

# Progress with preparation for IPARD III



# What is IPARD?

- IPARD = EU Pre-accession Assistance for Rural Development
- Part of Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA), managed by NEAR
- Aims at making their agricultural sector and rural areas more sustainable, aligning them with the EU's common agricultural policy
- Total budget (IPARD II) ~**EUR 1.1 billion** (~10% of IPA), managed by AGRI via indirect management
- Funding allocated per country on the basis of adopted country specific IPARD Programmes for entrusted measures

# Geographic scope of IPARD

**IPARD I** - Turkey, North Macedonia, **Croatia**

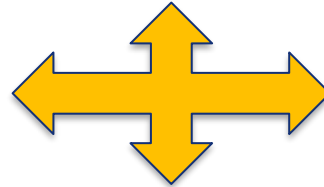
**IPARD II & IPARD III** - Turkey, North Macedonia, **Albania, Montenegro, Serbia**

**Potential IPARD beneficiaries – Kosovo\*, Bosnia & Herzegovina**

# Implementing IPARD: a balancing act

Designated  
funds reaching  
beneficiaries

Ensuring the EU  
tax-payers'  
money is well  
spent



Increasing  
compliance  
with EU  
standards

Building-up  
institutional  
capacities in  
the countries

# Challenges to agriculture in the region

- Small and fragmented farms
- Low efficiency in farming
- Basic processing capacity
- Low level of technical knowledge and technological development
- Lack of investments
- Poor R&D capability
- Out-migration from rural areas
- Lack of cooperation and trust due to the past
- Environment and climate - low political priority

**Entrustment of budget implementation tasks**

**Upcoming entrustment request**

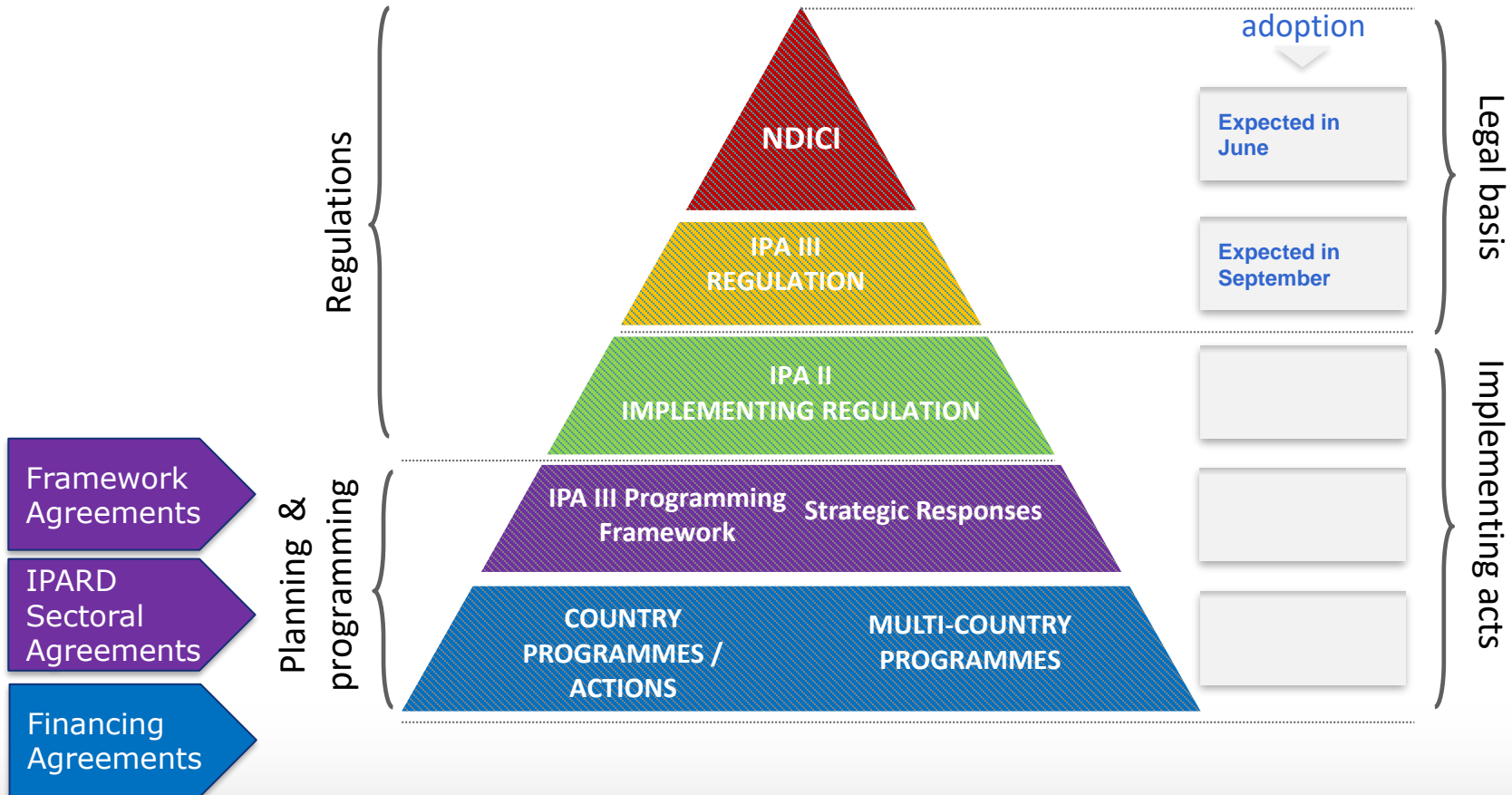
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No	Measures
<b>1</b>	Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings
<b>3</b>	Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products
<b>4</b>	Agri-environment- climate and organic farming measure
<b>5</b>	Implementation of local development strategies – LEADER approach
<b>6</b>	Investments in Rural Public Infrastructure
<b>7</b>	Farm diversification and business development
<b>9</b>	Technical assistance
	<b>Budget (in million EUR)</b>

