

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2020/2021 school year

Country: **Lithuania**

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Figures on budget execution (31 December 2021) 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	915,045	101,520	1,016,565	761,155	200,022	48,749	1,009,926	2,026,491
National Funds	208,490	21,434	229,924	365,736	94,991	583,406	1,044,133	1,274,057
<i>of which: Public</i>	208,490	21,434	229,924	365,736	94,991	583,406	1,044,133	1,274,057
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comments	Implementation of the scheme during the COVID-19 pandemic (both EU aid and national funds). Children who were studying from home (distance learning) could receive school fruit, vegetables, milk and dairy products packages – once per month, from January to May 2021. Every school has a person responsible for the scheme, who informed parents about the possibility to receive those packages, gathered the numbers, and coordinated the collection of packages. The option to receive school milk packages (milk, yoghurt and cheese) was used by 1193 pre-schools/schools with 126049 children. The option to receive school fruit/vegetables packages (apples and carrots) was used by 146 pre-schools/schools with 35000 children.							

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	49,285	49,285	98,570
National Funds	8,679	8,679	17,358
<i>of which: Public</i>	8,679	8,679	
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	
Comments	Details of the educational activities carried out in table 5.2 (amongst other things, work in cooperation with FAO, by receiving their license to translate the educational book "Do Good Save Food"). Covid-19 caused quite a few difficulties since schools were closed, children worked from home or schools did not allow any third parties to enter school premises: this prevented face-to-face activities which usually are more expensive than virtual or distance activities.		

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

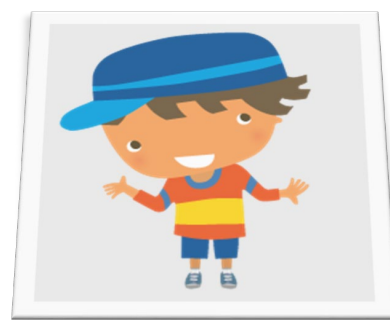
	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	23,726	23,726	47,452
National Funds	4,983	4,983	9,966
<i>of which: Public</i>	4,983	4,983	
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	
Comments	Poster at school premises and other relevant places (such as banners in the virtual school books), dedicated website(s) (both Facebook and website), informative graphic material, information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media) as detailed in table 6.		

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	108,469	105,225	108,275
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	91,145	91,145	90,951
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	17,324	14,080	17,324
Primary schools	108,341	108,341	105,119
Secondary schools	8,892	8,793	8,892
Total	225,702	222,359	222,286
Comments	<i>Pre-schools=Children from 1 to 6 years old. Primary schools and Secondary schools=Children from 7 to 10 years old.</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	132,503
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	102,443
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	30,060
Primary schools	116,428
Secondary schools	201,266
Total	450,197
Comments	



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	132,503
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	102,443
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	30,060
Primary schools	116,428
Secondary schools	201,266
Total	450,197
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	683	669	683
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	623	610	623
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	60	59	60
Primary schools	58	58	56
Secondary schools	663	651	663
Total	1,404	1,378	1,402
Comments	<i>Secondary schools= only secondary schools that provide primary education can participate in the scheme</i>		

3.2 Number of schools in the target group

	Number of educational establishments in the target group set out in the strategy
Nurseries/Pre-schools	748
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	673
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	75
Primary schools	129
Secondary schools	849
Total	1,726
Comments	

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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	

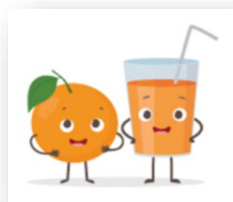


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	



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

	Yes/No	Comments
Local/regional purchasing	No	
Organic products	Yes	Supplied organic products
Short supply chains	No	
Quality schemes	Yes	According to national quality
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	0.20	0.18
Liters	0.20	0.20
Comments		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.20	0.12
National aid (private/public)	0.04	0.13
Comments		

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

	Portion of apples in bulk

EU aid	0.19
National aid (private/public)	0.04
Comments	

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	0.13
National aid (private/public)	0.06
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		
Other: please specify under comments		
Comments		

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	24	35
Comments		

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	975,322	National quality apples and pears and national quality and organic carrots
Of which: Fruit	Quantity in kg	775,333	National quality apples and pears
Of which: Vegetables	Quantity in kg	199,989	National quality and organic carrots

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	0	
	Quantity in litres	88,012	National quality and organic juices.
Of which: Fruit juices	Quantity in litres	88,012	National quality and organic juices.
Of which: Fruit purees/compotes	Quantity in kg	0	
Of which: Jams/Marmalades	Quantity in kg	0	
Of which: Dried fruits	Quantity in kg	0	
Of which: Vegetable juices	Quantity in litres	0	
Of which: Vegetable soups	Quantity in litres	0	
Of which: Other	Quantity in kg	0	

4.6.3 Milk and milk products

		Quantity	Comments
Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	Quantity in litres	1,196,999	Organic milk.
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	35,387	Organic cheese.
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	15,418	Organic plain yoghurt.
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	252,787	Organic yoghurt with fruit.

