Key steps of planning and programming for Component V, Rural Development

Unit “Pre-accession assistance to agriculture and rural development”, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
• IPA – Policy framework and Programming
• Institutional set-up for the IPARD
• Timeframe and What next?
• IPA – Integrated Pre-Accession Instrument to assist candidate and potential candidate countries

• Replaces 5 different programmes and instruments: PHARE, ISPA, SAPARD, CARDS and Turkey pre-accession instruments

• Financial envelope allocated for the period 2007–2013 – EUR 10.2 billion

• Has five components
Main steps towards the IPARD

Receiving of a "Candidate Country" status

Adoption of IPA Rural Development Programme

Framework and Sectoral Agreements

National accreditation of IPARD operational structures

Accreditation and conferral of management decision

Multi-annual Financing Agreement
Rural development component (IPARD)

Main objectives:

• To prepare countries for the implementation and management of the Common Agricultural Policy
• Contribute to the sustainable adaptation of the agricultural sector and rural areas

Multi-annual rural development programme

Three “axes” containing 9 “measures”
Priority Axes

- **Axis 1** Improving Market Efficiency and Implementation of Community Standards

- **Axis 2** Preparatory Actions for Implementation of the Agri-environmental Measures and Leader

- **Axis 3** Development of the Rural Economy
Axis 1 - Improving market efficiency and implementation of Community standards

- Investments in agricultural holdings to restructure and to upgrade to Community standards
- Support for the setting-up of producer groups
- Investments in the processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products to restructure those activities and to upgrade them to Community standards
Axis 2 - Preparatory actions for implementation of the agri-environmental measures and local rural development strategies

- Actions to improve the environment and the countryside
- Preparation and implementation of local rural development strategies
Axis 3 – Development of the rural economy

- Improvement and development of rural infrastructure
- Diversification and development of rural economic activities
- Improvement of training

- **Technical assistance** – preparation, monitoring, evaluation, information and control activities for the implementation of the programme
IPA – Policy framework and Programming

Programme (Art. 184 of Reg. 718/2007)

• Drawn up at the national level
• Contains measures available under the rural development component, IPARD
• Prepared by the authorities designated by the beneficiary country
• Submitted to the Commission after consulting the appropriate parties
Co-financing principle

SAPARD = IPARD

- EU contribution up to 75% of public aid
- Public aid up to 50% of total eligible costs of the investment
- National contribution: 25% of public aid
- Private contribution
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Institutional set-up

Structures and authorities to be put in place

Common for all IPA components:

• National IPA Co-ordinator NIPAC
• National Authorising Officer NAO
• National Fund NF

IPARD-specific:

• Operating Structure consisting from Managing Authority and IPARD Agency
• Audit Authority AA
IPARD structures

European Commission

IPA Monitoring Committee

National IPA Coordinator

Competent Accrediting Officer

Audit Authority

IPARD Monitoring Committee

National Authorising Officer

National Fund

Managing Authority

IPARD Agency

Internal Audit

Regional Offices

Delegated Bodies

Technical Bodies

FINAL BENEFICIARIES
### Functions of IPARD structures

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IPARD accreditation process

Competent Accrediting Officer

National Authorising Officer (NAO)

National Fund (NF)

Operating Structure

Audit Authority

Report/Certificate

External auditor

Pre-Accreditation Review

Conferral of Management

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Steps towards accession

- Pre-candidate period
  - prepare to implement pre-accession instruments

- Pre-accession period
  - prepare to implement CAP upon accession to the EU

- Membership
  - start implementing CAP
Timeframe: preparation

- Conferral granted
- Programme implementation starts

Starting preparation

Becoming a candidate country

1 Year
16 Months
34 Months
6 Months
9 Months
Our objective: to reduce the delay

Preparation may take from 2 to 3.5 years

Starting preparation

Becoming a candidate country

Years

Months

2

22 months

43 months

16

34

6

9

2

3
Pre-candidate period

• Establish **legal basis**

• **Build administrative capacity** for the future IPARD Agency and Managing Authority

• Establish farm register, land cadastre, rural census, statistics and advisory services

• Make credits for farmers and rural business available

• Support the organisation of civil society partners

• Establish ongoing **dialogue** with us
Pre-candidate period

Managing Authority / Programming

- To have a **National Strategy**
- **Use** Multi-annual Indicative Programming Document (MIPD)
- **Identify** key priorities / measures / sectors
- **Carry out** sector analysis of sectors covered in the Programme
- **Start** elaborating IPARD programme
Timeframe

Pre-candidate period

IPARD Agency / financial management

• To have a **legal basis**
• Identify **existing structures**
• **Review the accreditation criteria** in the Sectoral Agreement
• Determine to what extent the conditions for decentralised management are currently in place (**gap assessment**)
• Start preparations – do the “**gap plugging**”
Thank you for your attention 
and
Good luck!