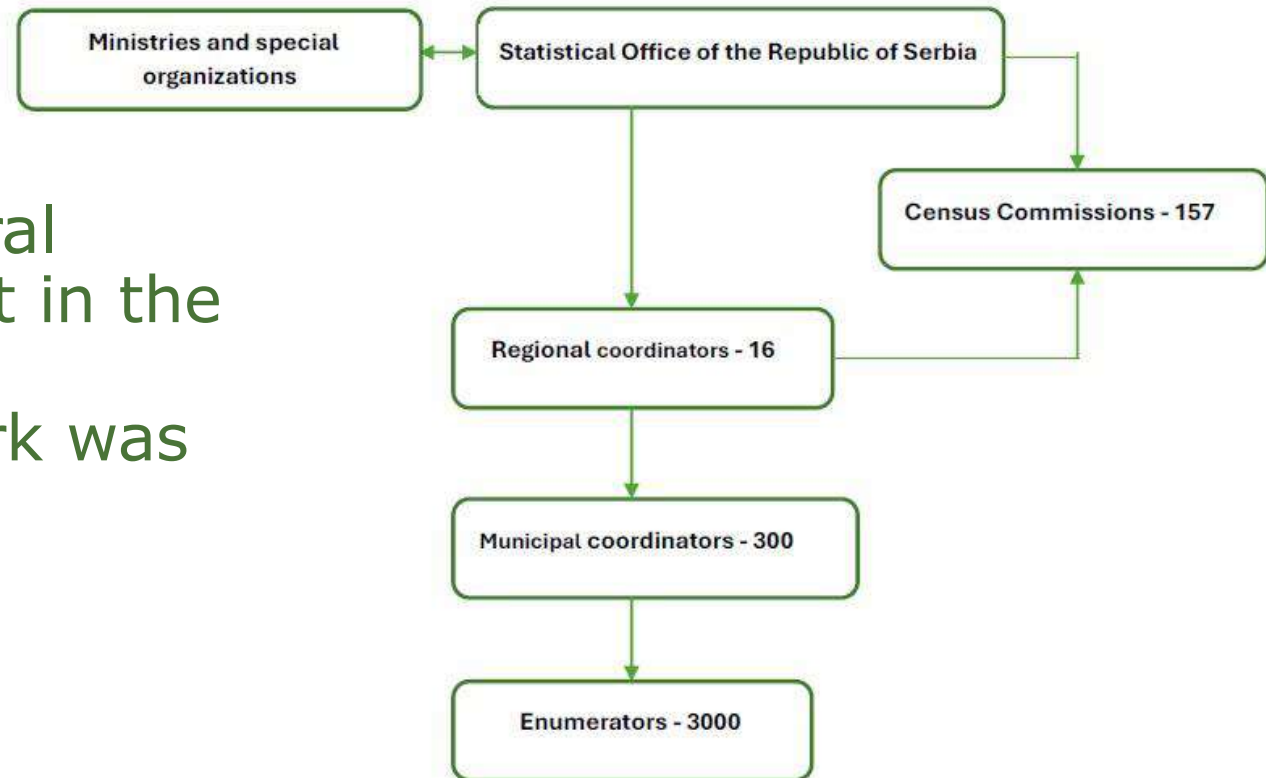
Indicators collected on the sample - Modules

- ❖ Orchards and vineyards - age and density of planting for apples, pears, peaches, apricots and nectarines
- ❖ Irrigation
- ❖ Manure management
- ❖ Animal housing
- ❖ Mechanization, equipment and facilities
- ❖ Cultivation and maintenance of land



ORGANIZATIONAL SCHEME

The census of agricultural holdings was carried out in the field by about 3000 enumerators whose work was controlled by about 300 municipal coordinators





TRAINING OF CENSUS PERFORMERS

The training was organized in several levels for:

- ❖ Regional coordinators
- ❖ Municipal coordinators
- ❖ Enumerators and members of Census Commissions



