

EU school scheme implementation



**Civil Dialogue Group HOS – Fruit and Vegetables sector
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Where are we? Implementation in school year 2019/2020

- Monitoring report(s) in Europa school scheme [webpage](#), country sections (EU summary will follow) + selected results (e.g. children, schools, quantities) in DG AGRI [data portal](#)
- **Impact of COVID-19** with most schools closed from March 2020
 - Not much on **children** ⇒ around **19,3 million** in line with past years as the scheme had already started as from September 2019
 - **Distributed quantities** ⇒ around **53 million kg** of fresh fruit/vegetables vs 71,2 million kg in 2018/2019
 - **Educational measures** ⇒ some activities usually taking place in the second semester (e. g. farm visits) could not be provided ...
 - **Expenditure** ⇒ **EUR 94,2 million** for school fruit/vegetables (64,4 %) **vs** EUR 119,2 in 2018/2019 (82,3%)

Budget execution across school years EU (EUR)

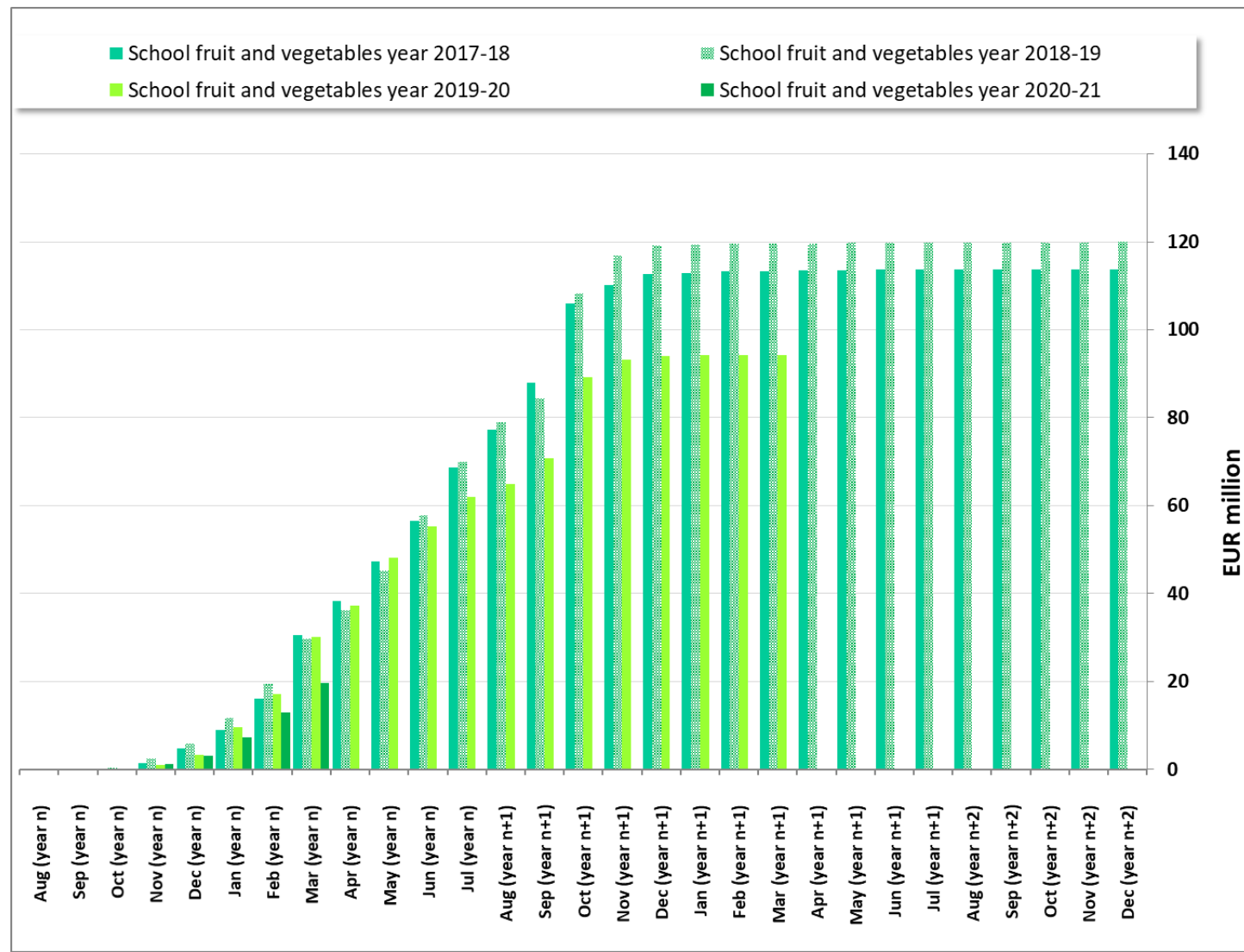


School fruit/vegetables:

