

IPARD – feedback from the field





Visit of the region of Banat in Vojvodina

- 1. Predrag Stankovic, Bavanište - tobacco and herbal crop producer, cca. 70 ha**
- 2. Vladislav Gligorin in Pancevo – crop producer, cca 200 ha**
- 3. Petrov Petrov in Dobrica - Alibunar municipality – mixed farm with crop and livestock (9 cows and 50 sheep)**



A. Setting of the reference price for tractors

- Under IPARD you can buy only tractors with EURO3 and EURO4 engine, what means more environmentally friendly, more modern, but more expensive;
- The reference price was set based also on the offers for EURO1 and EURO2 tractors from the previous national calls, so the same engine category, but cheaper one with not so modern engine;
- The speculative increase of prices by the distributors since announcement of the call could be noticed also.



B. Nitrate and phosphate directives

- **Gap between the national and EU requirements is so huge as regards livestock that more thousand EUR investments are needed on the farms to be able to apply for IPARD;**
- **Are these directives interpreted correctly???**
- **More than 90% of current IPARD applicants are from crop production;**
- **Serbian standards were not gradually adapted to EU standards – missing step**



C. More farms on the same address

- **No general rule applicable, it is evaluated on case by case basis, but definitively a red flag;**
- **Farm structure adapted to the subvention policy – farms supported up to 20 ha => every member of the family above 18 has its own farm;**
- **Examples and clarifications necessary;**



D. Support for young farmers

- **Young farmers are prioritised under IPARD through the selection criteria;**
- **The "old" generation is staying – the young generation is leaving;**
- **More incentives and initiatives needed from the national budget too;**
- **IPARD III – specialised measure???**



E. Information campaigns

- **Still lot of "dirt" in the air – rumours, misinterpretation;**
- **Most efficient communication channels – TV, Radio?**
- **Continue with the information campaigns, cooperate with farmer's associations**



Thank you for your attention!