DATA COLLECTION METHOD

- ❖ Interview in the field - data entered directly into the electronic Questionnaire on a laptop (**CAPI method**)
- ❖ Self-enumeration – holdings with the status of a legal entity by entering data into the web-Questionnaire (**CAWI method**)
- ❖ Administrative sources - records of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
 - data on organic production
 - applied measures of rural development



DATA QUALITY CONTROL

Immediately after the Census, the Post-Census survey was conducted by re-enumeration of households in the selected enumeration areas

The main goal of this survey is to collect data based on which the error in coverage of census units and errors in answers to selected census questions is evaluated



DATA PROCESSING AND PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

SORS processes and publishes data in the dissemination database on the SORS website, as well as in special studies

Census results

- The first results were published on January 30, 2024
- The final results will be published successively until December 31, 2025



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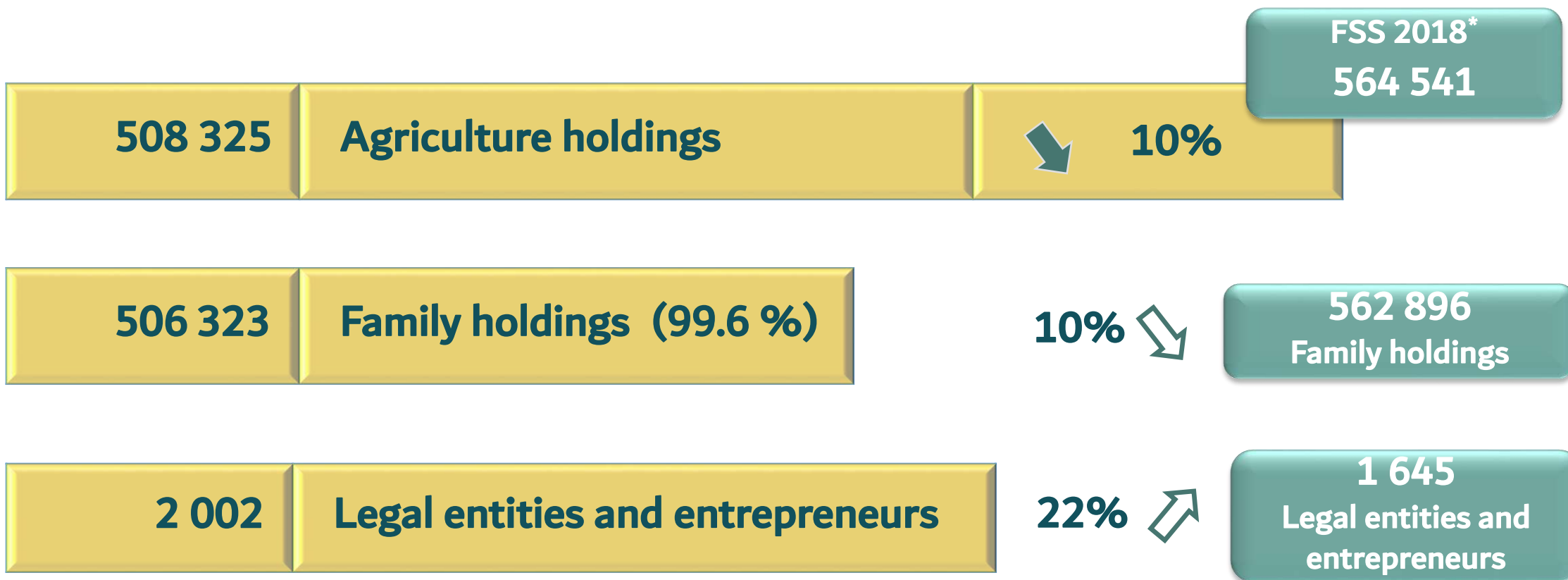


Results of 2023 Census of Agriculture – basic indicators

- Agricultural holdings
- Utilized Agricultural Area
- Livestock and bees
- Irrigation
- Agricultural machinery
- Labour Force in agriculture



