

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2018/2019 school year

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Figures on budget execution (31 December 2019) are preliminary: corrections are possible and payments may still be made.

1. Budget execution

1.1. Expenditure for the supply/distribution of products (EUR)

	School fruit and vegetables			School milk				Total
	Fresh	Processed	Total fruits and vegetables	Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	Cheese, curd, yoghurt and other milk products with no added flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	Milk products with added flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	Total milk and milk products	
EU aid	324.636	0	324.636	207.081	0	0	207.081	531.717
National Funds	848.816	0	848.816	86.562	0	0	86.562	935.378
<i>of which: Public</i>	<i>848.816</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>848.816</i>	<i>86.562</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>86.562</i>	<i>935.378</i>
<i>of which: Private</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Comments	<i>National funds served to finance the consumption by school teaching staff and by students over the age of 16 years who are attending Educational Resource Centres, as well as for the difference in students portions over the EU budget allocated</i>							

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	0	0	0
National Funds	0	0	0
<i>of which: Public</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>of which: Private</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
Comments	<i>Expenditure incurred for the educational measures carried out in 2018/2019 (Food Factory Visit, Benna Visit) was borne by the school fruit/milk supplier, according to the tender specifications</i>		

1.3. Expenditure for information, monitoring and evaluation (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	0	0	0
National Funds	38.760	0	38.760
<i>of which: Public</i>	<i>38.760</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>of which: Private</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
Comments	<i>The promotional material has been paid through national funds as the EU Allocation was all used on the supply of products</i>		

2.1 Participating children

	Participating children		
	Number of children	Number of children who participated in the school fruit and vegetables part	Number of children who participated in the school milk part
Nurseries/Pre-schools	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	0	0	0
Primary schools	44.822	39.583	44.822
Secondary schools	0	0	0
Total	44.822	39.583	44.822
Comments	<i>According to the National Strategy, participating children should be aged 3-11 years (in the Maltese Educational System, this age groups falls within the primary school population).</i>		

2.2 Number of children in the target group

	Number of children in the target group set out in the strategy
Nurseries/Pre-schools	0
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	0
Primary schools	44.822
Secondary schools	0
Total	44.822
Comments	<i>Target group: Primary School Children aged 3-11 years. National funds take on charge School Learning Staff and Resource Centers for Students Over 16.</i>



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	0
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	0
Primary schools	
Secondary schools	0
Total	
Comments	



3.1 Participating schools

	Participating schools		
	Number of schools	Number of schools that participated in the school fruit and vegetables part	Number of schools that participated in the school milk part
Nurseries/Pre-schools	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	0	0	0
Primary schools	534	238	296
Secondary schools	0	0	0
Total	534	238	296
Comments	<i>Significantly higher than in 2017/2018, when the scheme was launched only 6 weeks before the end due to delays in the procurement process.</i>		

3.2 Number of schools in the target group

	Number of schools in the target group	School fruit and vegetables part of the scheme	School milk part of the scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools			
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools			
Secondary schools			
Total			
Comments	<i>All state and non-state primary school are eligible to participate as per National Strategy</i>		

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	
Secondary schools	
Total	
Comments	



4.1 Products supplied/distributed to schoolchildren and, if applicable, tasted by schoolchildren as part of educational measures

4.1.1 Fresh fruit

	List
Apples	✓
Apricots	
Aromatic Herbs	
Avocados	
Bananas	✓
Berries	
Cherries	
Citrus Fruit	✓
Figs	
Grapes	✓
Guavas/Mangoes	
Kiwis	
Melons	✓
Nuts	
Peaches/Nectarines	
Pears	
Pineapples	✓
Plums	✓
Quinces	
Strawberries	✓
Watermelons	✓
Comments	

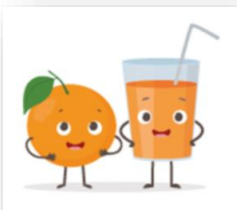


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	List
Artichokes	
Asparagus	
Aubergines	
Beet	
Broccoli	✓
Cabbages	
Carrots	✓
Cauliflowers	
Celery	
Chicory	
Courgettes	
Cucumbers	✓
Fennel	
Kohlrabi	
Kale	
Garlic	
Gherkins	
Leeks	
Lettuce	
Mushrooms	
Onions	
Parsnips	
Peas	✓
Peppers	✓
Pulses	
Pumpkins	✓
Radishes	
Rutabagas	
Salad beetroot	✓
Salsifis	
Spinach	
Tomatoes	✓
Turnips	
Comments	

4.1.3 Processed fruit and vegetables

	List
Fruit Juices	
Fruit Purées/Compotes	
Jams/Marmalades	
Dried Fruits	
Vegetable Juices	
Vegetables Soups	
Other:	
Comments	



4.1.4 Milk and milk products

	List
Drinking milk or lactose-free versions	✓
Cheese and curd	
Plain yoghurt	
Milk products without added sugar, flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	
Milk products without fruit juice, naturally flavoured	
Milk products with fruit juice, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	
Milk-based drinks with cocoa, with fruit juice or naturally flavoured	
Fermented or non-fermented milk products with fruit, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	
Comments	



