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Tenth session of the IPARD II Monitoring Committee

The Tenth session of the Monitoring Committee of the IPARD II Programme Implementation (IPARD II Monitoring Committee) was held on 14th December 2022, in Belgrade. The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Mrs. Jelena Tanasković, addressed the participants in the introductory part of the session and emphasized the importance of the IPARD Programme.

At the Tenth Session, the achieved results in the implementation of IPARD subsidies were discussed, also the Audit System Report for 2022 was presented, as well as the proposal of the Action Plan for Technical Assistance for 2023, which was adopted by the IPARD II Monitoring Committee members. Also, representatives of the European Commission informed the Monitoring Committee members regarding the new guidelines for communication and visibility within the IPARD III Programme.

The Republic of Serbia has been implementing the IPARD II Programme since December 2017, until 13th December this year, thirteen public calls for investment measures were published and closed. A total of 650 IPARD projects were paid in the amount of EUR 45.92 million, out of which the EU contribution is EUR 34.44 million. Out of the total number of paid IPARD projects, 28 applications were paid in advance in the amount of EUR 4.21 million, with the EU contribution amounting to EUR 3.15 million.



In addition to the members of the IPARD II Monitoring Committee, the session was 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.

Retrospective of the IPARD II Programme - Announcement of the IPARD III Programme - Example of a successful project



The event “Retrospective of the IPARD II Programme - Announcement of the IPARD III Programme - Example of a successful project”, was held on 24th November, 2022 in Novi Sad, organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vojvodina. On that occasion, the results achieved in the implementation of the IPARD II Programme were presented, as well as planned activities for the next programming period. Participants had the opportunity to get „first-hand” information on EU assistance in the field of agriculture and rural development to the Republic of Serbia. Furthermore, the example of successful project from the IPARD II Programme was presented by Nikola Kotarac, director of the Agricultural Cooperative „Voćar Slankamen”. Representatives of the IPARD Managing Authority presented the possibilities of the new IPARD III Programme within pre-accession assistance of the European Union. With their questions and suggestions, participants have contributed to the active discussion during the event.



STATUS IN PREPARATION FOR THE IPARD III PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION



Serbian Parliament has adopted the Law on ratification of Financial Framework Partnership Agreement (FFPA) between the European Commission and the Republic of Serbia represented by the Government of the Republic of Serbia on specific arrangements for implementation of Union financial assistance to the Republic of Serbia under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) (“Official Gazette of the RS”, No. 6 of 12th December 2022). Purpose of FFPA is to assist IPA III beneficiary - the Republic of Serbia, in adopting and implementing the political, institutional, legal, administrative, social and economic reforms required to comply with Union values and to progressively align with Union rules, standards, policies and practices with a view to Union membership.

The next step in the IPARD III implementation preparatory process is signing of the Sectoral Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the European Commission setting out provisions for the management and implementation of Union financial assistance to the Republic of Serbia under the rural development programme of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPARD III). This Agreement complements the FFPA and lays down specific provisions for the management and implementation of the assistance under the IPARD III Programme.

MEASURE 4 OF THE IPARD III PROGRAMME – EDUCATION OF AGRICULTURAL ADVISORS

Trainings on the Agro-environment measures in adaptation to climate change, as a part of support for the implementation of Measure 4 of the IPARD III Programme, “Agri-environment climate and organic farming measure”, were held in December 2022 in Belgrade and Niš, supported by the European Union project “Strengthening Disaster Resilience in Agricultural sector” implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. IPARD Managing Authority, Institute for the Application of Science in Agriculture Belgrade, and AgroNet - Center for Education and Research participated in the organization of trainings, in the cooperation with the Provincial Secretariat for Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of AP Vojvodina.

Agricultural advisors of the Agricultural Advisory System of Central Serbia and AP Vojvodina were participants at the workshops.



