

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	629 277		629 277	719 051			719 051	1 348 328
National Funds	740 949		740 949	1 842 382			1 842 382	2 583 331
<i>of which: Public</i>	740 949		740 949	1 842 382			1 842 382	2 583 331
<i>of which: Private</i>								
Comments								

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	9 182	9 916	19 098
National Funds	11 170	15 683	26 853
<i>of which: Public</i>	11 170	15 683	26 853
<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	19 720	19 073	38 793
National Funds	21 296	52 290	73 586
<i>of which: Public</i>	21 296	52 290	73 586
<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	93 215	90 611	82 959
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	93 215	90 611	82 959
Primary schools	183 778	179 462	175 939
Secondary schools			
Total	276 993	270 073	258 898
Comments	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th form are taken into account.</i>	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th form are taken into account.</i>	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th form are taken into account.</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	101 483
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	101 483
Primary schools	186 066
Secondary schools	
Total	287 549
Comments	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th form are taken into account.</i>



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	101 483
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	101 483
Primary schools	186 066
Secondary schools	58 707
Total	346 256
Comments	<i>secondary schools: pupils from 10th till 12th form.</i>



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	650	628	566
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	650	628	566
Primary schools	722	689	663
Secondary schools			
Total	1 372	1 317	1 229
Comments	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th form are taken into account. 650, 722 - Many educational establishments in Latvia have several addresses, so these numbers include all addresses participating in aid programme.</i>	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th form are taken into account. 689 - Many educational establishments in Latvia have several addresses, so this number includes all addresses participating in aid programme.</i>	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th form are taken into account.</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	631
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	631
Primary schools	685
Secondary schools	
Total	1 316
Comments	<i>Amount of primary schools covers different school types. For example, secondary schools are also included as educational establishments which provide the education to pupils from 1st till 9th form.</i>

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	631
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	631
Primary schools	685
Secondary schools	268
Total	1 584
Comments	<i>Total amount of school educational establishments in Latvia: 685. In amount of primary schools are included also secondary schools which provide the education to pupils from 1st till 9th form.</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	
Avocados	
Bananas	
Berries	✓
Cherries	
Citrus Fruit	
Figs	
Grapes	
Guavas/Mangoes	
Kiwis	
Melons	
Nuts	
Peaches/Nectarines	
Pears	✓
Pineapples	
Plums	
Quinces	
Strawberries	
Watermelons	
Comments	<i>large cranberries (Vaccinium macrocarpon) are only offered in assorted portions, and weight of cranberries does not exceed 20 grams</i>

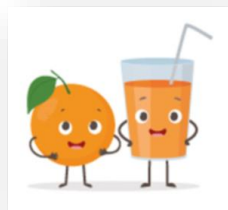


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	

4.1.3 Processed fruit and vegetables

	List
Fruit Juices	
Fruit Purées/Compotes	
Jams/Marmalades	
Dried Fruits	
Vegetable Juices	
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	Regional and seasonal products.
Organic products	Yes	are cultivated in accordance with the laws and
Short supply chains	Yes	Enable producers to deliver products directly to
Quality schemes	Yes	Compliance with the requirements of the
Fair trade	No	
Other:	Yes	Seasonal products; environmental aspect (food

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0.10	
Liters		0.22
Comments	<p>One portion for one pupil weighs not less than 100 grams. The weigh of one portion of fruit, vegetables and assorted products is laid down in Republic of Latvia Cabinet Regulation No. 485 "Procedures for the Granting, Administration and Monitoring of State and European Union Aid for the Supply of Fruit, Vegetables and Milk to Educational Institutions".</p> <p>https://likumi.lv/ta/id/293020-valsts-un-eiropassavienibas-atbalsta-pieskirasanas-administresanas-unuzraudzibas-kartiba-augludarzenu-un-piena-piegadei</p>	<p>One portion for one pupil does not exceed 250 millilitres and is not smaller than 100 millilitres.</p> <p>https://likumi.lv/ta/id/293020-valsts-un-eiropassavienibas-atbalsta-pieskirasanas-administresanas-unuzraudzibas-kartiba-augludarzenu-un-piena-piegadei</p>

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.20	0.33
National aid (private/public)		
Comments	<p>The rate of aid for one portion of fruit, vegetables and assorted products is laid down in the Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 485 "Procedures for the Granting, Administration and Monitoring of State and European Union Aid for the Supply of Fruit, Vegetables and Milk to Educational Institutions"</p> <p>https://likumi.lv/ta/id/293020-valsts-un-eiropas-savienibas-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-administresanas-un-uzraudzibas-kartiba-auglu-darzenu-un-piena-piegadei</p>	<p>one portion for one pupil does not exceed 250 millilitres and is not smaller than 100 millilitres. The rate of aid for 1 litre of milk is laid down in the Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 485 "Procedures for the Granting, Administration and Monitoring of State and European Union Aid for the Supply of Fruit, Vegetables and Milk to Educational Institutions"</p>