Agriculture holdings



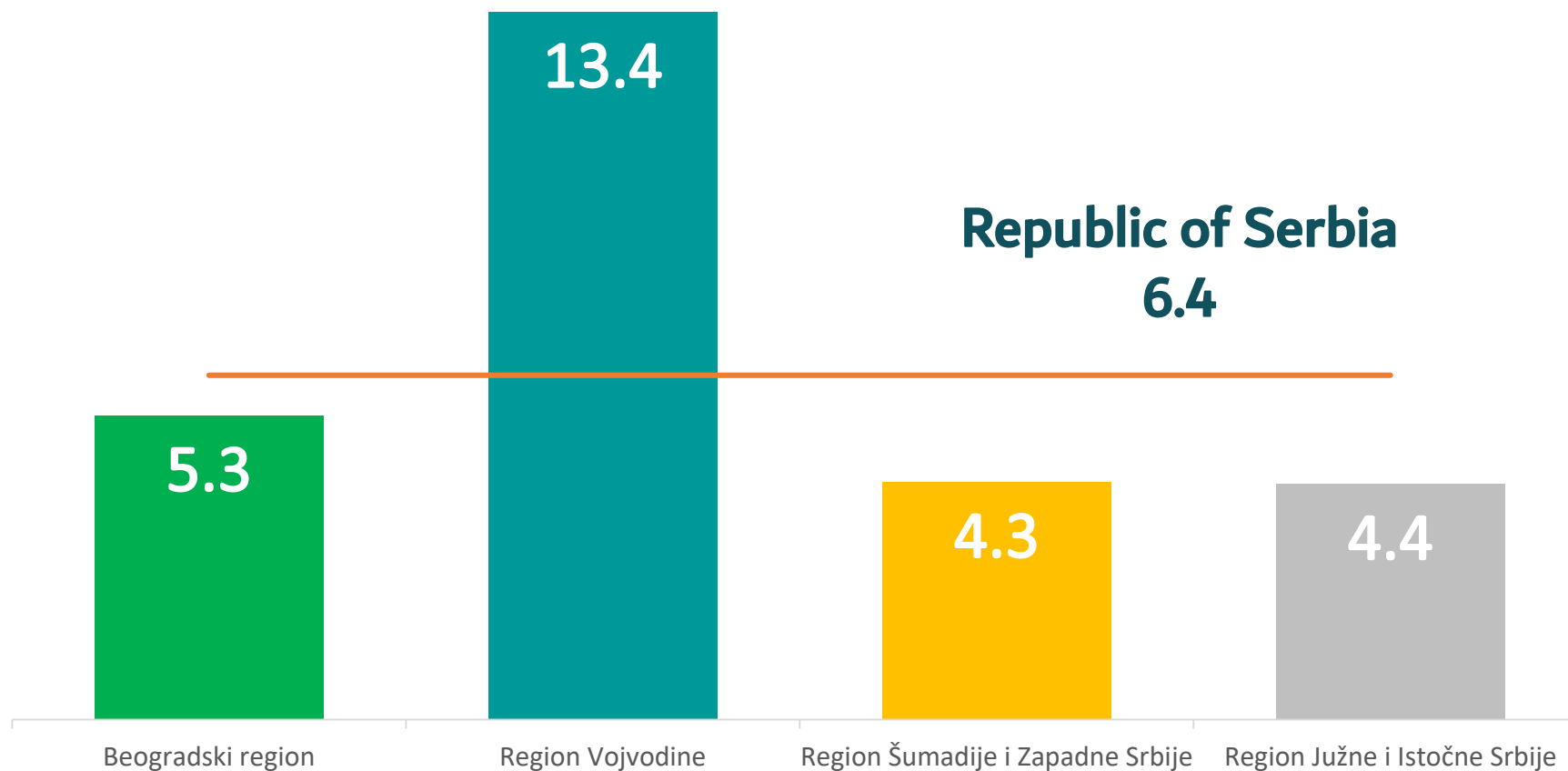


Land of holdings



