



Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance  
for Rural Development  
**IPARD III PROGRAMME 2021-2027**  
of **MONTENEGRO**

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#Ipard

01 | GENERAL INFORMATION



GEOGRAPHICAL AREA  
**13 888 km<sup>2</sup>**



RURAL POPULATION  
**228 009**  
36% of the total population



AGRICULTURAL AREA  
**257 949 ha**



AGRICULTURE EMPLOYMENT IN TOTAL EMPLOYMENT  
**99 236**  
37%



AGRI SECTOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL GDP  
**7.6%**



NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS  
**43 791**



AVERAGE FARM SIZE  
**5.8 ha**



AGRICULTURE AREA UNDER ORGANIC FARMING  
**4 822 ha**  
1.8%



Co-funded by  
the European Union

## 02 | EXAMPLES OF THE MAIN CHALLENGES IN MONTENEGRO

- Small and fragmented agricultural holdings with a low level of technology and specialization applied in the production resulting in a low level of production per household unit.



- Inefficiency and non-competitiveness of processing industry (low level of production, technological obsolescence, lack of investments, market inefficiency).

- Unfavourable age and social structure in rural areas, combined with poor infrastructure in major part of rural areas resulting into migration from the rural areas to the capital area or to the coast.



- Low level of application of good agricultural and environmental practice resulting into insufficient level of quality standards (hygiene and environmental).



## 03 | SOME OF THE EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS & TARGETS

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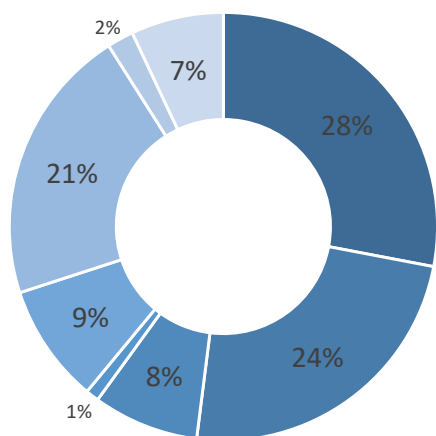
- Farms and agri-food processing enterprises supported by IPARD in modernization: **750**
- Jobs created: **205**
- Young farmers receiving IPARD support for investment: **200**
- IPARD recipients with support in investments related to care for the environment or climate change: **280**
- IPARD recipients with support in investments in renewable energy production: **130**
- Population covered by LEADER Local Action Groups: **15 000**



## 04 | PLANNED PUBLIC FUNDING PER MEASURE



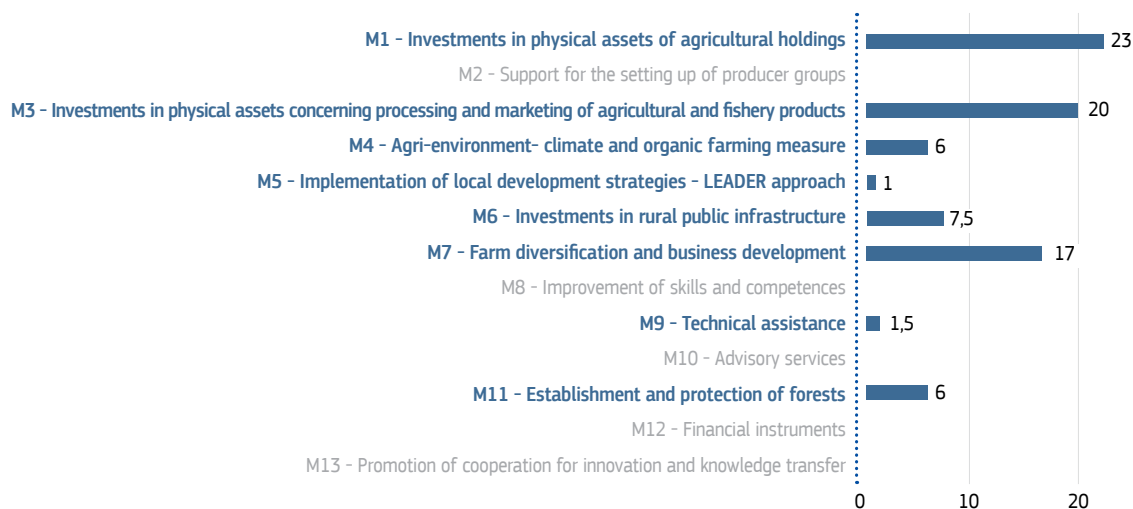
The following charts show the indicative planned total public expenditure per measure (comprising the EU support and the national contribution). The measures illustrated in the charts are the complete list of measures selected within the IPARD programme based on the analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT), which led to identifying the needs to be addressed by the IPARD III programme.



### PLANNED PUBLIC FUNDING PER MEASURE % IN THE TOTAL BUDGET

- M1 - Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings (28%)
- M3 - Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products (24%)
- M4 - Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure (8%)
- M5 - Implementation of local development strategies - LEADER approach (1%)
- M6 - Investments in rural public infrastructure (9%)
- M7 - Farm diversification and business development (21%)
- M9 - Technical assistance (2%)
- M11 - Establishment and protection of forests (7%)

### PLANNED PUBLIC FUNDING PER MEASURE - IN MILLION €



\* measures in grey are not included in IPARD III programme of Montenegro

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