

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2018/2019 school year

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Figures on budget execution (31 December 2019) 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	803.785	0	803.785	758.901	0	0	758.901	1.562.686
National Funds	632.878	0	632.878	1.680.723	0	0	1.680.723	2.313.601
<i>of which: Public</i>	632.878	0	632.878	1.680.723	0	0	1.680.723	2.313.601
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comments								

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	3.928	7.857	11.785
National Funds	10.047	22.143	32.190
<i>of which: Public</i>	10.047	22.143	
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	
Comments			

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	4.729	6.228	10.957
National Funds	9.237	29.241	38.478
<i>of which: Public</i>	9.237	29.241	
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	
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	87.927	79.593	71.435
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	87.927	79.593	71.435
Primary schools	176.040	173.267	166.673
Secondary schools	0	0	0
Total	263.967	252.860	238.108
Comments	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th grade 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	99.177
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	99.177
Primary schools	177.610
Secondary schools	0
Total	276.787
Comments	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th grade 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	99.177
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	99.177
Primary schools	177.610
Secondary schools	37.014
Total	313.801
Comments	<i>secondary schools: pupils from 10th till 12th grade</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	512	478	437
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	512	478	437
Primary schools	736	716	669
Secondary schools	0	0	0
Total	1.248	1.194	1.106
Comments	<i>primary schools: pupils from 1st till 9th grade are taken into account</i>		

3.2 Number of schools in the target group

	Number of schools in the target group	School fruit and vegetables part of the scheme	School milk part of the scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	634	634	634
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	634	634	634
Primary schools	740	740	740
Secondary schools	0	0	0
Total	1.374	1.374	1.374
Comments	<i>The number 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 grade.</i>		

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	634
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	634
Primary schools	740
Secondary schools	322
Total	1.696
Comments	<i>In the primary schools are included also secondary schools which provide the education to pupils from 1st till 9th grade.</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 only in assorted portions with weight less than 20 grams in one assorted portion</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	
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	Regional and seasonal products.
Organic products	Yes	In accordance with the laws and regulations on organic farming, with certificate or statement on commencing the transition period to organic farming issued by the control institution
Short supply chains	Yes	Enable producers to deliver products directly to pupils at educational establishments. Using short supply chains pupils know the place of production of consuming products.
Quality schemes	Yes	Requirements of the national food quality scheme for use of the indication in green color, with certificate of the Food and Veterinary Service
Fair trade	No	
Other:	Yes	Seasonal products; environmental aspect (food transportation distance- "food miles"). Products are not transported from the place of production to the relevant educational institution further than 300 kilometers.

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0,10	
Liters		0,25
Comments	<p>one portion per pupil not less than 100 grams. Weight of one portion of fruit, vegetables and assorted products is laid down in 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-eiropas-savienibas-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-administresanas-un-uzraudzibas-kartiba-auglu-darzenu-un-piena-piegadei</p>	<p>one portion per pupil does not exceed 250 millilitres and is not smaller than 100 millilitres.</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 Average cost of portion of school fruit, vegetables and milk (EUR)

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0,13	0,21
National aid (private/public)		
Comments	<i>The rate of aid for one portion of fruit, vegetables and assorted products is laid down in Cabinet Regulation No 485</i>	<i>0.83 Euro per 1 litre. One portion per pupil does not exceed 250 millilitres and is not smaller than 100 millilitres. https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/293020. The rate of aid for the distribution of one litre of milk is laid down in Cabinet Regulation No 485</i>

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

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	0,13
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	<i>0.13 Euro per 1 apple portion. The rate of aid for one portion of fruit/vegetables is laid down in Cabinet Regulation No 485</i>

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	0,21
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	<i>0.83 Euro per 1 litre. One portion per pupil does not exceed 250 millilitres and is not smaller than 100 millilitres</i>



