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The Fifth session of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee

The Fifth session of the Monitoring Committee for monitoring of the IPARD III Programme implementation (IPARD III Monitoring Committee) was held on 18th June 2025 at the Palace of Serbia in Belgrade.

In the introductory part of the session, the participants were addressed by the State Secretary Stana Božović, on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Prof. PhD Dragan Glamočić. The State Secretary emphasised that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management will continue to make great efforts to ensure that IPARD funds reach the end recipients. She briefly presented the activities carried out and announced plans for the coming period.

Furthermore, in the introductory part of the session, the Deputy Head of Unit G.4 – Neighbourhood, Enlargement and Pre – Accession Assistance, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission, Vincent Cordonnier, addressed the participants. In the continuation of the session, Anna Nowak-Wood, from the Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission, informed participants on current status of IPARD programmes implementation in the candidate countries for the membership in the European Union, while Jasmina Miljković, Head of the IPARD Managing Authority, reported on the main activities carried out between the two Monitoring Committee sessions.

Slobodan Nikolovski, the Director of the Directorate for Agrarian Payments, presented the results achieved during the IPARD Programme implementation, as well as plans and activities for the coming period. The IPARD III Monitoring Committee members were presented with the Action Plan for the Entrustment of New Measures, followed by the modification to the Action Plan for Technical Assistance for 2025, the realisation of the Plan for Visibility and Communication Activities under the IPARD III Programme, as well as the activities of the Audit Authority.



In addition to the IPARD III Monitoring Committee members, the session was also attended by representatives of the European Commission, the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of European Integration, the Governmental Audit Office of EU Funds and others.



As part of the activities of the Fifth session of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee, representatives of the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) of the European Commission and the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia, together with representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management - IPARD Managing Authority and the IPARD Agency, visited the recipients of the IPARD II Programme support. On this occasion, the Ethno Village “Mićević”, Mionica, Radobić settlement, of recipient Ranka Popovac was visited. She realised the investment under Measure 7: Farm diversification and business development. The recipient of IPARD support submitted an application for the construction and equipping of a catering facility under the Second Public Call for Measure 7.

During the field visit, the Rural Tourist Household “Ognjište Obradovića” of Miljojka Obradović, located in the village of Podbukovi - Divčibare, Valjevo, was also visited. The agricultural holding has already been involved in rural tourism, with categorised facilities with a total of eight beds. Furthermore, “Jokić butchery” was visited as recipient of IPARD funds under Measure 3: Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products. In 2021, “Jokić butchery” modernised and expanded its production by reconstructing and equipping meat processing and meat production facility based on the application for IPARD support submitted under the Fourth Public Call for Measure 3.



Participation of the IPARD Managing Authority at the 92nd International Agricultural Fair in Novi Sad

Agro Talk: IPARD measures – presentation & IPARD recipients

At the 92nd International Agricultural Fair in Novi Sad, an info session “Agro Talk: IPARD Measures – Presentation & IPARD Recipients” was held at the EU Pavilion on Monday, 19th May 2025. Representatives of the IPARD Managing Authority, representatives of the IPARD Agency, as well as the recipient of Measure 1 of the IPARD II Programme participated in the info session. The current status of the IPARD III Programme implementation, as well as plans for entrustment and implementation of non-entrusted measures of the IPARD III Programme were presented to the attendees.

The recipient of the IPARD II Programme shared his experiences related to exercising his rights to IPARD support and invited all those present to submit an application for IPARD support, given that his agricultural holding has significantly been improved through IPARD support.

Subsidies in focus – conversations with farmers

The conference “Subsidies in Focus – Conversations with Farmers” was held on 20th May 2025, at the 92nd International Agricultural Fair in Novi Sad. The conference was dedicated to current and upcoming public calls within the IPARD Programme, as well as support measures from the national budget.



The opening address was given by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Prof. PhD Dragan Glamočić.

Agricultural producers and consultants received practical advices and answers to questions related to the IPARD Programme measures implementation, related to public calls, publication of ranking lists for published public calls, documentation that is submitted within requests for project approval, as well as other topics, in direct conversations with the Head of the IPARD Managing Authority, the Director of the IPARD Agency and his assistants.

Ranking list for the First Public Call for IPARD III Programme Measure 1

The IPARD Agency published, on 10th June 2025, the Ranking list of requests for project approval submitted under the First Public Call for Submission of Requests for Project Approval for IPARD support for investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings in the construction and equipping of facilities, as well as the establishment of perennial production and mother plantations, within the IPARD III Programme.

The ranking list can be accessed via the following link: <https://uap.gov.rs/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Bodovna-lista-Prvi-poziv-Mera-1-IPARD-III.pdf>.

Ranking list for the Second Public Call for IPARD III Programme Measure 1

The IPARD Agency published, on 1 July 2025, the Ranking list of requests for project approval submitted under the Second Public Call for Submission of Requests for Project Approval for IPARD support for investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings in the purchasing of new tractors, within the IPARD III Programme.

The ranking list can be accessed via the following link: <https://uap.gov.rs/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Bodovna-lista-Drugi-poziv-Mera-1.pdf>.

