

# 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
<b>EU aid</b>	1 241 330	0	<b>1 241 330</b>	675 599	16 028	0	<b>691 627</b>	<b>1 932 957</b>
<b>National Funds</b>	66 584	0	<b>66 584</b>	241 868	1 285	0	<b>243 153</b>	<b>309 737</b>
<i>of which: Public</i>	66 584		<b>66 584</b>	154 407	1 285		<b>155 692</b>	<b>222 276</b>
<i>of which: Private</i>			<b>0</b>	87 461			<b>87 461</b>	<b>87 461</b>
<b>Comments</b>	Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, schools were closed between January and April 2021. During this period, a Home Delivery Programme ran from January to April 2021 which provided weekly deliveries of food parcels containing portions of fruit, vegetables, milk and cheese directly to children's homes or a designated collection point (schools). This programme also ran during the mid-term and Easter break, however product distributed during these times were covered by National funding. Following the re-opening of schools in April 2021, a specially designed 10 week Food Dudes Programme ran in disadvantaged schools. Recognising the challenges presented by pandemic for schools, this programme offered more flexibility than the traditional Food Dudes programme and allowed schools to select between 3 models of delivery to best suit their requirements.							

## 1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
<b>EU aid</b>	203 287	103 759	<b>307 046</b>
<b>National Funds</b>	172 431	0	<b>172 431</b>
<i>of which: Public</i>	172 431		
<i>of which: Private</i>			
<b>Comments</b>			

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
<b>EU aid</b>	66 360	97 960	<b>164 320</b>
<b>National Funds</b>	105 352	0	<b>105 352</b>
<i>of which: Public</i>	105 352		
<i>of which: Private</i>			
<b>Comments</b>			

## 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
<b>Nurseries/Pre-schools</b>	237		237
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	237		237
<b>Primary schools</b>	55 972	37 271	39 864
<b>Secondary schools</b>	2 897		2 897
<b>Total</b>	<b>59 106</b>	<b>37 271</b>	<b>42 998</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<i>21163 primary school children took part in both parts of the scheme.</i>		

## 2.2 Number of children in the target group

	Number of children in the target group set out in the strategy
<b>Nurseries/Pre-schools</b>	101 096
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	101 096
<b>Primary schools</b>	561 411
<b>Secondary schools</b>	379 184
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 041 691</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<i>Only 120,000 children of the primary schools are included in the SFVS target group. All 561,411 children are included in the SMS target groups</i>



## 2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
<b>Nurseries/Pre-schools</b>	101 096
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	101 096
<b>Primary schools</b>	561 411
<b>Secondary schools</b>	379 184
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 041 691</b>
<b>Comments</b>	



### 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
<b>Nurseries/Pre-schools</b>	4		4
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4		4
<b>Primary schools</b>	483	257	390
<b>Secondary schools</b>	46		46
<b>Total</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>440</b>
<b>Comments</b>	164 primary schools took part in both parts of the scheme.		

### 3.2 Number of schools in the target group

	Number of educational establishments in the target group set out in the strategy
<b>Nurseries/Pre-schools</b>	4 150
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4 150
<b>Primary schools</b>	3 241
<b>Secondary schools</b>	730
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 121</b>
<b>Comments</b>	

### 3.3 Total number of schools

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<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4 150
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<b>Comments</b>	



## 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	

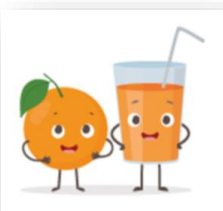


### 4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	<i>Drinking milk distributed in schools; drinking milk and cheese distributed as part of home delivery programme</i>



#### 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	<i>SFVS: Local wholesalers. SMS: Regional suppliers provide milk relative to their locality in Ireland.</i>
Organic products	No	
Short supply chains	Yes	<i>SMS: Regional suppliers provide milk to schools relative to their locality in Ireland.</i>
Quality schemes	Yes	<i>SFVS: Bord Bia Quality Assurance</i>
Fair trade	Yes	<i>Bananas</i>
Other:		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0,12	0,20
Liters	0,00	0,20
Comments	<i>Total = weight distributed/number of portions</i>	<i>Total = weight distributed/number of portions</i>

