

# Update on the CAP and IPARD during CORONA 19 outbreak

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## Progress with IPARD II - 1

- Increasing absorption – high commitment of national authorities
- Opportunities to increase efficiency in the future:
  - Retention policy and capacity building, use of Technical Assistance measure
  - More efficient project application process
  - Cooperation with technical bodies
  - Strengthening Advisory services
  - E-application
  - Checks on reasonableness of costs

## **Progress with IPARD II - 2**

- Close communication between DG AGRI and national authorities
- Measures to simplify IPARD implementation during COVID pandemic
- Amendment of the Sectoral Agreement

## IPARD II – Risk of de-commitment

- Extension of 2017 commitment given for four countries – **exceptionally because of Covid-19**
- Implementation of the **action plans** for 2021 extremely important - rationalise and increase efficiency of the system
- **New measures** to include in the programmes

## IPA III

- Significant progress on the EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027
- No more country financial envelopes in IPA III
- Programming and spending by major objectives – thematic Windows

## IPARD III

- IPARD III is included in Window 4 of IPA - competitiveness and inclusive growth
- Significant progress in programming process:
  - Good cooperation AGRI-Managing Authorities
  - Programming guidelines, template of IPARD III Programme and main measures
  - Just few changes – indicators & two measures
- Good progress in many countries – drafting sectoral analyses, national strategies, IPARD III Programme

## Regional studies

- Useful source of information and data
- 3 studies soon available
  - On Recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process in the pre-accession countries
  - On best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in short-value chains
  - On research, innovation and technology transfer capacities in the Western Balkan region
- Lack of relevant and up-to date data



## CAP reform and MFF

- The process has not yet been fully concluded but we are in the final stage
- Legislative framework to be adopted in the first half of 2021 and entry into force for the national CAP Strategic Plans on 1 January 2023.
- The new CAP reflects the priorities set up by the new Commission
- A transitional regulation for 2021 and 2022

## Commission priorities

- **Green Deal** – cornerstone setting priorities and objectives
- **Farm 2 Fork Strategy** and **Biodiversity Strategy** – more detailed directions and actions
- On 6 October the Commission adopted **Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans**
- 10 November – signing of **Declaration on Green Agenda** in Sofia
- The **Long-term vision for rural areas** and the current public consultation

# Enlargement

- Positive evolution on accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia
- EU integration of the region - an important strategic policy
- Reform path in the region should be maintained

## Conclusions

- Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo\* - new opportunities ahead
- Western Balkans – good example of regional cooperation
- The Commission services are open to assist you