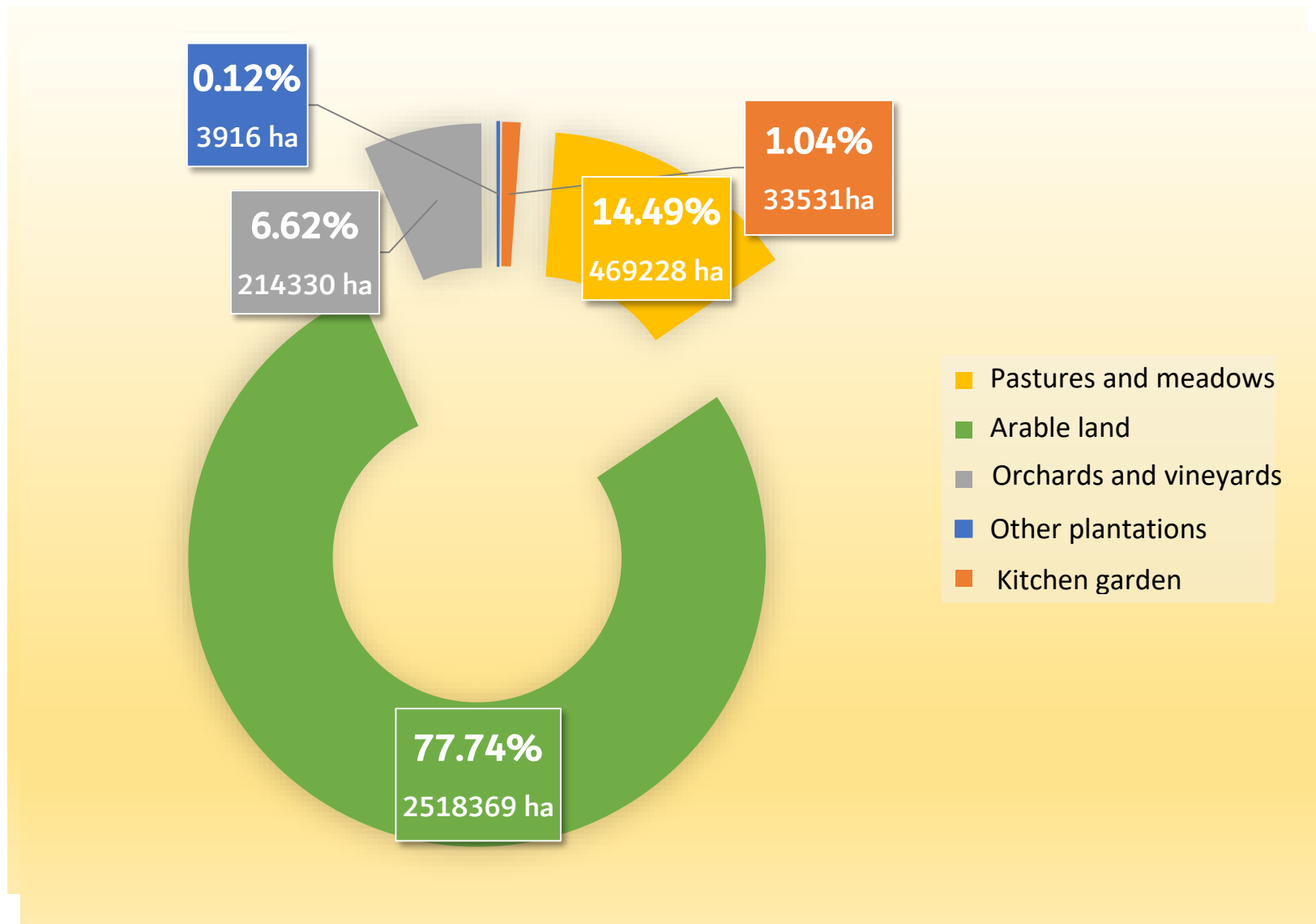


Average area UAA per holding (ha)



