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IPARD III Programme

The preparation of the IPARD III Programme for the period 2021-2027 is ongoing!

The IPARD Managing Authority is working hard on the preparation of the IPARD III Programme and the first drafts of particular chapters are already submitted to the European Commission (EC) in February. In accordance with guidelines provided by the EC, the first draft of the IPARD III Programme is expected by the end of March this year. The submission of the final version is envisaged in September, while the approval of the IPARD III Programme by the EC is expected in November 2021. In order to have a high quality preparation of the IPARD III Programme, it is necessary to engage the ex-ante evaluator, to maintain communication process with representatives of the EC, as well as with all stakeholders.

NEW PROGRAMMING PERIOD – NEW MEASURES

The Republic of Serbia has decided to implement seven measures under the IPARD III Programme, based on the set of 13 measures available to the candidate countries for EU membership.

A novelty in relation to the IPARD II Programme is Measure 6: Investments in rural public infrastructure. In cooperation with the SCTM and with the help of experts the “Analysis of the capacity of local self-government units, challenges and opportunities for the use of funds from the IPARD Programme, as well as the current state of rural infrastructure” was performed and based on it the Measure 6 is being prepared. The results of analysis show that communal infrastructure in settlements in rural areas is in a significantly worse condition compared to urban settlements. Significant problems in rural areas are the quality and quantity of delivered water, large number of households without connection to public sewerage systems, the wastewater treatments, waste collection, undeveloped network of local roads or inadequate maintenance of the existing ones. The improvement of rural infrastructure contributes to the improvement of quality of life and conditions for business development in rural areas. The potential recipients of Measure 6 are the local-self-government units that will be able to recover 100% of eligible expenditures of investment.

In addition to this measure, to the potential IPARD recipients will be available Measure 1: Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings, Measure 3: Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products, Measure 4: Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure, Measure 5: Implementation of Local Development Strategies - LEADER approach, Measure 7: Farm diversification and business development and Measure 9: Technical Assistance, as a measure for strengthening of capacities and provision of support in implementation of the IPARD III Programme. Based on conducted sectoral analyses in order to identify current situation and needs of the agricultural sector, it is planned to introduce new sectors: Fishery sector within Measure 1 and Fishery processing sector and Other crops processing sector within Measure 3. Also, based on the conducted analysis for Measure 7, in addition to rural tourism, new sectors are planned within the IPARD III Programme, namely: Direct sales of agricultural and local products and the Sector of service activities in rural areas.

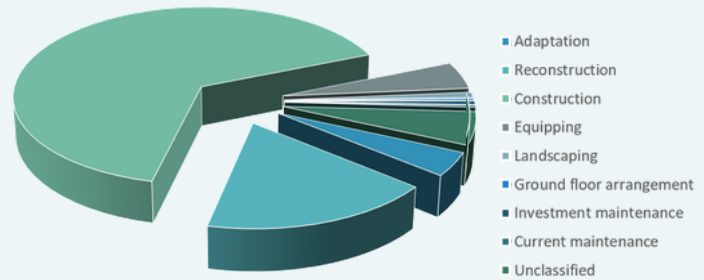
The IPARD III funds are intended for the investments in procurement of equipment and mechanization, construction and reconstruction of facilities. The aim of these investments are meeting European standards in the fields of hygiene, food safety, animal welfare and environmental protection, empower the farmers for better product placement on the EU market, as well as preparation of farmers for using European funds that will be available to farmers through EU membership.