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0,57	0,15
National aid (private/public)	0,03	0,05
Comments	<i>Total cost of produce claimed divided by total number of portions.</i>	

#### 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	0,15
National aid (private/public)	0,05
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>During the Home Delivery Programme (reference in table 1.1) weekly deliveries up to 12 weeks (schools opted in and out during this time i.e. non-consecutive deliveries to all schools).</i>	<i>Frequency of milk delivery depends on supplier and location of the school. Deliveries vary from twice per week to daily.</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>see comments under table 4.4</i>	<i>Except during enforced school closures due to Covid-19</i>

#### 4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
<b>Number of portions supplied/distributed per child</b>	58	107
<b>Comments</b>	<i>Total Portions delivered (2,162,130) divided by number of children</i>	<i>Litres delivered (913,858) + Cheese delivered in litres 8190 divided by number of pupils (42,998) divided by average portion size (.200)</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	254 778	
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>140 819</i>	
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>113 959</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	913 858	<i>Of which 125,912 litres were consumed from Food Parcels delivered as part of the Home Delivery Programme (references in table 1.1)</i>
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	8 128	<i>Consumed from Food Parcels delivered as part of the Home Delivery Programme (reference in table 1.1)</i>
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	39 864	SMS: Lesson Plans, Eating Sustainably activities and posters nutrition booklets,
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	37 773	SMS: 502 children participated in Eating Sustainably Week-Long Challenge. SFVS: children participating in the home delivery programme received weekly recipe and children participating in post-Easter intervention programme received parent and child videos, local ambassador videos, a cookery booklet and a number of rewards.

## 5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	Yes	SMS: Lesson Plan - Grass to Glass
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	SFVS: Accompanying measures and communication tools provides messaging on the 5-7 F&V portion consumption. These included recipe cards, recipe videos and motivational videos featuring sporting role models. SMS: Lesson Plan: Dairy in My Diet, Keeping Active and Dental Health.
	Local food chains	Yes	SMS: Lesson Plan: Dairy and Eating Sustainably
	Organic	No	
	Sustainable production	Yes	SMS: Lesson Plan: Dairy and Eating Sustainably
	Food waste	Yes	SFVS: Recipe cards, recipe booklet and videos included a message on using leftovers and making the most out of your ingredients in an effort to combat food waste. SMS: Lesson Plan: Dairy and Eating Sustainably
	Other: please specify under comments	Yes	SFVS: Recipe booklet featured step-by-step guides to a range of different recipes (easy to challenging) and visually demonstrated how to prepare staple veg items i.e. common preparations



## 6. Communication activities carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	
	Poster at other relevant places	Yes	SMS: Irish Primary Principal's Network (IPPN) Conference
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	SFVS: <a href="http://www.fooddudes.ie">www.fooddudes.ie</a> SMS: <a href="http://www.moocrew.ie">www.moocrew.ie</a>
	Informative graphic material	Yes	SFVS: Recipe cards, recipe booklet and recipe/ambassador videos; SMS: Lesson Plans, Eating Sustainably Challenge resources, nutrition booklets
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	SFVS: DAFM press releases, social campaign and competition using the Ambassador videos; SMS: Press releases, Social Media Campaigns
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	Yes	SMS: Irish Primary Principal's Network (IPPN) Conference



**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	No	Competent Authority in charge of the overall implementation of the 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 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
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Department of Health	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Involved in the drawing of the six-year Statement of Strategy (2017-2023). It reviews materials/accompanying measures which include specific health messages. It fully supports both the Food Dudes Programme and the Single School Scheme
		Stakeholder	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Involved in the drawing up of the six-year Strategy. Currently liaising with DAFM on a second pilot for the provision of milk to pre-school children. The first pilot took place in the 2019/20 school year.
	Education	Authority	Department of Education and Skills	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	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	No	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	No	Implementation: Aid Applicant – School Fruit Scheme Manages the day to day running of the Food Dudes Programmes