

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2019/2020 school year

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Figures on budget execution (31 December 2020) 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	1.079.222	0	1.079.222	895.828	0	0	895.828	1.975.050
National Funds	0	0	0	415.476	0	0	415.476	415.476
<i>of which: Public</i>			0	163.127			163.127	163.127
<i>of which: Private</i>			0	252.349			252.349	252.349
Comments	<i>EU expenditure includes EUR 15.644 for fruit and vegetables that could not be supplied/distributed to schools due to force majeure recognised by the competent authorities linked to the Covid-19 pandemic</i>			<i>EU expenditure includes EUR 9.645,76 for milk that could not be supplied/distributed to schools due to case of force majeure recognised by the competent authorities linked to the Covid-19 pandemic. Total EU expenditure includes fridge costs. National Funding calculated with EUR 1.979,87 spending (Food Parcels in July) and DEIS/Local authorities contribution of EUR 161.147,20. Private Funding= parental contribution.</i>				

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	328.375	143.313	471.688
National Funds	1.259.270	0	1.259.270
<i>of which: Public</i>	1.259.270		
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments			

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	226.689	101.407	328.096
National Funds	786.381	95.397	881.778
<i>of which: Public</i>	786.381	95.397	
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments			

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	302	0	302
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	302	0	302
Primary schools	158.241	113.087	49.942
Secondary schools	3.273	0	3.273
Total	161.816	113.087	53.517
Comments			

2.2 Number of children in the target group

	Number of children in the target group set out in the strategy
Nurseries/Pre-schools	105.975
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	105.975
Primary schools	567.716
Secondary schools	371.450
Total	1.045.141
Comments	



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	105.975
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	105.975
Primary schools	567.716
Secondary schools	371.450
Total	1.045.141
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	6	0	6
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	6	0	6
Primary schools	1.158	700	547
Secondary schools	39	0	39
Total	1.203	700	592
Comments			

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	4.150
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4.150
Primary schools	3.240
Secondary schools	723
Total	8.113
Comments	

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	4.150
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4.150
Primary schools	3.240
Secondary schools	723
Total	8.113
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	

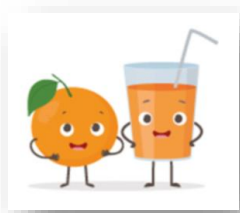


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	Yes	Milk: Regional suppliers provide milk to schools relative to their locality. Fruit/vegetables: Local Wholesalers
Organic products	No	
Short supply chains	Yes	Milk: Regional suppliers provide milk to schools relative to their locality. Fruit/vegetables: Local Wholesalers
Quality schemes	Yes	All producers supplying milk partake in the Sustainable Dairy Assurance Scheme.
Fair trade	Yes	Bananas are fair trade
Other:	No	

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0,07	0,00
Liters	0,00	0,21
Comments		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0,42	0,15
National aid (private/public)	0,00	0,13
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	

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	
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>Based on a 16-day intervention programme with tasting days at various intervals during the year</i>	<i>Frequency of delivery depends on supplier and location of school. Deliveries vary from twice per week to each day.</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>Except during enforced school closures due to Covid-19</i>

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	21	102
Comments		<i>Estimate based on litres delivered divided by number of pupils and by average portion size.</i>

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	170.395	
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>85.221</i>	
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>85.174</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: Jams/Marmalades</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	1.165.803	
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	0	
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	0	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	128.587	<i>SMS: Lesson Plans, activity sheets, nutrition booklets</i>
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	128.587	<i>SMS: Competitions, National School Milk Week promotion</i>

5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	Yes	<i>Milk part: Lesson plans 'Grass to Glass'</i>
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	<i>Milk part: Lesson Plan: 'Dairy and My Diet', 'Keeping Active', 'Dental Health'</i>
	Local food chains	Yes	<i>Milk part: Lesson Plan: 'Dairy and Eating Sustainably'</i>
	Organic	No	
	Sustainable production	Yes	<i>Milk part: Lesson Plan: 'Dairy and Eating Sustainably'</i>
	Food waste	Yes	<i>Milk part: Lesson Plan: 'Dairy and Eating Sustainably'</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	
	Poster at other relevant places	Yes	<i>Milk part: Posters at School Milk Week and National Principal Conferences</i>
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	<i>www.fooddudes.ie and www.moocrew.ie</i>
	Informative graphic material	Yes	<i>Milk part: Lesson plans, nutrition booklets and activity sheets</i>
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	<i>Fruit/Vegetables part: A social media campaign to promote updates to the Food Dudes website; Milk part: Radio Promotion, Press releases, Print articles</i>
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	Yes	<i>Milk part: IPPN Conference</i>



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	Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	The Department of Agriculture Food and Marine in Ireland Competent Authority is in charge of the overall implementation of the School Scheme. Played key role in the design of the model, Sets out target and participation numbers, Oversees budgetary execution and makes payments to Aid applicant, Monitors the scheme including administrative checks on aid applications and on-the spot checks on aid applicants involved in the design of the evaluation framework and aid oversees the reporting framework	
		Stakeholder	National Dairy Council	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Implementation: Aid Applicant for the School Milk Scheme - Manages the day to day running of the School Milk Scheme in Ireland
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Department of Health	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	The Department of Health was involved in the drawing of the six-year Statement of Strategy (2017-2023). It reviews materials/accompanying measures which include specific health messages.
		Stakeholder	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	The Department of Children and Youth Affairs was involved in the drawing up of the six-year Strategy. Liaised with DAFM on a pilot for the provision of milk to pre-school children
	Education	Authority	Department of Education and Skills	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	The Department of Education was involved in the drawing up of the six-year Strategy 2017-2023 Facilitates the training of teacher co-ordinators by releasing them from duties on training days Issues an annual letter to primary schools endorsing the school scheme
		Stakeholder	University College Dublin (UCD)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Aid Applicant – Evaluation of the School Scheme
	Other	Authority	Department of Social Protection	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	The Department of Social Protection was involved in the drawing up of the six-year Strategy 2017-2023. Provides data on number of disadvantaged (DEIS) schools in Ireland
		Stakeholder	Bord Bia	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Implementation: Aid Applicant – School Fruit Scheme Manages the day to day running of the Food Dudes Programmes