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Status on 1st Call - Albania

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IPARD II Program 2014-2020

- Total grant amount public support is **94,337,255 Euro** from which 75% EU contribution & 25% National Contribution
- The Program implementation through decentralized management

Year	EU contribution Euro							
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2014-2020
Total	-	-	13,000,000	14,000,000	12,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	71,000,000

Budget for the first call for application

First call for application was launched 30 November 2018 to 30 January 2019

The total budget dedicated for the first call for application is 50.3 million EURO from which 75% or 37.7 Million EURO EU contribution and 25% or 12.6 Million EURO National Contribution.

- **Measure 1: total budget 21.6 million EURO**
- **Measure 3: total budget 20.3 million EURO**
- **Measure 7: total budget 8.3 million EURO**

IPARD II- 2014-2020 – Applications on Call 1

Measure	Sector	Applic.	Tot Investments	Grant Requested
M1 – Inv in physical assets of agricultural holdings	M1 - Fruit and Vegetables	150	€ 25,739,569	€ 14,903,313
	M1 - Meat	8	€ 2,733,992	€ 1,591,654
	M1 - Milk	17	€ 4,684,128	€ 2,779,964
	M1 - Vineyard	14	€ 1,702,536	€ 1,086,509
M1 – Total		189	€ 34,860,224	€ 20,361,441
M3 – Inv . in physical assets - processing & marketing of agricultural & fishery products	M3 - Fruit and vegetables processing	31	€ 29,653,644	€ 14,229,650
	M3 - Meat processing	18	€ 18,216,401	€ 8,864,834
	M3 - Milk processing	5	€ 3,791,435	€ 1,813,556
	M3 - Wine	10	€ 5,107,792	€ 2,216,356
M3 – Total		64	€ 56,769,272	€ 27,124,396
M7 - Farm Diversification and Business Development	M7 - Handcrafts & manufacturing	1	€ 171,333	€ 111,366
	M7 - Nature and rural tourism sector	32	€ 10,038,090	€ 5,538,668
	M7 – On Farm Processing	3	€ 783,105	€ 491,302
	M7 - Processing & marketing medicinal & aromatic plants (MAPs), mushrooms, honey	10	€ 2,039,732	€ 1,160,174
	M7 - Production of MAPs, mushrooms, honey, ornamental plants & snails	13	€ 1,981,616	€ 1,161,776
	M7 - Services for rural population & business	3	€ 433,623	€ 274,895
	M7 –"Aquaculture" farms sector	2	€ 973,300	€ 582,757
M3 – Total		64	€ 16,420,799	€ 9,320,937
Grand Total		317	€ 108,050,296	€ 56,806,774

IPARD II- 2014-2020 – Actual Status - Call 1

Measure	Sector	Applic.	Tot Investments	Grant Requested
M1 – Inv in physical assets of agricultural holdings	M1 - Fruit and Vegetables	128	€ 23,491,306	€ 13,490,046
	M1 - Meat	6	€ 2,458,242	€ 1,442,290
	M1 - Milk	16	€ 4,636,664	€ 2,732,500
	M1 - Vineyard	13	€ 1,654,331	€ 1,055,176
M1 – Total		163	€ 32,240,543	€ 18,720,012
M3 – Inv . in physical assets - processing & marketing of agricultural & fishery products	M3 - Fruit and vegetables processing	27	€ 28,243,298	€ 13,147,267
	M3 - Meat processing	15	€ 15,808,075	€ 7,559,622
	M3 - Milk processing	5	€ 3,791,435	€ 1,813,556
	M3 - Wine	9	€ 4,930,933	€ 2,104,741
M3 – Total		56	€ 52,773,741	€ 24,625,186
M7 - Farm Diversification and Business Development	M7 - Handcrafts & manufacturing	1	€ 171,333	€ 111,366
	M7 - Nature and rural tourism sector	26	€ 8,803,851	€ 5,334,407
	M7 – On Farm Processing	2	€ 383,105	€ 231,302
	M7 - Processing & marketing medicinal & aromatic plants (MAPs), mushrooms, honey	10	€ 2,039,732	€ 1,160,174
	M7 - Production of MAPs, mushrooms, honey, ornamental plants & snails	12	€ 1,935,892	€ 1,134,341
	M7 - Services for rural population & business	0	€ 0	€ 0
	M7 –"Aquaculture" farms sector	2	€ 973,300	€ 582,757
M3 – Total		53	€ 14,307,213	€ 8,554,347
Grand Total		272	€ 99,321,497	€ 51,899,545

IPARD II- 2014-2020 – Actual Status - Call 1

- ❖ **Applications CALL 1:** 317 applications from which 3 applications received after the closure of the Call
- ❖ **Rejections:** 41 Applications rejected due to Major Omissions (missing AF, missing BP, not using standard templates etc.)
- ❖ **Completeness and eligibility check:** Receiving, opening and registering of applications & Major Omission Check – *started on 31st of January – finished on 10th of March.*
- ❖ 53 applications already assigned for completeness and eligibility check:
 - 1 applications rejected due to size of Applicant Measure 7
 - 9 applications finished the first assessment phase – notified for the additional documents that they need to submit.
 - 30 applications finished the first phase of additional docs. (will be notified after the change of procedure on farm register).
 - 13 applications currently in Progress.

Bottlenecks and challenges

1. Heavy workload:

- **Number of applications received:** 317 applications received over the 150 forecasted for the first call (*over 210%*).
- **Reduce administrative burden:** Over 35 workdays to open all the 317 applications, file and timber them, upload and register the information, check if the applications has any major omissions.

With some IT development and change of procedures, for the same number of applications this number can be reduced to 10 workdays the most.

2. Reorganizing the Sector for Project Selection and Approval IPARD (SPSA IPARD) so that no bottleneck is created with the head of sector.

- Actually the Sector is organized (1 Head of Sector+16 Inspectors), with the additional staff will be (1 Head of Sector+27 Inspectors), - *best solution* to organize the work with 2 sectors (2+28), meaning 1 head of sector with 7 teams each, along with the logistics behind it, in order to be able to closely supervise the work accordingly.

Bottlenecks and challenges (1)

- 3. Develop the price reference database** in order to assure the reasonable of costs based on the Sectoral Agreement to switch from EVC, within the deadline 4th call for application under IPARD.
- 4. Level of expertise:** Recruit and retain people with expertise in constructions, veterinary and agriculture related fields. Retention policy to be developed and put in place in order to avoid losing knowledge from trained and skilled people (top-up salaries; promotion based on performance, trainings, study tours etc.)
- 5. Program clarification and eligibility criteria:** Straight forward wording in formulating the eligibility criteria based on the lessons learned from the implementation of 1st Call.

IPARD II 2014-2020 – Perspective

- 1. Opening Second Call:** Planned to be launched on July 2019, with duration 60 days.
- 2. Recruitment:** Recruiting the permanent staff according to needs from the Workload analyzes.
- 3. Commitment** to maintain the 6 months schedule to contracting with the additional staff that is expected be added early next week.

Timeline from closure of the call to contracting (Dg-Agri Auditors): 6 months schedule to contracting.

With the actual staff in place and 6-7 new temporary staff it is expected: First contracts to be signed end latest mid May.



THANK YOU!