2019/2020: EUR 94,2 million

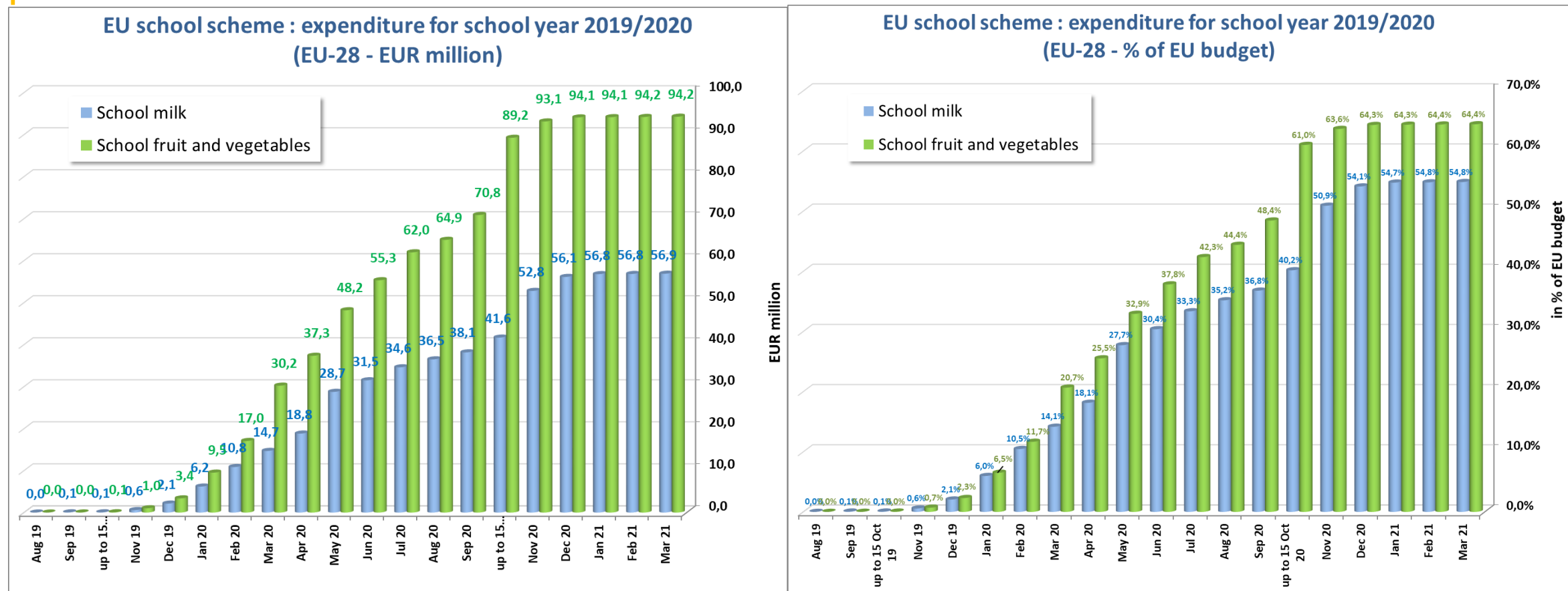
2018/2019: EUR 119,2 million

2017/2018: EUR 113,7 million





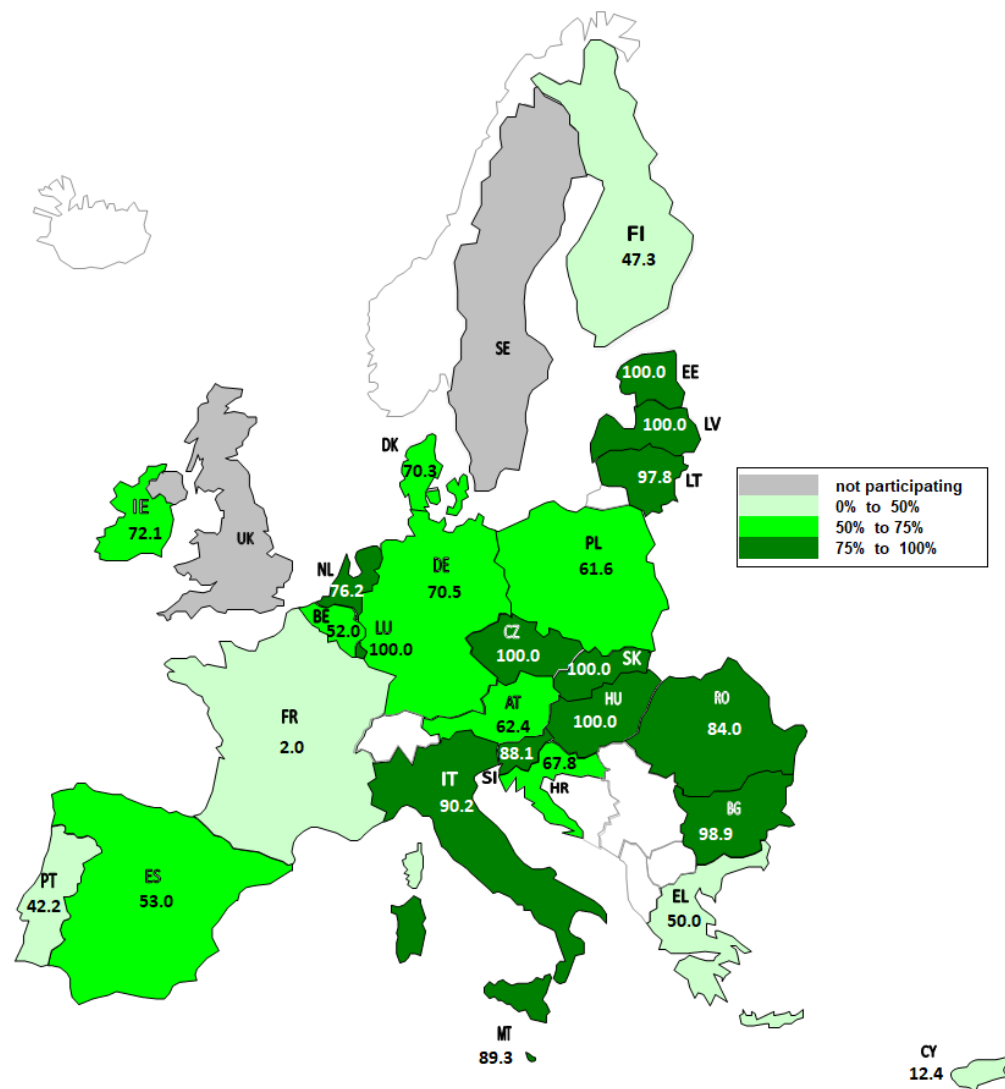
Budget execution school year 2019/2020 EU (EUR and %)



AGRI.G.3. Source: Member States' declarations of expenditure. Provisional figures: corrections are possible.

Budget execution 2019/2020 school year, country (%)

EU average: 64,4 %



EU budget for school fruit/vegetables for next school year (2021/2022)



Commission implementing decision [2021/462](#) of 15 March 2021

- Indicative EU budget for school fruit/vegetables ⇒ **EUR 130,6 million** EU-27
- EU budget based on the Member States' requests ⇒ **EUR 125,67 million**
 - transfer to school milk by FR (EUR 4,4 million) and SE (EUR 0,5 million)
 - SE does not participate: unrequested budget of EUR 2,2 million to MS requesting more
- Also **adjusted 2020/21 budget** ⇒ **EUR 145,7 million** (from EUR 145 million)
 - transfer from school milk by DK, DE, LU and NL
 - EUR 5,2 million unrequested by BE, ES and PT redistributed to the MS requesting more

What next?

- **Derogation for Covid-19 also in 2020/2021 school year – regulation planned for adoption in June**
 - School year 2020/21 extended until 30/9/2021, with payments until 15/10/2021
 - Reallocation budget for school year 2022/23 not taking into account 2020/21 execution
- **Review of the EU school scheme in 2023** as part of the Farm to Fork: “enhance contribution to sustainable food consumption”. Commitment in Organic Action Plan: “engage with Member States to identify ways to increase further the distribution of organic products”.

Preparatory work ⇒ **roadmap** for the evaluation and **inception impact assessment** in Europa, Have your say, for feedback **in June (TBC)**

Questions? Agri-school-scheme@ec.europa.eu

Thank you

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