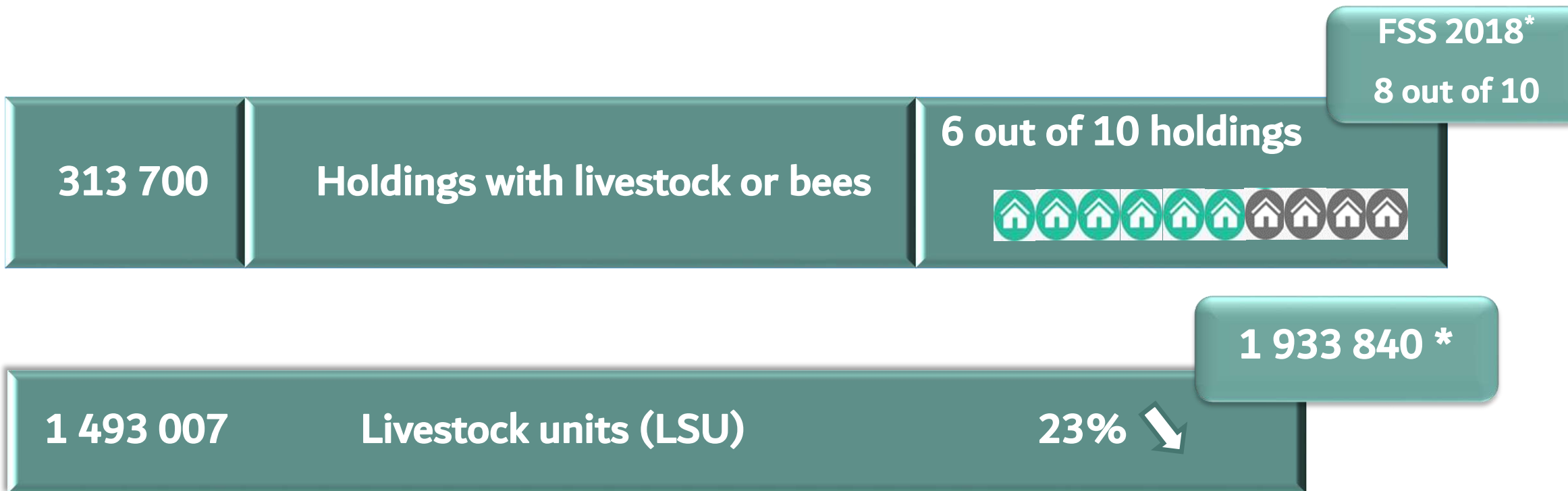


Structure of Utilized Agricultural Area





Livestock and bees





Livestock and bee hives, number

FSS 2018*

725 408	Cattle	↓	17.7%
2 263 705	Pigs	↓	30.7%
1 702 682	Sheep	↓	5.4%
149 558	Goats	↓	31.5%
21 604 439	Poultry	↓	6.8%
1 261 323	Bee hives	↑	38.0%

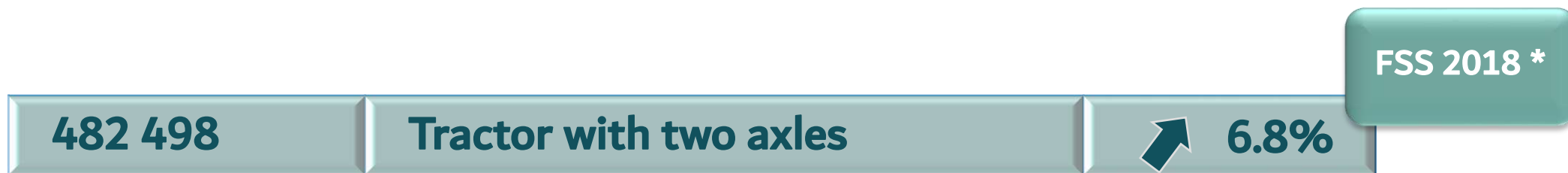


Irrigated area





Machinery



- ✓ 73.8% tractors and 64.6% combine harvesters are older than 20 years
- ✓ On average, one tractor cultivates 6.7 ha of UAA
- ✓ On average, 3 livestock units come to one tractor

