

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2017/2018 school year

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Figures on budget execution (31 December 2018) are preliminary: corrections are possible and payments may still be made.

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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	1 593 623	0	1 593 623	423 440	0	0	423 440	2 017 063
National Funds	114 602	0	114 602	1 161 333	0	0	1 161 333	1 275 935
<i>of which: Public</i>	<i>114 602</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>114 602</i>	<i>644 450</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>644 450</i>	<i>759 052</i>
<i>of which: Private</i>			0	<i>516 883</i>			516 883	516 883
Comments								

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	305 172	92 662	397 834
National Funds	1 099 813	0	1 099 813
<i>of which: Public</i>	<i>1 099 813</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>of which: Private</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
Comments			

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	212 483	66 968	279 451
National Funds	7 110	8 704	15 814
<i>of which: Public</i>	<i>7 110</i>	<i>8 704</i>	
<i>of which: Private</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</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	325	0	325
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	325	0	325
Primary schools	187 370	135 670	51 124
Secondary schools	10 518	0	10 518
Total	198 213	135 670	61 967
Comments	<i>13.123 children participated in both components 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
Nurseries/Pre-schools	202 633
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	202 633
Primary schools	558 314
Secondary schools	352 257
Total	1 113 204
Comments	<i>All schools (i.e pre-schools, primary and post-primary) are targeted in the SMS. A reduced number of schools are targeted for the SFVS.</i>



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	202 633
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	202 633
Primary schools	558 314
Secondary schools	352 257
Total	1 113 204
Comments	<i>All schools and children are eligible for the SMS with only primary schools eligible for the SFVS</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	4	0	4
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4	0	4
Primary schools	1 296	825	543
Secondary schools	45	0	45
Total	1 345	825	592
Comments	<i>72 schools participated in both components of the scheme</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	4 543	0	4 543
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4 543	0	4 543
Primary schools	3 250	825	2 425
Secondary schools	711	0	711
Total	8 504	825	7 679
Comments			

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	4 543
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4 543
Primary schools	3 250
Secondary schools	711
Total	8 504
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	

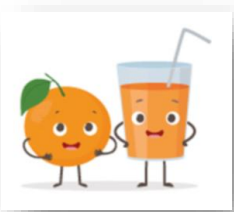


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	Also supplied baby corn

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

		Comments
Local/regional purchasing	Yes	
Organic products	No	
Short supply chains	Yes	local suppliers in the SMS
Quality schemes	Yes	
Fair trade	Yes	Bananas
Other:		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0.07	
Liters		0.20
Comments		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.38	0.06
National aid (private/public)	0.18	0.16
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	0.06
National aid (private/public)	0.18
Comments	<i>Average cost 0,24 of which 0,06 covered by EU and 0,18 by parental contribution</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		



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		

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	283 650	
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>170 190</i>	
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>113 460</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>Of which: Fruit purees/compotes</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: Vegetable soups</i>	<i>Quantity in litres</i>		
<i>Of which: Other</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>		

4.6.3 Milk and milk products

		Quantity	Comments
Drinking milk and lactose-free versions		1 476 070	
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	198 213	<i>lesson plans and DVD's delivered through: Fooddudes and www.millymoo.ie</i>
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	0	

5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	Yes	<i>through lesson plans and a farm visit</i>
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	
	Local food chains	Yes	
	Organic		
	Sustainable production		
	Food waste		
	Other: please specify under comments		



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>promotional events that the aid applicants are present at</i>
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	<i>www.fooddudes.ie and www.moocrew.ie</i>
	Informative graphic material	Yes	
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	Yes	<i>Obesity Policy implementation group and other cross departmental groups</i>



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	Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>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</i>
		Stakeholder	NA	No	No	No	No	
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Department of Health	Yes	Yes	No	No	<i>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. It fully supports both the Food Dudes Programme and the School Scheme</i>
		Stakeholder	Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Yes	No	No	No	<i>The Department of Children and Youth Affairs was involved in the drawing up of the six-year Strategy. Currently liaising with DAFM on a pilot for the provision of milk to pre-school children</i>
	Education	Authority	Department of Education and Skills	Yes	Yes	No	No	<i>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</i>
		Stakeholder	NA	No	No	No	No	
	Other	Authority	Department of Social Protection	Yes	Yes	No	No	<i>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</i>
		Stakeholder	Bord Bia	Yes	Yes	No	No	<i>Aid Applicant – School Fruit Scheme Manages the day to day running of the Food Dudes Programmes</i>