



# **Agriculture and Rural Development AGENCY**

**IPARD Agency**  
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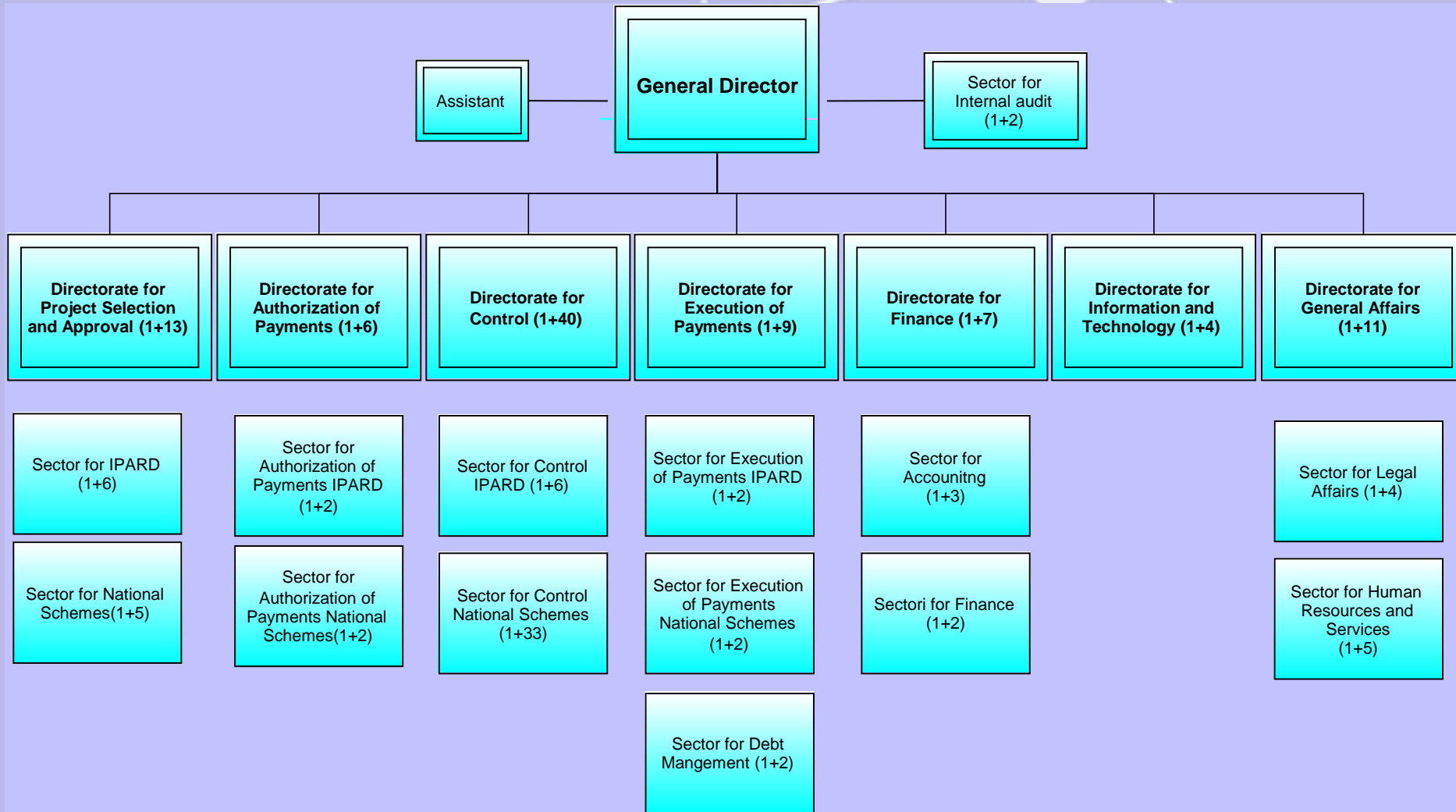
# OVERVIEW



The Paying Agency was created in 2008, Decision of Council of Ministers no. 1443 from 31.10.2008 “For Establishment of Agriculture and Rural Development Agency as Paying Agency”;

Amended with the new Decision of Council of Ministers no. 719 from 31.10.2014 “For Establishment and organization of Agriculture and Rural Development Agency”;

# Organizational structure ARDA



# Accreditation package

## *State of play and challenges*

- Working group is established and the Action plan is prepared;
- Reviewing and updating the prepared draft accreditation package.
- *Appropriate number of human resources for 2015 and based on proper workload analyses;*
- Lack of equipment is still an issue in terms of duly performing on spot controls. ARDA is still facing lack of cars to cover the controls all over the country, Gps, multifunctional machines, ICT, etc.

# State of Play, ARDA



## **Progress of adoption of the Sectoral Agreement:**

The Sectoral Agreement is in process of adoption.

## **Progress in preparation for "budget entrustment".**

First internal draft of the finalized procedures: 15 of June 2015. Submission of the Package: 15 of September 2015.

## **Staff – recruitment and training:**

Continuous Trainings on the new regulations for IPARD II, programming period 2014 -2020, focused on capacity building and increase ownership of the Staff of ARDA (project selection and approval; authorization of payments; execution of payments; on the spot etc)

# State of Play, ARDA ctd...

**Three –offer rule / consideration of the use of standards costs option:**

It is decided to continue with the three offer rule and reference price database.

**Business plans / adaptation to project size (simplification):**

2 business plan templates simplified for the farmers and a template adapted for larger entities.

**Checking of standards:**

Technical Bodies

**Construction Permits:**

Law on land management. For agricultural activities it is allowed the construction in certain categories of land. Simplified procedure.

**Concluding Memorandums of Understanding with Technical Bodies:**

Updating the existing MoU and identifying new Technical Bodies for Technical Assistance Measure.



**Thank you for your attention!**

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