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

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	0.16
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	<p>0.16 Euro per 1 apple portion.</p> <p>The rate of aid for one portion of fruit, vegetables and assorted products is laid down in the Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 485 "Procedures for the Granting, Administration and Monitoring of State and European Union Aid for the Supply of Fruit, Vegetables and Milk to Educational Institutions"</p> <p>https://likumi.lv/ta/id/293020-valsts-un-eiropas-savienibas-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-administresanas-un-uzraudzibas-kartiba-auglu-darzenu-un-piena-piegadei</p>

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	0.33
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	<p>one portion for one pupil does not exceed 250 millilitres and is not smaller than 100 millilitres. The rate of aid for 1 litre of milk is laid down in the Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 485 "Procedures for the Granting, Administration and Monitoring of State and European Union Aid for the Supply of Fruit, Vegetables and Milk to Educational Institutions"</p>



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>An educational institution shall ensure that pupils receive products three times per week of studies during the distribution period.</i>	<i>An educational institution shall ensure that pupils receive products three times per week of studies during the distribution period.</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>Distribution period begins on 1st of October.</i>	<i>Distribution period begins on 1st of October.</i>

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	32	36
Comments	<i>1 portion for 1 children 3 times a week.</i>	<i>1 portion for 1 children 3 times a week.</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	Of which organic products	Comments
Fresh fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	859 345	13 301	<i>one portion for one pupil weighs not less than 100 grams.</i>
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>857 585</i>	<i>12 978</i>	<i>one portion for one pupil weighs not less than 100 grams.</i>
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>1 760</i>	<i>323</i>	<i>one portion for one pupil weighs not less than 100 grams.</i>

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

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

4.6.3 Milk and milk products

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	Quantity in litres	2 054 088	101 178	
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg			
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg			
Milk products without added sugar, flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	Quantity in 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			
Honey	Quantity in kg			
Others:	Quantity in kg			

5.1 Educational measures carried out

		Number of schoolchildren	Comments
Type of measure	School gardens	0	
	Visits to farms, dairies, farmers' markets and similar activities	0	
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	0	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	276 993	<i>School lessons on healthy nutrition. These school lessons were organized for all pupils in educational establishments participating in the aid program. Pupils have been taught about the importance of fruit, vegetables and milk in daily nutrition, as well as that healthy nutrition is a component of healthy lifestyle. Activities were organised in educational establishments or remotely taking into account the epidemiological situation in the educational establishments in case of increasing incidence of Covid-19.</i>
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	276 993	<i>- healthy eating habits: pupils have organized exhibitions at schools, where they presented handmade objects made from different fruits and vegetables; - drawing exhibitions, composition of poems, songs, fairy-tales and school plays about fruits and vegetables. Activities were organised in educational establishments or remotely taking into account the epidemiological situation in the educational establishments in case of increasing incidence of Covid-19.</i>

5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	Yes	
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	
	Local food chains	Yes	
	Organic	Yes	
	Sustainable production	Yes	
	Food waste	Yes	
	Other: please specify under comments	Yes	<i>Interesting data about the program published on the website http://piensaugliskolai.lv/lv/par-programmu/jaunumi/; Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/piensaugliskolai; Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/piensaugliskolai/ Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/@piensunaugliskolai/videos</i>



6. Communication activities carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	Usually poster is placed at school main entrance, on bulletin board or at dining-hall.
	Poster at other relevant places	No	
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	Maintenance and improvements for the website dedicated to School milk and fruit programme: www.piensaugliskolai.lv . Creation of a backup copy of the website, content and plug-ins update; website testing after renewal. Information updating on websites: https://www.facebook.com/piensaugliskolai https://www.instagram.com/piensaugliskolai/ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-atiXOAMaSvVSzDInvCYEg
	Informative graphic material	Yes	Technical and informative support for the promotion of the School milk and fruit programme at the LAMPA event held on 09.06.2023 in Cēsis, Latvia: Handouts (printed milk packs and carrot cups).
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	Placement and maintenance of information on web site http://www.e-klase.lv ; Online banner "Labais kvadrāts" ("Good square") was placed on the web page http://www.e-klase.lv with 20,000 exposures per day (13.02.2023.-17.02.2023.); advertising article for teachers placed on http://www.e-klase.lv (13.02.2023.-19.02.2023.) 23.05.2023.-29.05.2023. on http://www.e-klase.lv : - Advertising article. Target group: 1-9 form pupils and their parents; Advertising article. Target group: teachers; Organized competition in social networks "How big an expert are you?" Different tests and digital games have been organized as part of the competition. 6 winners of the competition have been determined, they received prizes - 2 Smartwatches Garmin Venu SQ, 2 Wireless speakers JBL Charge Essential 2, 2 Wireless headphones JBL 710BT. Development of 6 (six) video materials in Latvian language.
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	Yes	3000 seedling (peas) box sets designed and delivered to 650 preschool educational institutions in Latvia for the promotion of School milk and fruit programme. Seedling box set contents: soil substrate (peat-soil mixture) 6 litres, PE pots 25 pcs., PE tray 1 pc., bamboo stakes 25 pcs., stickers 25 pcs., mineral fertilizers 50 g, peas 1 package (50 pcs.), informative material 2 pages. Stage 2 of the evaluation - evaluation of the results of the aid program.



