

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2018/2019 school year

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Updated on 11 March 2021 on the quantity of milk supplied/distributed to schoolchildren.

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Non-mandatory information, nevertheless recommended for the quality of the report, in grey.

Figures on budget execution (31 December 2019) are preliminary: corrections are possible and payments may still be made.

1. Budget execution

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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	1.387.320	0	1.387.320	773.848	0	0	773.848	2.161.168
National Funds	226.947	0	226.947	969.376	0	0	969.376	1.196.323
<i>of which: Public</i>	226.947	0	226.947	602.963	0	0	602.963	829.910
<i>of which: Private</i>	0	0	0	366.413	0	0	366.413	366.413
Comments	<i>EU ceiling exceeded and balance paid out of National Funds</i>			<i>Public funding by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine, once EU ceiling was exceeded; in addition, local authorities paid subsidy in respect of free milk delivered to schools under the Urban School Meal Scheme and the School Meals Local Project Scheme which are supported by the EU School Scheme.</i>				

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	277.464	140.981	418.445
National Funds	1.175.779	0	1.175.779
<i>of which: Public</i>	1.175.779	0	
<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	184.976	103.180	288.156
National Funds	415.084	2.859	417.943
<i>of which: Public</i>	415.084	2.859	
<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	211	0	211
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	211	0	211
Primary schools	154.816	117.234	46.006
Secondary schools	6.035	0	6.035
Total	161.062	117.234	52.041
Comments	<i>8424 primary school children participated in both components of the scheme. The total number of children was reduced by 8424 to reflect that children cannot be counted twice.</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	117.367
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	117.367
Primary schools	567.772
Secondary schools	362.899
Total	1.048.038
Comments	<i>All school children (Pre-schools, primary and post-primary) are targeted in the SMS. a reduced number of children 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	117.367
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	117.367
Primary schools	567.772
Secondary schools	362.899
Total	1.048.038
Comments	<i>All school children (Pre-schools, primary and post-primary) are eligible for the milk part of the scheme; only primary school children are eligible for the fruit/vegetables part of the scheme.</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	1.125	700	533
Secondary schools	40	0	40
Total	1.169	700	577
Comments	<i>108 primary schools participated in both components of the scheme. The total number of participating primary schools was reduced to reflect that schools cannot be counted twice.</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	4.598	0	4.598
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0	0	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4.598	0	4.598
Primary schools	3.240	700	2.540
Secondary schools	722	0	722
Total	8.560	700	7.860
Comments	<i>Based on data provided by aid applicants: 3240 primary schools in Ireland, of which 700 schools were targeted in the fruit/vegetables part and all 3240 were targeted in the milk part of the scheme</i>		

3.3 Total number of schools

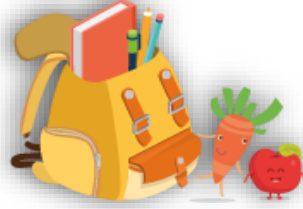
Nurseries/Pre-schools	4.598
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	0
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4.598
Primary schools	3.240
Secondary schools	722
Total	8.560
Comments	



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	
Avocadoes	
Bananas	✓
Berries	✓
Cherries	
Citrus Fruit	✓
Figs	
Grapes	✓
Guavas/Mangoes	
Kiwis	
Melons	✓
Nuts	
Peaches/Nectarines	
Pears	
Pineapples	✓
Plums	
Quinces	
Strawberries	
Watermelons	
Comments	

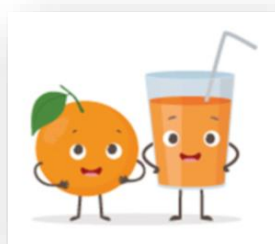


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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

	Yes/No	Comments
Local/regional purchasing	Yes	
Organic products	No	
Short supply chains	Yes	
Quality schemes	Yes	
Fair trade	Yes	Bananas
Other:	No	

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0,07	0,22
Liters		0,22
Comments		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0,48	0,16
National aid (private/public)	0,23	0,12
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	
National aid (private/public)	
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>Based on a 16-day intervention programme with tasting days at various intervals during the year</i>	<i>Children receive milk anywhere between twice a milk and daily depending on the supplier</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		

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	257.868	
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	154.721	
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	103.147	

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>	0	
<i>Of which: Fruit purees/compotes</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	0	
<i>Of which: Dried fruits</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	0	
<i>Of which: Vegetable juices</i>	<i>Quantity in litres</i>	0	
<i>Of which: Vegetable soups</i>	<i>Quantity in litres</i>	0	
<i>Of which: Other</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	0	

4.6.3 Milk and milk products

		Quantity	Comments
Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	Quantity in litres	1.509.083	
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	169.486	117234 children participating in the Food Dudes Programme and 52252 participating in the SMS received lesson plans, activity scheets, nutrition booklets etc.
	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	Milk part: Lesson plans 'Grass to Glass' and 'Dairy and the Environment'
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	Milk part: Lesson plan 'Dairy and my Diet'
	Local food chains	Yes	Milk part: Lesson plan 'Dairy and the Environment'
	Organic	No	
	Sustainable production	Yes	Milk part: Lesson plan 'Dairy and the Environment'
	Food waste	Yes	Milk part: Lesson plan 'Dairy and the Environment'
	Other: please specify under comments	No	



6. Communication activities carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	<i>EU School Milk poster and Food Dudes poster</i>
	Poster at other relevant places	Yes	<i>Promotional events the aid applicants are present at. Fruit/vegetables part: posters at Bord Bia public events such as Bloom in the Park (Annual National Event) and milk part: Posters at School Milk Week and National Principal Conferences</i>
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	<i>www.fooddudes.ie and www.moocrew.ie</i>
	Informative graphic material	Yes	<i>Lesson plans, nutrition booklets and activity sheets etc; interactive and educational display at Bloom in the Park</i>
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	<i>National School Milk Week radio campaigns; TV and radio interviews at Bloom in the Park</i>
	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</i>
		Stakeholder	N/A	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</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.vIssues</i>
		Stakeholder	N/A	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>