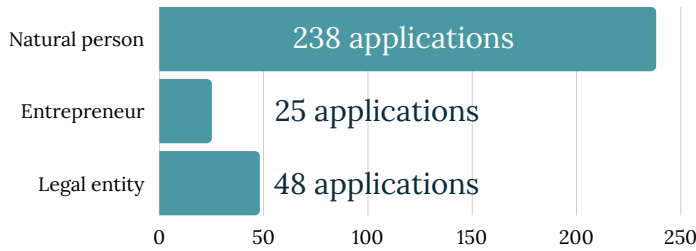
Review of the First Public Call for IPARD Measure 7

The First Public Call for IPARD Measure 7 was announced on 8th June 2020 with the deadline for submission of applications in the period from 1st July to 30th October. The first data related to the submitted applications under the Public Call for IPARD Measure 7, indicate a significant interest of potential recipients for investments in the of rural tourism development, which is evidenced by 311 submitted applications with the requested support approx. EUR 71.9 million. The allocated budget for this Public Call is approx. EUR 20 million, the requested support by potential recipients, based on number of submitted application, is more than three times higher than the allocated funds. The published ranking list of potential recipients can be downloaded [HERE](#).

The greatest interest of potential recipients, observed by type of investment, is shown for the construction, adaptation and reconstruction of facilities for providing tourist, i.e. catering services, with a share of 87.14% in the total number of submitted applications, while the investments in machinery, mechanization and equipment participate with approx. 5%.



SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS PER TYPE OF RECIPIENT



140 APPLICATIONS WITHIN FIRST PUBLIC CALL FOR IPARD MEASURE 7 IS SUBMITTED BY WOMEN

NUMBER OF SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR IPARD MEASURE 7 PER ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT



THE LARGEST NUMBER OF SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR IPARD MEASURE 7 IS FROM THE ZLATIBOR DISTRICT

OUT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS 20% IS FROM SREM AND MORAVICA DISTRICT

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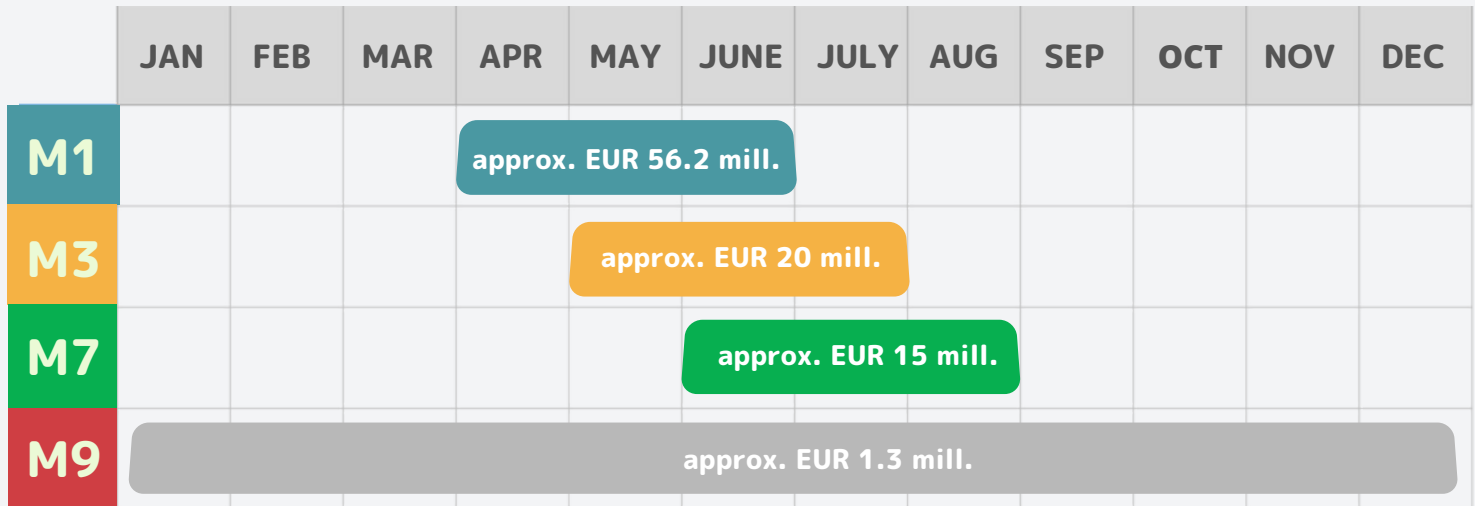
- <10 submitted applications
- 10-20 submitted applications
- 20-50 submitted applications
- >50 submitted applications

Observed by territorial distribution of the submitted applications, the largest share in the total number of submitted applications is realized by the Zlatibor administrative district (25%), followed by Srem, Moravica, Kolubara, Šumadija and Raška administrative district, with more than 15 submitted applications.