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>Educational institutions shall ensure that pupils receive products three times per week of studies during the distribution period - https://likumi.lv/ta/id/293020-valsts-un-eiropas-savienibas-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-administresanas-un-uzraudzibas-kartiba-auglu-darzenu-un-piena-piegadei</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		
Comments	<i>Distribution period begins on 1st of October</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	1.091.980	one portion per pupil weighs not less than 100 grams.
Of which: Fruit	Quantity in kg	889.795	one portion per pupil weighs not less than 100 grams=8.897.950 portions
Of which: Vegetables	Quantity in kg	202.185	one portion per pupil weighs not less than 100 grams=2.021.853 portions

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	0	
	Quantity in litres	0	
Of which: Fruit juices	Quantity in litres	0	
Of which: Fruit purees/compotes	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	2.827.209	
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	263.967	<i>School lessons on healthy nutrition. These school lessons were organized for all pupils eligible for the aid. 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</i>
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	263.967	<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</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		



6. Communication activities carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	Usually the 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, development and improvements for the website dedicated to the school scheme: www.piensaugliskolai.lv and information updating on websites: https://www.instagram.com/piensaugliskolai/ https://www.facebook.com/piensaugliskolai
	Informative graphic material	Yes	16000 paper rules have been printed; 120 backpacks with the scheme symbols have been produced; Visual materials in electronic format have been made for informative and educational content booklet for pupils in grades 1-3; Study materials for pre-school children have been prepared http://piensaugliskolai.lv/en/teachers/pre-school-institutions-receive-calendars-teaching-materials/
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	From November 12, 2018 till November 18, 2018 on the website www.e-klase.lv were placed and maintained banners and 2 advertising leaflets of the website Milk and Fruits for School (www.piensaugliskolai.lv); Three informative videos have been made about School Milk and Fruit programme: http://piensaugliskolai.lv/en/about/three-interesting-video-stories-on-the-programme-school-milk-and-fruit-have-been-prepared/ TV story's creation on TV Show „Mommy's Club” (“Māmiņu klubs”) in February 2019, broadcast on TV on February 10, 2019; Advertising articles have been published in magazine „My Little” („Mans mazais”) on May 2019 and in magazine „Ieva” on May 22, 2019
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	Yes	Five regional educational seminars for teachers have been organised; Different competitions for pupils held on www.piensaugliskolai.lv (e.g. competition "From seed to table" http://piensaugliskolai.lv/en/for-children/contests/)



7. Authorities and stakeholders involved

			Name	Involved in Planning	Involved in Implementation	Involved in Monitoring	Involved in Evaluation	How
Public authority/ Private stakeholder	Agriculture	Authority	Ministry of Agriculture	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>The Ministry of Agriculture drafts the national implementing legislation and performs the overall supervision of implementation of the scheme. 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: - distribution of financing available in the current school year; - approves a plan and an estimate of accompanying educational and publicity measures, and a report on their implementation of measures; - approves a plan and an estimate of the preparation of evaluation, and a report on that evaluation The right to the intellectual property created in the accompanying educational measures and publicity measures belongs to the Ministry of Agriculture. Develops and submits to the European Commission the strategy referred to in Article 2(3) of Regulation No 2017/40 and the application for EU aid referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2017/39. https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/293020</i>
		Stakeholder	Rural Support Service	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Rural Support Service grants, administers and monitors aid as well as carries out the functions of a Member State competent authority. Participates with other state representatives at the commission established by the Minister for Agriculture.</i>
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Ministry of Health	Yes	No	No	No	<i>Participates with other State representatives in the commission established by the Minister for Agriculture</i>
		Stakeholder	Food and Veterinary Service	No	No	Yes	No	<i>Verifies compliance of the educational institutions involved in the scheme, the aid applicants, and the products with the laws and regulations governing the circulation of food</i>
	Education	Authority	Ministry of Education and Science	Yes	Yes	No	No	<i>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 in the commission established by the Minister for Agriculture</i>
		Stakeholder	National Centre for Education of the Republic of Latvia	Yes	No	No	No	<i>Participates with other State representatives in the commission established by the Minister for Agriculture</i>
	Other	Authority	Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies	No	Yes	No	No	<i>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</i>
		Stakeholder	Institute of Food safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR"	No	No	No	Yes	<i>The school scheme is evaluated by the Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment "BIOR".</i>