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
Authority/ Private stakeholder	Authority	Ministry of Agriculture	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	<p>The Ministry of Agriculture drafts the national legislation for implementation of the school scheme, as well as performs the overall supervision of implementation of the scheme.</p> <p>The Minister for Agriculture establishes a commission, including representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Rural Support Service, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education and Science, the National Center for Education and the Center for Disease Prevention and Control in order to carry out the following according to the financing available in the current school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - determines the distribution of financing available in the current school year; - approves a plan and an estimate of accompanying educational and publicity measures of the aid program and a report on the implementation of measures; - approves a plan and an estimate of preparation of evaluation of the aid program and a report on evaluation. <p>The right to the intellectual property created in the accompanying educational measures and publicity measures belongs to the Ministry of Agriculture.</p> <p>Develops and submits to the European Commission the strategy referred to in Article 2(3) of Regulation No 2017/40 and the application for European Union aid referred to in Article 3 of Regulation No 2017/39. https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/293020</p> <p>In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture organizes and participates in meetings on topical issues. For example: meeting with Rural Support Service, Food and Veterinary Service, Ministry of Health on ensuring epidemiological measures in product distribution in educational establishments in case of the increasing incidence of COVID-19; meetings with industry representatives on topical issues in the framework of the aid program; meetings on additional educational activities and program monitoring.</p> <p>The Ministry of Agriculture publishes information on the implementation of the program on its website: https://www.zm.gov.lv/presei/ as well as in twitter and facebook</p>
	Stakeholder	Rural Support Service	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

		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 Coordinative / 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 aut	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Ministry of Health	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Participates with other state representatives at the commission established by the Minister for Agriculture. In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture organizes and Ministry of Health participates in meetings on topical issues. For example: meeting with Rural Support Service, Food and Veterinary Service on ensuring epidemiological measures in product distribution in educational establishments due to the increasing incidence of COVID-19. The Ministry of Health, if necessary, provides an opinion on the informative materials prepared under the "School Milk and Fruit" program, which contain references to the impact on consumer health.	
		Stakeholder	Food and Veterinary Service	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Verifies compliance of the educational institutions involved in the aid program, the applicants for aid, and the products with the laws and regulations governing the circulation of food. In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture organizes and Food and Veterinary Service participates in meetings on topical issues. For example: meeting with Rural Support Service, Ministry of Health on ensuring epidemiological measures in product distribution in educational establishments due to the increasing incidence of COVID-19.
	Education	Authority	Ministry of Education and Science	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Informs Rural Support Service about the educational institutions that implement educational programs in pre-school and grades 1-9 in the current school year by indicating the number of pupils by levels of education. Participates with other state representatives at the commission established by the the Minister for Agriculture.
		Stakeholder	National Centre for Education of the Republic of Latvia	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Participates with other state representatives at a commission established by the Minister for Agriculture. If necessary, National Centre for Education of the Republic of Latvia provides an opinion on the additional educational materials prepared in the framework of School Milk and Fruit Program. These additional educational materials are considered as additional materials that could be used in teaching process.
	Other	Authority	Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Involves different fields' specialists, including nutrition specialists and teachers of educational institutions, develops means for implementation of accompanying educational measures according to different age groups of pupils, and implements publicity measures of educational character in compliance with the plan and the estimate of accompanying educational measures and publicity measures of educational nature within the aid programme approved by the commission established by the Minister for Agriculture. In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture organizes and Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies participates in meetings on topical issues. For example, meetings on additional educational measures, their course. Within the framework of the program Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies organizes additional educational measures.
		Stakeholder	Institute of Food safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR"	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	According to the plan and the estimate of preparation of evaluation of the aid program approved by the commission. The Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR" evaluate the aid program. In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture organizes and the Institute of Food safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR" participates in meetings on topical issues. For example: meetings on program evaluation.