

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

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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	507 250	28 961	536 211	194 437	77 644		272 081	808 292
National Funds	398 566	22 755	421 321	1 964	784		2 748	424 069
<i>of which: Public</i>	398 566	22 755	421 321	1 964	784		2 748	424 069
<i>of which: Private</i>								
Comments	Since the fruit&vegetable EU envelope was no enough the additional national funds were needed.			Some additional national funds for the milk were needed.				

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	2 598	8 778	11 376
National Funds	64 537		64 537
<i>of which: Public</i>	64 537		64 537
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments	Since the EU aid was no enough the most of the funds for AEM were taken from the national public budget. But the content of the AEM concerned both: milk and fruit&vegetable (and the other products). The national funds were not separated on fruit&vegetable and milk.		

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	5 981		5 981
National Funds			
<i>of which: Public</i>			
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments	The other related costs were for the evaluation only (for the preparation of the evaluation report). There were no costs of publicity/communication because schools made a poster themselves and web site for school scheme is inside the web site of the ministry.		

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			
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools	178 205	178 205	86 946
Secondary schools			
Total	178 205	178 205	86 946
Comments	<i>We have also the children and youth from the institutes for education of children and youth with special needs; the number of these children/youth in SS was 1.160 (primary schools + institutes = 176.045 + 1.160 = 178.205)</i>		<i>All 86.946 children that participated in the SM were participated in the SFV too.</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	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	199 790
Secondary schools	
Total	199 790
Comments	<i>There are also the children and youth from the institutes for education of children and youth with special needs; the number of these children/youth was 1.399 (primary schools + institutes = 198.391 + 1.399 = 199.790)</i>



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	86 177
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	86 177
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	199 790
Secondary schools	77 462
Total	363 429
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			
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools	414	414	221
Secondary schools			
Total	414	414	221
Comments	<i>Among these 414 schools are 5 institutes for education of children and youth with special needs, participating in SS</i>		<i>All 221 schools that participated in the SM were participated in the SFV too.</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	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	500
Secondary schools	
Total	500
Comments	<i>Among these 500 primary schools there are also 14 institutes for education of children and youth with special needs, (primary schools + institutes = 486+14 = 500);</i>

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	992
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	992
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	500
Secondary schools	149
Total	1 641
Comments	<i>As in 3.2: Among 500 primary schools there are also 14 institutes for education of children and youth with special needs, (primary schools + institutes = 486+14 = 500);</i>



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	
Avocadoes	
Bananas	
Berries	✓
Cherries	✓
Citrus Fruit	✓
Figs	✓
Grapes	✓
Guavas/Mangoes	
Kiwis	✓
Melons	✓
Nuts	✓
Peaches/Nectarines	✓
Pears	✓
Pineapples	
Plums	✓
Quinces	
Strawberries	✓
Watermelons	✓
Comments	<i>Citrus fruit: only mandarins and other similar small citrus fruit (clementines, tangerines, mineola, mandarins); nuts: walnuts and hazelnuts; other fruit: persimmon, jujube (Ziziphus zizyphus);</i>

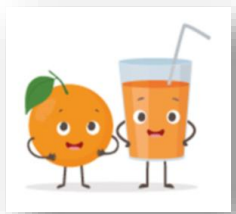


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	<i>Pulses and spinach only at the AEM (testing classes, cooking workshops...)</i>

4.1.3 Processed fruit and vegetables

	List
Fruit Juices	
Fruit Purées/Compotes	
Jams/Marmalades	
Dried Fruits	✓
Vegetable Juices	
Other:	✓
Comments	<i>Processed vegetables: sauerkraut and sauerturnips</i>



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	<i>Under 'Cheese and curd' only curd is eligible for distribution. Cheese is eligible only for testing at accompanying educational measures (See below!). The milk products are: curd, yoghurt, kefir, buttermilk (without added sugar, flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa).</i>



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

	List
Table olives	
Olive oil	✓
Honey	✓
Other:	✓
Comments	<i>Other: pumpkin seed oil, chesse with max. 1,3 g salt/100 g; all products (school S&Z, school milk) that are distributed in school are included in the AEM too, for testing and use</i>



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

	Yes/No	Comments
Local/regional purchasing	Yes	<i>Recommended but not mandatory; in</i>
Organic products	Yes	<i>is recommended, but is not mandatory</i>
Short supply chains	Yes	<i>Recommended but not mandatory; in</i>
Quality schemes	Yes	<i>is recommended, but is not mandatory</i>
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	0.10
Liters		0.15
Comments		<i>0,10 kg for the milk products and 0,146 l for milk</i>

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.10	0.18
National aid (private/public)	0.07	
Comments	<i>aver. cost of the portion is 0,17 EUR</i>	

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

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	0.07
National aid (private/public)	0.06
Comments	<i>aver. cost of the portion is 0,132 EUR</i>

