

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2020/2021 school year

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Figures on budget execution (31 December 2021) 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	10 652 901	1 081 703	11 734 604	7 799 483	2 341 202	0	10 140 685	21 875 289
National Funds	2 984 520	303 050	3 287 570	3 928 694	1 179 292	0	5 107 986	8 395 556
<i>of which: Public</i>	2 984 520	303 050	3 287 570	3 928 694	1 179 292	0	5 107 986	8 395 556
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comments	<p>Expenditure is broken down by product groups proportionally according to the number of portions of each product group that were supplied/distributed to children. It includes expenditures for products that could not be supplied/distributed to schools but were instead donated to charities (= cases of force majeure linked to the Covid-19 pandemic): for school fruit and vegetables, approximately EUR 1 854 264, of which EUR 1 448 463 EUR from the EU and EUR 405 801 from national funds (including VAT), for school milk, approximately EUR 302 213, of which EUR 200 978 from the EU and EUR 101 235 from national funds (including VAT).</p> <p>The Covid-19 pandemic affected implementation of the scheme in school year 2020/2021 in terms of number of participating children, number of distributed portions etc. Nevertheless, changes and flexibilities implemented at national level influenced positively budget execution and helped reach a relatively high level of spending in terms of EU aid (expenditure was covered from EU budget, except VAT, first).</p>							

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	0	0	0
National Funds	0	0	0
<i>of which: Public</i>	0	0	
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	
Comments	<p>In 2020/2021 school year, a tendering procedure was carried out for the production of educational materials for the school scheme: educational films for pupils and parents, on-line quizzes and other materials and development of a dedicated web site. Nevertheless, due to the lack of interest and valid offers, probably caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the tendering procedure was cancelled. This prevented the full use of the budget for the accompanying educational measures in school year 2020/2021. However, the schools participating in the scheme still carried out obligatory educational measures to the extent possible in the pandemic circumstances.</p>		

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	268 979	268 979	537 958
National Funds	41 200	41 200	82 400
<i>of which: Public</i>	41 200	41 200	
<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	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	0	0	0
Primary schools	1 292 356	1 148 807	1 216 408
Secondary schools	0	0	0
Total	1 292 356	1 148 807	1 216 408
Comments	<i>Estimates as exact figures are not available. Situation: end of the school year (II semester), on the basis of aid applications.</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	0
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	0
Primary schools	3 091 614
Secondary schools	0
Total	3 091 614
Comments	<i>Source: Statistics Poland, Education in 2020/2021 school year.</i>



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	1 566 891
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	142 355
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	1 424 536
Primary schools	3 091 614
Secondary schools	1 519 945
Total	6 178 450
Comments	<i>Source: Statistics Poland, Education in 2020/2021 school year.</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	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	0	0	0
Primary schools	10 790	9 566	10 361
Secondary schools	0	0	0
Total	10 790	9 566	10 361
Comments	<i>Estimates as exact figures are not available. Situation: end of the school year (II semester), on the basis of aid applications.</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	0
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	0
Primary schools	14 219
Secondary schools	0
Total	14 219
Comments	<i>Source: Statistics Poland, Education in 2020/2021 school year.</i>

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	26 928
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	4 574
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	22 354
Primary schools	14 219
Secondary schools	6 527
Total	47 674
Comments	<i>Source: Statistics Poland, Education in 2020/2021 school year.</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	

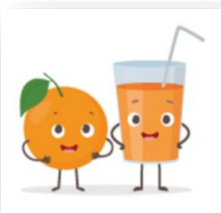


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	<i>In school year 2020/2021 it was possible to deliver fruit juices or fruit purees, however finally purees were not delivered at all (only juices).</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	



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	No	
Organic products	No	
Short supply chains	No	
Quality schemes	No	
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	0,12	0,15
Liters	0,20	0,25
Comments	120 grams = weighted average portion size, calculated on the basis of portions distributed to children. Minimum portion sizes are: apples, pears, plums – 0,15 kg, strawberries – 0,1 kg, carrots, small radishes, kohlrabi, sweet peppers, small tomatoes – 0,09 kg. Minimum size of juice portion is 0,2l.	Minimum size of milk portions: milk – 0,25 l, cottage cheese, plain yogurt, plain kefir – 0,15 kg.

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0,14	0,12
National aid (private/public)	0,03	0,05
Comments	A single aid rate per portion (0,17 EUR/0,73 PLN for respectively school fruit and vegetables and school milk) is set in the national regulation for the school scheme. It is split into EU and national aid proportionally to the global amounts of expenditure on deliveries. In school year 2020/2021, two approaches to payment system were applied. Initially, a single aid per portion was financed from EU and national aid proportionally to the overall national and EU budget set in the national regulation. Afterwards, expenditure on products deliveries were covered fully at the first place from EU budget (except VAT). Additionally to those amounts VAT was added financed from national budget (5% or 8% for fruit and vegetable products).	