AL	ME	MK	RS	TR
<b>71</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>601</b>

# IPA/IPARD III architecture



Overview of legal framework

## **IPARD III – in the process**

- IPA III Regulation – in the process of adoption
- Budget – similar to IPARD II
- Next:
  - ✓ **IPA Implementing Regulation,**
  - ✓ **Programming Framework,**
  - ✓ **Framework and Sectoral Agreements**
  - ✓ **Financing Agreement**



## **IPARD III - done**

- Drafted Guidance documents, revised and agreed measure fiches
- Link to Green Agenda for the WB, e.g.,
  - ✓ **Manure and waste management, organic farming, modernisation of assets and farming methods, sustainable use of natural resources**
- Two new measures proposed:
  - ✓ **Financial instruments and**
  - ✓ **Innovation and knowledge transfer**

# IPARD III – List of measures (I)

**M1**-Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings (5+0)

**M2**-Support for the setting up of producer groups (0)

**M3**-Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products (5+0)

**M4**-Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure (1+4)

**M5**-Implementation of local development strategies - LEADER approach (1+4)

**M6**-Investments in rural public infrastructure (0+5)

## **IPARD III – List of measures (II)**

**M7**-Farm diversification and business development (5+0)

**M8**-Improvement of skills and competences (0)

**M9**-Technical assistance (4+1)

**M10**-Advisory services (0+3)

**M11**-Establishment and protection of forests (0+3)

**M12**-Financial instruments (0)

**M13**-Promotion of cooperation for innovation and knowledge transfer (0)

## What is next?

- Drafting and public consultation on IPARD III Programmes, Ex-ante assessment
- Submission of draft IPARD III Programmes to the European Commission – second half of September 2021
- Adoption of IPARD III Programmes – December 2021
- Start of IPARD III implementation - 2022

# Thank you!

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