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	0.15
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	<i>Schools are flexible regarding distribution (frequency and duration), but on average schools distributed SFV once or several times per week (approx. 33 distributions/school/school year).</i>	<i>Schools are flexible regarding distribution (frequency and duration), but on mayor schools distributed SM once per week or less frequently (approx. 19 distributions/school/school year).</i>

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	<i>From the beginning of the school year, 1st Sept. 2022, to the end, 24th Jun 2023.</i>	<i>From the beginning of the school year, 1st Sept. 2022, to the end, 24th Jun 2023.</i>

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	33	19
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	Of which organic products	Comments
Fresh fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	478 570	38 138	There are only data on total quantity of organic fruit and vegetables and not separated for fresh and processed fruit and vegetables: 38.138 kg (= 8,2%). 461.023 kg distributed in school and 17.547 kg fresh fruit and vegetables included in the accompanying educational measures (AEM): total= 478.570 kg
Of which: Fruit	Quantity in kg	449 047	35 785	435.120 kg distributed in schools and 13.927 kg fresh fruit included in the AEM: total = 449.047 kg
Of which: Vegetables	Quantity in kg	29 523	2 353	25.903 kg distributed in schools and 3.620 kg fresh vegetables included in the AEM: total = 29.523 kg

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	6 826		6.027 kg distributed in schools and 799 kg processed fruit and vegetables included in the AEM: total = 6.826 kg
	Quantity in litres			
Of which: Fruit juices	Quantity in litres			
Of which: Fruit purees/compotes	Quantity in kg			
Of which: Jams/Marmalades	Quantity in kg			
Of which: Dried fruits	Quantity in kg	3 898		3.496 kg distributed in schools and 402 kg dried fruit included in the AEM: total = 3.898 kg
Of which: Vegetable juices	Quantity in litres			
Of which: Other	Quantity in kg	2 928		2.531 kg sauerkraut and sauer turnips were distributed in schools and 397 kg sauerkraut and sauer turnips were included in the AEM: total = 2.928 kg

4.6.3 Milk and milk products

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	Quantity in litres	197 492	45 424	There are only data on total quantity of organic school milk and not separated for milk and milk products: 50.875 kg (= 23%). 189.862 l distributed in schools and 7.630 l milk included in the AEM: total = 197.492 kg
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	1 717	395	1.205 kg curd distributed in schools and 372 kg curd + 140 kg cheese included in the AEM: total = 1.717 kg
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	29 838	6 863	26.285 kg distributed in schools and 3.553 kg yoghurt included in the AEM: total = 29.838 kg
Milk products without added sugar, flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	Quantity in kg	3 345	769	3.279 kg distributed in schools and 66 kg fermented or acidified milk products included in the AEM: total = 3.345 kg
	Quantity in litres			
Milk products without fruit juice, naturally flavoured	Quantity in kg			
Milk products with fruit juice, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	Quantity in kg			
Milk-based drinks with cocoa, with fruit juice or naturally flavoured	Quantity in litres			
Milk products with fruit, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	Quantity in kg			

4.6.4 Other agricultural products

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Olive/olive oil	Quantity in kg			
	Quantity in litres	14		
Honey	Quantity in kg	782		
Others:	Quantity in kg	23		23 l pumpkin seed oil were included in the AEM

5.1 Educational measures carried out

		Number of schoolchildren	Comments
Type of measure	School gardens	5 430	<i>The number of schoolchildren can not be determined (appx. 181 SG x 30 pupils = 5430 pupils). 177 primary schools and 4 homes of CSOE have a school garden. Pupils together with their teachers/mentors use their school garden as a lesson tool.</i>
	Visits to farms, dairies, famers' markets and similar activities	2 160	<i>58 visits to farm and 2 visits to shepherd museum were made within the framework of school in nature in the CSOE (Centre for School and Outdoor Education); 60 x appx. 36 pupils = 2.160 pupils</i>
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	26 280	<i>498 testing classes and 226 cooking workshops, and 6 visits of farmer were made within the framework of school in nature in the CSOE; 730 x appx. 36 pupils = 26.280 pupils</i>
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	49 968	<i>1388 the educational fruit, vegetable and milk snacks (lectures) were made for the groups of schoolchildren within the framework of school in nature in the CSOE: 1388 x appx. 36 pupils = 49.968 pupils</i>
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	178 205	<i>1. The education activities on the theme of healthy local food in all schools (for all pupils) at the Day of Slovenian food, 18th Nov. 2022, with the main event: the Traditional Slovenian breakfast; all pupils in SS (178205) - 52% schools used the e-Handbook on vegetables and fruit for teachers for implementation of accompanying educational activities of the EU School scheme (e-Handbook on F&V) for better implementation of accompanying educational activities about F&V at school. 2. The AVC lecture for teachers (15th Nov.2022) on the content of the e-Handbook on F&V, organized by NIPH; there were 399 particioated teachers/schools; 3. Each school has its own program for accompanying education/promotion activities for school scheme in its school; that is the part of the evaluation of SS: each school prepares an implementation plan at the beginning of the school year and an implementation report at the end of the school year, by completing evaluation questionnaires. These activities are: making of posters and billboards, presentations of the SS to pupils, teachers and parents, information of SS on the school's websites and school newsletters, cross-curricular approaches, cooking workshops, lectures on healthy eating, the Traditional Slovenian breakfast,... There were the education activities on the theme of healthy local food in all schools (for all pupils) at the Day of Slovenian food, 18th Nov. 2022, with the main event: the Traditional Slovenian breakfast.</i>