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	1,400	Each school/kindergarten received three apple trees and two pear trees. Children observed the planting and learned how to take care of the fruit trees.
	Visits to farms, dairies, farmers' markets and similar activities	0	
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	0	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	600	These activities include 5 virtual seminars for teachers, to assist them in the use of all educational materials (available in website: www.pienasvaisiai.lt) and how to adjust them to the classes they run. We translated the FAO publication "Do Good Save Food", which was divided into two age groups, and one of the books was devoted to the administration of the school. They did not only teach children and the school administration about school fruits, vegetables, milk and dairy products but also how to reduce food waste and handle canteens in the most suitable sustainable way.
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	200	1 national competition, 28 radio competitions, 2 competitions on Facebook. All kindergartens received four different table-top games which they can use to learn how the food travels from farms to their table and which food is healthy, and which is not.

5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	Yes	We taught children how food is coming from the farms to their tables by providing fun educational material and planting apples and pears at their School gardens.
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	We spoke about it during all competitions we organized and in all educational materials provided.
	Local food chains	No	
	Organic	Yes	Information about organic food was provided in educational materials used by students in order to prepare for our national competition.
	Sustainable production	Yes	We worked together with FAO in translating their publication "Do Good Save Food" about food waste management and sustainable School Canteen management. We also provided educational material on how sustainable agriculture works and made a few articles about it.
	Food waste	Yes	We worked together with FAO - see above
	Other: please specify under comments	No	



6. Communication activities carried out

	Yes/No	Comments	
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	<i>posters are in all participating schools</i>
	Poster at other relevant places	No	
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	<i>We organized an international competition for all primary school students (www.maistataupyk.lt) who registered, received materials throughout the year, and proved their knowledge on fruit, vegetables and dairy products, food waste management, environmental aspects etc. The winners received gift with the programme features. We also organized virtual seminars for teachers on the use of the educational materials (www.pienasvaisiai.lt).</i>
	Informative graphic material	Yes	<i>We created a new symbol for the program – Hero Children who take care of their environment, food waste management and learn everything they can about agriculture. We created new posters and banners and shared them in the two national electronic school websites where all schools are registered, children receive grades and parents visit those websites daily to learn about their children. These websites allowed us to reach our audience easily and guide them to our social media and websites where they can find valuable information about our program.</i>
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	<i>We cooperated with the Food Bank Non-Profit organization, by making small movies about how people can donate food to the others, how fruits and vegetables receive “a second life” because can be eaten dried or prepared together with other meals etc. We also created five animation short movies where children are taught how fruits and vegetables grow, and dairy and dairy products are made and reach them from the farms. . TWe also published over 10 video and written articles on a national news website. Those articles were about schools which successfully participate in our program, also about farms which grow fruits and vegetables, about importance of milk and dairy products as well as food waste management. We also worked with the national radio: small fun competition for children and introducing the public on how the school scheme runs. 1 national competition, 28 radio competitions, 2 competitions on Facebook.</i>
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	No	



7. Authorities and stakeholders involved

		Name	Involved in Planning	Involved in Implementation	Involved in Monitoring	Involved in Evaluation	Responsible for implementation / supervision /advice (if yes, please specify for which of those under comments)	Member of Steering / Consultative or Coordination / Monitoring Committee (if yes, please specify which committee or group under comments)	Participation in regular meetings	Events (conferences/seminars, workshops ...)(if yes, please specify which event/s under comments)	Surveys or other information / communication activities, including through web and social media (if yes, please specify which activity/ies under comments)	Other (if yes, please specify under comments)	Comments	
Public authority/ Private stakeholder	Agriculture	Authority	Ministry of Agriculture	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	The Ministry of Agriculture issues strategies and rules and receives from agency reports monitoring. Food Industry and Quality Division of the Ministry of Agriculture. https://zum.lrv.lt/en/ https://www.facebook.com/zemeskiuministerija/	
		Stakeholder	Public Institution Rural Business and Markets Development Agency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	The Agency is responsible for managing the program; responsible for the preparation and supervision of the implementation of educational activities and public awareness measures, www.pienasvaisiai.lt , https://www.facebook.com/Litfood , https://www.facebook.com/pienasvaisiai/
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Health and Nutrition	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides recommendations on the list of eligible products for Programmer. Participates in steering committee.
		Stakeholder	Health and Nutrition	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides recommendations on the list of eligible products for Programmer. Participates in steering committee.
	Education	Authority	Ministry of Education	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides recommendations on the choice of educational tools. Participates in steering committee.
		Stakeholder	Ministry of Education	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides recommendations on the choice of educational tools. Participates in steering committee.
	Other	Authority	National Paying Agency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides support to applicants.
		Stakeholder	State Food and Veterinary Service	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Provides quality control of suppliers and products. Performs food management control in educational institutions. Participates in steering committee.