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**New CAP School Scheme – State of  
Play**

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## Current situation

- Two EU-funded school schemes:
  - School milk scheme (SMS) **since 1977**, covers over **20 million** children, EU aid covers only (part of) product costs
  - School fruit and vegetables scheme (SFVS) **since 2009**, covers almost **10 million children** (EU aid for distribution, educational measures and other related costs)
- Schemes operate under separate frameworks and have quite some differences between them but focus on the same target group

## School Milk Scheme



- implemented **since 1977**, currently in **26 MS** (all except EL and HR)
- **22 million children** (data for 2013/2014)
- the amount of subsidised products **300,000 tons**
- respective annual EU expenditure **€65-70 million**
- EU aid: EUR **18.15/100 kg of milk**
- maximum quantity **0,25 litre of milk equivalent** per pupil per school day
- **eligible products**: heat-treated milk, with chocolate, fruit juice or flavoured, fermented milk products, fresh and processed cheeses, etc. (Commission Regulation 657/2008)



## School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme

➤ **10 million children** annually, **66.000 schools**, **65.000 t of F&V products**



- Implemented since **2009/2010** school year in 25 MS (all except UK, SE and FI)
- After CAP 2020 reform, from 2014/2015 school year **€ 150 million** of EU funds are available annually and **75% - 90% EU** co-financing rates (increase from **€ 90 million** budget)
- In most MS, the main target group are children **6-10 years** but can cover groups ranging from nurseries to secondary schools
- In addition to the portions of F&V, children are offered also educational **accompanying measures** (farm visits, gardening sessions ...), co-financed by the EU as from 2014/2015

## Why we needed a reform ?

### **Reinforce educational dimension and effectiveness**

- Gaps in educational tools

### **Improve coordination and synergies**

- 2 parallel systems but similar goals

### **Address deficiencies in functioning**

- administrative and organisational burden

## Background – processes leading to the 2014 review

2011

- **CAP2020 proposal** for a new CMO adopted (October 2011)
- **Court of Auditors'** special report (Nov 2011)

2012

- **SFS external and national evaluations**
- **Impact Assessment process launched**

2013/2014

- **Public consultation in early 2013**
- **SMS evaluation in parallel, finished end 2013**
- **Commission proposals adopted on 30 January 2014**

# Key elements of the wider school proposal (1)

## Common framework

- Brings separate SFS/SMS provisions under a **common legal/financial framework**: one set of rules, requirements and obligations, but with built-in flexibility

## Budget

- (€ 150 million F&V + € 100 million milk) but with greater impact: focused distribution on 2 core products, strengthened **educational dimension**

## Increase efficiency and effectiveness

- improved financing conditions and reduced administrative burdens

## Key elements of the wider school proposal (2)

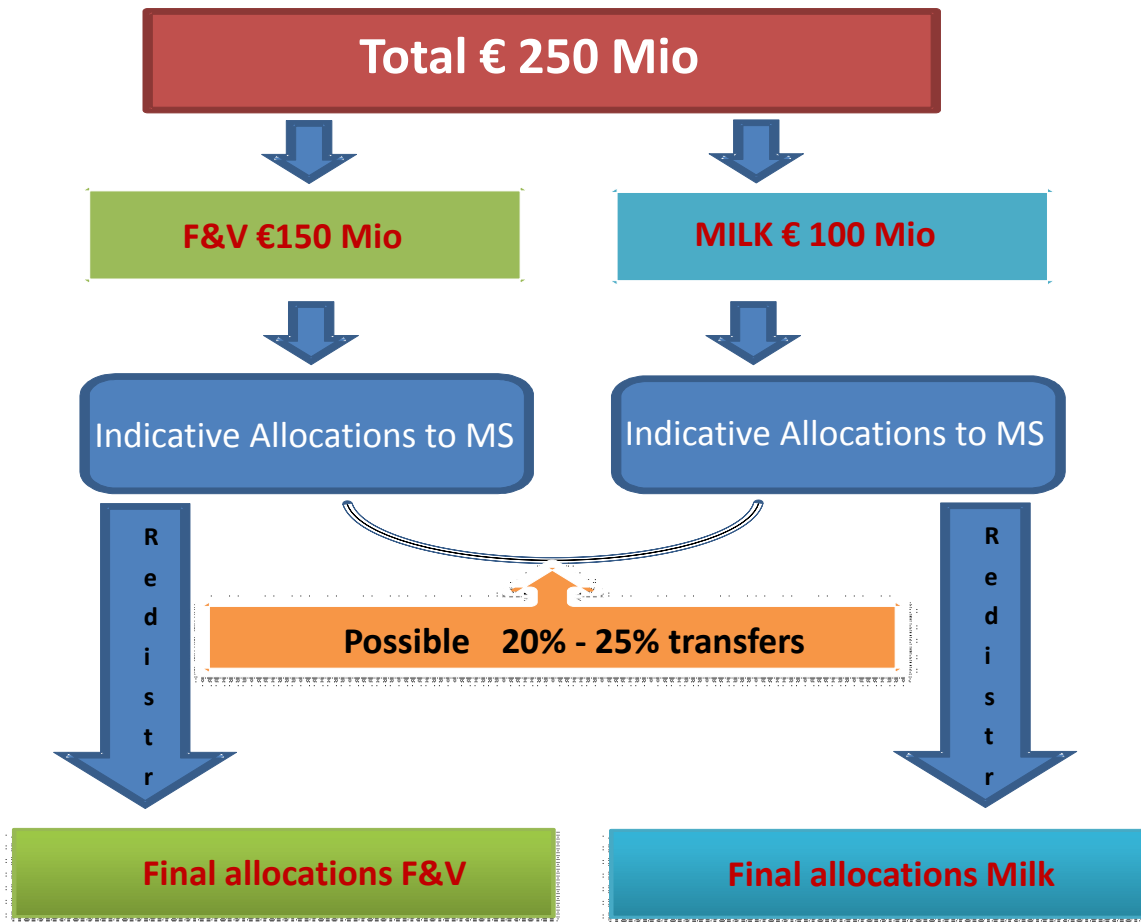
- **A very promising future:** € 250 million annually which would mean over a 6-year period a fixed budget of 1.5 billion euros (in the context of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020)
- **Priority must be given to local fresh products over processed foods** (but MS are not obliged to respect a minimum share or percentage for the products – distribution observed for Fruits and Vegetables during school year 2013/2014: 92% fresh – 8% processed for 25 MS participating)
- **Transfers between allocations** (20% up to 25% for outermost regions)



## Key elements of the wider school proposal (3)

- **Indicative allocations and strategies are set for 6 years (2017 – 2023) with reassessment of allocations foreseen later on every 3 years.**
- **Suppression of MS cofinancing for Fruit and Vegetables (but possibility to complement with national funds)**
- **15% max. of allocations are set aside for accompanying educational measures** to promote healthy eating habits, fight food waste, organise farm visits & also distribute local specialities.

# Financing



## 2016: next steps

- **EP** adopted its position in first reading on 8 March 2016
- **Council** approved it on 11 April 2016
- The Regulation will be published in the OJ after signature by the President of the EP and by the President of the Council in May. (The text is already available in the Council public register).
- **Commission** started to draft **the DA et IA** to be ready in 2016
  - Questionnaire sent to MS
  - Questionnaire sent to CDG F&V and Milk (deadline to reply 13 May)
- New scheme shall apply: **1 August 2017**