5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

	Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	Yes <i>Visits to farm, school gardens; Reconnection of children to agriculture is the purpose of the Handbook on vegetables and fruit for teachers, made in 2020/2021 school scheme.</i>
	Healthy eating habits	Yes <i>Testing classes, cooking workshops, the Traditional Slovenian breakfast; this topic is one of the themes in the Handbook on vegetables and fruit for teachers, made in 2020/2021 school scheme.</i>
	Local food chains	Yes <i>school gardens, the educational fruit, vegetable and milk snacks, the Traditional Slovenian breakfast; this topic is one of the themes in the Handbook on vegetables and fruit for teachers, made in 2020/2021 school scheme.</i>
	Organic	Yes <i>the educational fruit, vegetable and milk snacks, school gardens; this topic is one of the themes in the Handbook on vegetables and fruit for teachers, made in 2020/2021 school scheme.</i>
	Sustainable production	Yes <i>this topic is one of the themes in the Handbook on vegetables and fruit for teachers, made in 2020/2021 school scheme.</i>
	Food waste	Yes <i>the educational fruit, vegetable and milk snacks in the CSOE;</i>
	Other: please specify under comments	No



6. Communication activities carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	Each school has its own poster made by pupils.
	Poster at other relevant places	No	
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	<i>The contents of the previous special web site for the School fruit and vegetable scheme (SFVS) http://www.shemasolskegasadja.si/ have been upgraded with a new school scheme and transferred to the redesigned single web site of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in 2019. The old web site for SFVS is archived and is not active anymore.</i> <i>https://www.gov.si/teme/solska-shema-sadja-zelenjave-in-mleka/; there is another web site about the School scheme, intended for schools for administrative matters (aplications,...): https://www.gov.si/zbirke/storitve/izvajanje-solske-sheme/; this web site is managed by our paying agency AAMRD;</i>
	Informative graphic material	No	
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	<i>The presentation of the school scheme in a telecast on school nutrition on the national television, Oct. 2022;</i> <i>The press release about the new 6-years strategy of SS on the web site of the Ministry/Government, July 2023;</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, forestry and food - MAFF, Agency for agricultural markets and rural developments - AAMGD	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MAFF): set the working group for SS, prepared the strategy and the national regulation for SS; approved the performer of evaluation of SS (NIPH) and the performer of accompanying educational measures (CSOE) according with the national regulation for SS; performs public procurments for accompanying educational measures (no such p.p. in 2021/22), informs and advices schools about actual news regarding SS, managed the website; submit to the EC the request for Union aid for SS, the monitoring report and evaluation report, in accordance with EC regulation; made the instructions/guidelines for schools about implementation of SS. MAFF: advices to schools, suppliers and implementers od AEM – CSOE; AAMRD: prepares data on the implementation of the school scheme and sends them to the MKGP for a monitoring report AAMRD: supervisor - in charge for administrative control of aid applications and for On the Spot Control; MAFF communication activity: the press release of the SS on the website of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-kmetijstvo-gozdarstvo-in-prehrano/
		Stakeholder	The Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia - CAFS	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	CAFS: a member of the working group for SS, cooperated at the strategy
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Ministry of health	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Ministry of Health: a member of the working group for SS, cooperated at the strategy;
		Stakeholder	National Institute for Public Health – NIPH	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	NIPH: a member of the working group for SS, cooperated at the strategy; monitored the data for evaluation of SS; Makes the evaluation report for each school year; it organizes some AEM - the lectures for teachers ;
	Education	Authority	Ministry of Education	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Ministry for Education: a member of the working group for SS, cooperated at the strategy; cooperated at informing the schools; provides data on schoolchildren and educational establishments; participated in informing schools about a school scheme;
		Stakeholder	Centre for School and Outdoor Education (CSOE); and a representative of primary school principals;	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	both (CSOE and a representative of primary school principals) are members of the working group for SS, cooperated at the strategy; CSOE: planning and implementing the AEM
	Other	Authority	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
		Stakeholder	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia - Chamber of Agricultural and Food Enterprises (CCIS - CAFE)	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No