The IPARD II Programme Final Implementation Report – Facts

The IPARD Managing Authority has prepared the Final Implementation Report on IPARD II Programme which contains information related to the rural development policy in the Republic of Serbia. The Final Report covers the entire implementation period of the IPARD II Programme, including overview of activities carried out during the last implementation year (2024).

The initially allocated European Union funds under the IPARD II Programme amount to EUR 175 m, while with national co-financing included the total initial Programme budget amounted to approx. EUR 230 m. During the Programme implementation period, 15 public calls were published, out of which 13 relate to investment-type measures (Measure 1: Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings – seven calls, Measure 3: Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products – four calls and Measure 7: Farm diversification and business development – two calls), while two calls relate to Measure 9: Technical Assistance.



Within the published IPARD calls, a total of 3,181 applications were submitted by potential recipients with requested IPARD support of EUR 409.1 m, out of which 1,556 applications were approved in the amount of EUR 197.4 m, and 1,233 applications were paid in the amount of EUR 131.6 m. The total paid EU support amounts to EUR 98,710,447, which, in relation to the initially allocated budget of the European Union, represents an execution rate of 56.4%.

The largest share in the total paid IPARD support was achieved by Measure 1 (64.3%), followed by Measure 3 (24.4%), while a significantly smaller share in the total amount of paid IPARD support was achieved by Measure 7 (11.3%), and especially Measure 9 (0.02%). The dominant sectors in terms of IPARD realizations are the Other Crops Sector and the Fruit and Vegetables Sector, whereby the largest share in the total amount of paid IPARD support was achieved by individual farmers (51.8%) and companies (42.1%). Tractors represent the dominant type of investment under Measure 1 (predominantly Other Crops Sector), while investments in the modernization of processing and packaging equipment within the Fruit and Vegetable Processing Sector represent the most common type of IPARD investment under Measure 3. The largest number of paid applications and amount of IPARD support was realized in the Vojvodina Region (862 paid applications in the amount of support of EUR 72.4 m), which is to the greatest extent contributed by the dominant participation of the Srem and South Bačka administrative districts (EUR 38.2 m) in the total paid IPARD support.



During the IPARD II Programme implementation period, a total of 903 applications (28.4%) were rejected and withdrawn by the applicant, with the amount of IPARD support of EUR 134.8 m, that represents 33.0% of the total requested IPARD support and 58.6% of the allocated Programme budget. The most common reasons for rejection of applications relate to failure to meet the conditions related to the investment criteria and failure to submit the requested documentation after receiving the request for supplementation.

Support to young farmers was achieved through the payment of 750 projects in the amount of EUR 53.6 m of IPARD support (23.0% of the Programme budget), and to women farm holders through the payment of 461 projects in the amount of EUR 31.8 m of IPARD support (13.6% of the Programme budget), while recipients from areas with difficult working conditions in agriculture were supported with 294 paid projects through the IPARD II Programme, in the amount of EUR 35.2 m of paid IPARD support, which represents 15.1% of the Programme budget.

The final results and impact of the IPARD II Programme of the Republic of Serbia will be assessed within the ex-post evaluation, which is planned for the second half of 2025.

Example of good practice from IPARD II Programme

Miljojka Obradović, “Ognjište Obradovića”

The rural tourist household of Miljojka Obradović is located in the village of Podbukovi - Divčibare, Valjevo. Before participating in the IPARD Programme, the household was already engaged in rural tourism, as categorized facilities with 8 beds.

The household also owns a services facility of 200 m², with an 85 m² rental area that is used to accommodate larger visiting parties for one meal – usually lunch. They also produce natural pasteurized juices, homemade jams and winter salads. In addition to the facility, the farm consists of forests, an orchard, meadows and pastures, as well as a fishing pond.

Since the beginning of their business, they have hosted various events, so they have been covered by the media both in newspapers and on television. The household is a founder and member of the Hosts' Association and participated in the activities of the Mushroom growers' society, as well as other societies.



The number of overnight stays in 2018 was 380, 404 in 2019 and 503 in 2020.

The number of hikers and other organized groups coming for a one-day vacation and lunch in 2018 was 985, 1160 in 2019 and 1360 in 2020. Majority of guests are from Belgrade and Novi Sad.

With the IPARD support, Miljojka expanded its accommodation capacity by construction and equipping a categorized wooden building with water supply and sewage system, measuring 39.74 m², with four beds (two beds – one double bed and one bed with the possibility of a pull-out bed) and accompanying equipment (furniture, television equipment, satellite receivers, radio, audio equipment, machines and equipment for washing, drying, ironing).

Investments in water supply and electricity equipment, including an electric generator, heating, ventilation, sewage and air conditioning, and equipment for sanitary facilities, are also supported.

The request for project approval was submitted on 8th June 2020, within the First Public Call under Measure 7. The project was approved on 20th May 2022 (non-eligible expenditures for technical documentation and conceptual design). The investment is implemented in a short period of time and the request for final payment approval was submitted on 4th December 2023. The total value of the investment is EUR 50,529.43.



Final payment was made on 29th March 2024, in the total amount of EUR 28,186.02 (EU contribution EUR 21,139.51, national contribution EUR 7,046.51).

With the construction of these capacities and planned new investments, the number of overnight stays as well as the length of stays shall increase from two and a half days to five.

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