



IPARD calls implementation in the Republic of Serbia

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Stage 1 - Before receiving the project applications





The First Public Calls

- The Public Call for IPARD subsidies for the investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings for the purchase of new equipment, machines and mechanization (Measure 1) was announced on 25th December 2017.
- The Public Call for IPARD subsidies for the investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings for the purchase of new tractor (Measure 1) was announced on 4th January 2018.

The Applications can be submitted until 26th February 2018. for both calls.





Informing potential beneficiaries

- The Guide for IPARD II beneficiaries for Measure 1 has been published
- Presentations for Advisory Services and consultants have been organized by Managing Authority, and relevant employees from the IPARD Agency took place in these workshops
- Support is primarily related to the process of preparing the necessary documentation by the potential beneficiary





Challenge

- Reaching a satisfying level of absorption of IPARD funds





Instruments for overcoming potential challenges

- Public campaign in media
- Quality trainings for Advisory Services and consultants
- Guide for Beneficiaries





Stage 2 - Assessment of project applications and contracting





Steps taken

On the road to getting the entrustment of the budget, we were dealing with addressing of audit findings, especially the blocking ones:

- Legal base for IPARD implementation,
- New premises of the IPARD Agency in accordance with ISO 27001 and ISO 27002,
- Cooperation with Technical bodies,
- Recruitment for vacancies,
- Reference price database (reasonableness of the costs).

Reports from the external and DG AGRI audit show that all blocking findings have been closed.

The finding regarding the Reference price database has been closed and assessed by additional external audit.





Challenge

- Implementation of the IPARD Programme is at the beginning, and potential difficulties are yet to come





Instruments for overcoming potential challenges

- Numerous trainings for employees have been conducted
- Expert experience from neighbouring countries has been used

Conducting the first calls will be the most important steering wheel for future activities, in the process of detecting weaknesses in which we shall have to put some additional effort.





THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