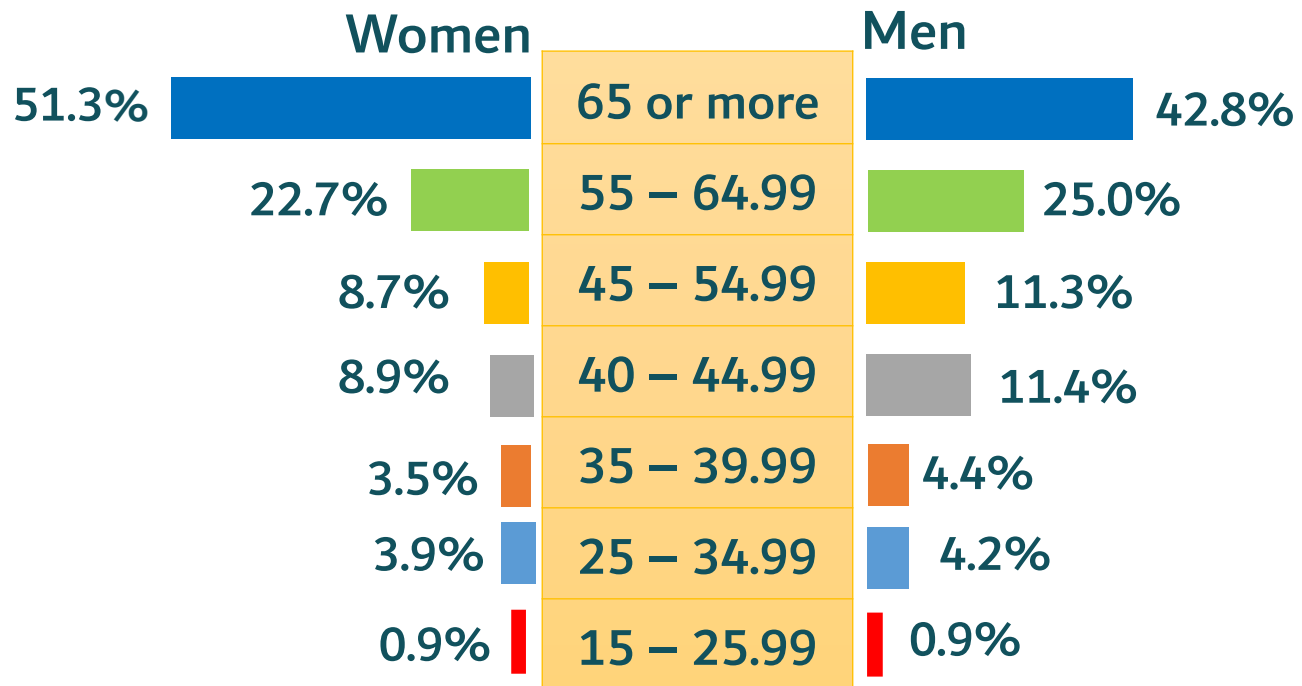


Agriculture Labour Force on the holdings

	2023 Census of Agriculture Number of persons	FSS 2018* Number of persons	↑↓
Total	1 157 319	1 336 940	↓ 13.4%
Men	667 977 (57.7%)	774 920	↓ 13.8%
Women	489 342 (42.3%)	562 020	↓ 12.9%



Holders of family holdings



Total number of Annual Working Units (AWU): **502318**



Average agriculture holding in the Republic of Serbia



1



4



3



43



2



6.4 ha



1



- ❑ The final results of the 2023 Census of Agriculture will be published in the dissemination database on the SORS website: www.stat.gov.rs successively during 2024, and by the end of 2025 at the latest
- ❑ Special publications with an analysis of the situation in the field of agriculture will be available in the first half of 2025