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

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	one single aid rate for portion

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	one single aid rate per portion



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		

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	Products were distributed for 24 weeks in a school year, 12 weeks in each semester – rules in force before Covid-19 pandemic (after that, for more flexibility, products could be distributed for 9-12 weeks in a semester).	

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	62	66
Comments	<i>According to the national legislation, children should have received 88 fruit/vegetables portions and 84 milk portions. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the average number of portions was respectively 62 and 66 (nb: this doesn't include portions not distributed due to force majeure cases and delivered to charities).</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	7 519 922	
Of which: Fruit	Quantity in kg	4 296 566	<i>In addition to the quantities in the table, 825 617 kg of products that could not be distributed to schools due to the Covid-19 restrictions under cases of force majeure were donated to charity organizations etc.</i>
Of which: Vegetables	Quantity in kg	3 223 356	<i>In addition to the quantities in the table, 421 093 kg of products that could not be distributed to schools due to the Covid-19 restrictions under cases of force majeure were donated to charity organizations etc.</i>

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	0	
	Quantity in litres	1 462 018	
Of which: Fruit juices	Quantity in litres	1 462 018	<i>In addition to the quantities in the table, 64 732,00 l of products that could not be distributed to schools due to the Covid-19 restrictions under cases of force majeure were donated to charity organizations etc.</i>
Of which: Fruit purees/compotes	Quantity in kg	0	
Of which: Jams/Marmalades	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	15 889 060	<i>In addition to the quantities in the table, 419 590 l of products that could not be distributed to schools due to the Covid-19 restrictions under cases of force majeure were donated to charity organizations etc.</i>
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	721 112	<i>In addition to the quantities in the table, 122 593 kg of products that could not be distributed to schools due to the Covid-19 restrictions under cases of force majeure were donated to charity organizations etc.</i>
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	1 044 280	<i>In addition to the quantities in the table, 162 104 kg of products that could not be distributed to schools due to the Covid-19 restrictions under cases of force majeure were donated to charity organizations etc.</i>
Milk products without added sugar, flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	Quantity in kg	762 131	<i>In addition to the quantities in the table, 125 039 kg of products that could not be distributed to schools due to the Covid-19 restrictions under cases of force majeure were donated to charity organizations etc.</i>
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	339 176	<i>This comment applies to all activities. Each school participating in the scheme is obliged to carry out educational measures, from the catalogue set by the Ministry of Education, at least twice in a semester. Data on the number of pupils participating in each activity comes from the questionnaire filled in by 61% of the schools participating in the scheme. Covid-19 pandemic and online schooling affected implementation of the scheme, including educational measures, in particular the selection of measures carried out by schools. In 2020/2021 schools could use supporting educational materials prepared in previous school years available on website www.programdlaszkol.org (set of scenarios and tutorials for teachers, supplemented by extra educational materials dedicated to children or parents, educational films focusing on healthy cooking, origin of products distributed to children, their production or cultivation and connection with agriculture, and other materials available).</i>
	Visits to farms, dairies, farmers' markets and similar activities	129 719	
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	909 604	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	0	
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	1 025 888	

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	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>suppliers, Regional Branches of National Support Centre for Agriculture</i>
	Dedicated website(s)	No	
	Informative graphic material	Yes	
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	<i>TV, radio, YouTube</i>
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	Yes	<i>awareness campaign at on-line school registers</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	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development / National Support Centre for Agriculture / Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture (ARMA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (planning, implementation and monitoring) - supervising authority, responsible for preparation of national law and strategy, member of working groups on school scheme and on educational measures. National Support Centre for Agriculture (planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation) – implements the scheme in Poland as task delegated by ARMA, carrying out all the activities except making payments. Involved in planning, implementation monitoring and evaluation, member of working groups on school scheme and on educational measures. Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture (ARMA) (planning, implementation) – paying agency, involved in planning and implementation (making payments), member of working group on school scheme.	
		Stakeholder	-	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	-
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Ministry of Health / National Institute of Public Health	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Involved in planning in particular as regards health dimension of the scheme – recommendation on selection of products, frequency of distribution, educational measures etc.), member of working groups on school scheme and educational measures.
		Stakeholder	-	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	-
	Education	Authority	Ministry of Science and Education	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Involved in planning and implementation in particular as regards educational dimension of the scheme, responsible for preparation of national law on educational measures in school scheme, member of working groups on school scheme and educational measures.
		Stakeholder	-	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	-
	Other	Authority	-	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	-
		Stakeholder	-	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	-