The good news is that, due to the great interest, the Second Public Call for IPARD Measure 7 is planned to be announced in June 2021, with a planned budget of approx. EUR 15 million and opened Public Call by the end of August, that would provide enough time for preparation of the project to the potential recipients.

The IPARD Managing Authority is obliged to publish the Indicative Plan of IPARD Public Calls by 15th January every year.

INDICATIVE PLAN OF IPARD PUBLIC CALLS FOR 2021



The notice on the start of drafting the Law on Amendments to the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development

With the amendments to the Sectoral Agreement, the European Commission, enables paying subsidies in advance to the beneficiary's countries of the IPARD fund. In the Republic of Serbia this can be expected after the adoption of amendments to the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development and bylaws.

Entering into force of the amendments to the Sectoral Agreement between the Government of RS and the EC, the recipients of IPARD subsidies are enabled to pay in advance in the amount of up to 50%, which initiated the beginning of work on drafting the Law on Amendments to the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development. The introduction of an advance payment in the amount of up to 50% of the approved investment will provide a significant amount of financial resources for the realization of the approved investment to the IPARD recipients. In addition, the implementation of the advance payment will have a positive effect on the better absorption of the EU financial contribution and reduction of the risk of funds de-commitment to the European Union.

The advance payment will enable the recipients of IPARD subsidies to receive support of up to 50% of the amount defined and approved by the Decision on project approval, after the approval of the project, with the submission of a bank guarantee.

In addition, the Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development will also refer to prescribing mandatory documentation when submitting applications for IPARD subsidies, further definition of IACS and LPIS payment control systems in agriculture and rural development, definition of IPARD measure Technical Assistance and the LEADER measure under the IPARD Programme.



Source: Swiss-Serbian Intellectual Property Project Phase II (SSIP II)

The example of a good project:

Marko Čarnić from the Vojvodina Region, participated in the First Public Call for submission of applications for project approval for IPARD subsidies for investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings for the procurement of new equipment, machinery and mechanization. With the IPARD support, he procured a line for washing and packing carrots.

In 1980, Marko Čarnić started vegetables production, as an additional activity, on 2.5 ha of leased Banat land. His wife and he left the job of traders in 1999 and expanded the production of vegetables with a delayed sale time, such as beans and ground peppers, to 50 ha, and they also produced corn.

Initially, they placed their products on green markets, so the biggest step in their development was the “entry” into mega markets and expansion on production capacities by leasing the state land. Now, Marko has 40 ha under carrots on which he annually produces from 80 to 100 t of this vegetable. Most of the products, approx. 80%, is exported, while 10% is redeemed by the retail chain “Delhaize”.

Marko collected his experiences and guidelines for good investment from countries with developed agriculture such as the Netherlands, Poland, Israel... According to his opinion, the market requires constant cost reduction. Thus, due to savings, Marko invested in a modern drip irrigation system, as well as in his own cold storage, because the rental price for that volume of production was too high. The carrot washing line has brought him a significant reduction of the need for labor hired for that job, which is very difficult to find in recent years. With IPARD support, he has completed his line with a hydrocooler that enables stable production even in conditions of high summer temperatures and extends the shelf life of the product up to four times.



Marko was already familiar with the IPARD Programme possibilities, he had a prepared project and he was just waiting for the announcement of the Public Call to which he was among the first to applicants. Marko is very satisfied with the provided support in the process of IPARD subsidies receiving. Cooperation does not end here. Marko Čarnić wants to make additional savings in the production process by introducing renewable energy sources, i.e. solar panels.

One click to first-hand information

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