Through theoretical lectures, the advisors got acquainted with the basic elements and requirements of IPARD Measure 4 - Agri-environment climate and organic farming measure, the methodological approach for calculating the effects of operations and the requirements and obligations of operations, agronomic assumptions about how the implementation of Measure 4 will affect the production and income of the farm and alternative solutions for adapting production to the conditions of the measure. Participants discussed open issues and gave their proposals and suggestions within the work in four groups. The trainings ended with the presentation of the results and conclusions of the working groups.



WORKSHOP ON RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE MEASURE

One-day Workshop on rural infrastructure measure, organized by the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South-Eastern Europe (SWG) and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), was held in November 2022 in Zagreb in the premises of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia. The workshop was held with the presence of representatives of the Managing Authorities of the Republic of Serbia, Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia and Republic of Albania. The aim of the workshop was to acquaint the representatives of Western Balkan countries Managing Authorities with the experiences of the Republic of Croatia in implementing the Rural infrastructure measure during the IPARD Programme implementation and within the framework of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Representatives of the Managing Authority and Paying Agency in Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of the Republic of Croatia presented at the workshop the experiences gained during the preparation of this measure, the challenges they faced during implementation, as well as examples of successful practice.



The start of implementation of Measure 6 - Investments in rural public infrastructure of the IPARD III Programme for the Republic of Serbia is planned for 2024.



IPARD MEASURE 5 PRESENTATION IN ZRENJANIN

Regular assembly of Network of local action groups of Serbia was held of 15th of December in Zrenjanin. On the assembly, beside representatives of the Network, were present representatives of the associations that plan to get involved in process of forming of potential LAGs, city of Zrenjanin, on which territory is located area of three potential LAGs, as well as representatives of Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities and IPARD Managing Authority. On this occasion, representatives of the Network presented results of their up to date experience exchange



Present participants were introduced with IPARD Measure 5 – Implementation of local development strategies – LEADER approach. Focus was on the amount of the support available for LAGs in IPARD III Programme, specific eligibility criteria for selection of LAGs, eligible activities within Measure 5, and on evaluation of local development strategy. In discussion, the talk was about differences in compresence to LEADER like measure that is being implemented and financed through the national budget, and about activities for the upcoming period from perspective of the IPARD Managing Authority regarding implementation of this measure.

EXAMPLE OF GOOD PRACTICE

Slavko Vukov (39) is an individual agricultural producer from Stari Žednik, Subotica. In the Register of Agricultural Holdings, he registered slightly over 26 hectares of crops, primarily commercial rape seed, but also mercantile corn, wheat and clover. Furthermore, he has 78 cattle registered in the livestock structure.

In order to improve production and modernize the agricultural machinery, Slavko decided to obtain additional funds through Measure 1 - Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings of the IPARD Programme in the meat sector - cattle. He participated in three Public Calls for IPARD funds and submitted three applications.



As a part of the Second Public Call for Measure 1, he has submitted an application for the purchase of a new tractor. The total value of the investment was slightly more than EUR 69,000, for which he received approximately EUR 45,000 of IPARD support, of which the EU contribution was approx. EUR 34,000.

Slavko Vukov has obtained support for the purchase of a round baler machine through the Third Public Call for IPARD Measure 1. The total value of the investment amounted almost EUR 38,000, where EUR 24,700 of support was paid, of which the EU contribution was approx. EUR 18,500.

At the Sixth public call for Measure 1, he submitted an application for the purchase of a telescopic handler. The total value of the investment was slightly over EUR 69,000, whereby Slavko was paid support of almost EUR 47,800, of which the EU contribution was about EUR 35,800.

The farm of the hardworking Slavko Vukov and his family was also visited by the ambassador of the European Union in Serbia, Emanuele Giaufret, during December 2022. On that occasion, Slavko stated that by purchasing machines that speed up and facilitate the work on his farm, primarily because they are new and of high quality, the IPARD Programme provided him with important support and the opportunity to plan the further development of the farm.



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