4.1.5 Other agricultural products that children tasted as part of educational measures

	List
Table olives	
Olive oil	
Honey	
Other:	
Comments	None



4.1.a) Priorities for the choice of school fruit, vegetables and milk

	Yes/No	Comments
Local/regional purchasing	Yes	Milk supplied is fresh milk produced the day before
Organic products	Yes	1% of the Fruit and Vegetables delivered has to be organic
Short supply chains	No	
Quality schemes	No	
Fair trade	No	
Other:	No	

4.2 Average size of portion of school fruit, vegetables and milk (Kg/Lt)

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0,08	
Liters		0,25
Comments	75 grams each portion	250 ml each portion

4.3 Average cost of portion of school fruit, vegetables and milk (EUR)

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0,59	0,29
National aid (private/public)		
Comments		

4.3.a Average cost of portion of apples in bulk (EUR)

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	N/A

4.3.b Average cost of portion of drinking milk (EUR)

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	0,29
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	

4.4. Frequency of supply/distribution of school fruit, vegetables and milk

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Once per week	✓	✓
Twice per week		
Three times per week		
Four times per week		
Daily		
Other:		
Comments		



4.5. Duration of supply/distribution of fruit, vegetables and milk

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
≤ 2 weeks		
> 2 and ≤ 4 weeks		
> 4 and ≤ 12 weeks		
> 12 and ≤ 24 weeks		
> 24 and ≤ 36 weeks		
Entire school year	✓	✓
Comments	For School Year 30 weeks and For Skolasajf (summer school) 2 weeks	

4.6. Quantities of school fruit, vegetables and milk supplied/distributed and, if applicable, of other agricultural products that children tasted under educational measures

4.6.1 Fresh fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Comments
Fresh fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	59.262	
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>29.631</i>	
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>29.631</i>	

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	0	
	Quantity in litres	0	
<i>Of which: Fruit juices</i>	<i>Quantity in litres</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Of which: Fruit purees/compotes</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Of which: Dried fruits</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Of which: Vegetable juices</i>	<i>Quantity in litres</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Of which: Vegetable soups</i>	<i>Quantity in litres</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>Of which: Other</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>0</i>	

4.6.3 Milk and milk products

		Quantity	Comments
Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	Quantity in litres	198.957	
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	0	
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	0	
Milk products without added sugar, flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	Quantity in kg	0	
Milk products without fruit juice, naturally flavoured	Quantity in kg	0	
Milk products with fruit juice, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	Quantity in kg	0	
Milk-based drinks with cocoa, with fruit juice or naturally flavoured	Quantity in litres	0	
Milk products with fruit, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	Quantity in kg	0	

4.6.4 Other agricultural products

		Quantity	Comments
Olive/olive oil	Quantity in kg	0	
	Quantity in litres	0	
Honey	Quantity in kg	0	
Others:	Quantity in kg	0	

5.1 Educational measures carried out

		Number of schoolchildren	Comments
Type of measure	School gardens	0	
	Visits to farms, dairies, famers' markets and similar activities	1.020	* The Food Factory Visit - Visit to the factory of the supplier for Fruit and Vegetables - 8 Visits @ 60 students each = 480 students. * The Benna Visit - Visit to the factory of the supplier for Fresh Drinking Milk - 9 Visits @ 60 students each = 540 students
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	0	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	0	
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	0	

5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	No	
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	
	Local food chains	No	
	Organic	No	
	Sustainable production	No	
	Food waste	No	
	Other: please specify under comments	No	



6. Communication activities carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	Poster visible attached at every school participating in the scheme
	Poster at other relevant places	Yes	Roll up banner at the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency - Agency responsible for the overall management of school
	Dedicated website(s)	No	
	Informative graphic material	Yes	Provided various items to children used to market the scheme
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	No	
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	No	



7. Authorities and stakeholders involved

			Name	Involved in Planning	Involved in Implementation	Involved in Monitoring	Involved in Evaluation	How
Public authority/ Private stakeholder	Agriculture	Authority	Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>The Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency is responsible for the overall management, control and monitoring of the scheme, including procurement and payment procedures.</i>
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate	Yes	Yes	No	No	<i>The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate within the Superintendence of Public Health certifies that children are receiving top quality healthy products, and plays a very active role in the dissemination of information as regards health benefits in the consumption of fruit, vegetables and milk as part of a healthy diet.</i>
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	
	Education	Authority	National School Support Services	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	<i>National School Support Services, within the ministry is responsible for liaising with the educational establishments. The Home Economics Seminar Center within the Department of Curriculum Research, Innovation and Lifelong Learning, Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes, is responsible for promoting the New School Scheme in school curricula. The HESC also co-ordinates and facilitates age-appropriate, interactive, educational activities to promote the health benefits associated with the consumption of fruit, vegetables and milk as part of a healthy diet</i>
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	
	Other	Authority	N/A	No	No	No	No	
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	