

**STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL SCHEME IN GERMANY
FROM 2017/2018 TO 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR
REGION: MECKLENBURG-WESTERN POMERANIA**

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL

Article 23(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as amended by Regulation (EU) 2016/791 (hereafter, the basic act) and Article 2(1)a of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/39 (hereafter, implementing regulation)

National	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Regional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>1) In Germany, 15 of the 16 Federal States are participating in either one or both components of the EU school scheme from the 2017/2018 school year onwards.</p> <p>In addition to the provisions of European law, the German Act for the Implementation of Provisions of Union Law on the School Fruit, Vegetables and Milk Scheme (Agricultural products - School Scheme Act - LwErzgSchulproG) and the Regulation Implementing Participation by the Federal States in the School Agricultural Product Scheme (Agricultural products - School scheme - Participation Regulation - LwErzgSchulpro - TeilnV) have been adopted as a legal basis for the participation of Federal States and coordination of the EU school scheme in Germany.</p> <p>Regular meetings of experts are also held at Federal and State level under the chairmanship of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture to clarify issues over the implementation and performance of the EU school scheme and ensure that information is shared between Federal States</p> <p>The Federal States submit their regional strategies to the EU Commission via the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture.</p> <p><i>2) Central contact for relations with the Commission:</i> Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture Department 212 - Nutritional Prevention, Nutritional Information</p>

2. NEEDS AND RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED

2.1. Identified needs

Article 23(8) of the basic act and Article 2(1)b of the implementing regulation

In Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, participation in the school scheme is intended to help ensure that children get their recommended daily intake of fruit, vegetables and milk.

In the KiGGS study¹ the actual average daily intake of fruit, vegetables and milk by primary school children in Germany has been analysed. There were the following amounts:

Vegetables and fruit:

- Girls: 2.7 portions of fruits and vegetables (fruits, vegetables and up to a glass of fruit or vegetable juice), more precisely: 1.4 portions of fruit, 0.9 portions of vegetables and 0.7 portions of juice
- Boys: 2.5 portions of fruits and vegetables (fruits, vegetables and up to a glass of fruit or vegetable juice), more precisely: 1.2 portions of fruit, 0.8 portions of vegetables, 0.8 portions of juice

Milk and milk products:

- EsKiMo-study in the framework of KGGs²:
- 7-9 years old boys: 277 g milk and milk products (such as milk, yoghurt, buttermilk, etc.) plus 27 g of cheese and curd = total 304 g daily
- 7-9 year old girls: 246 g milk and milk products + 26 g cheese and curd = total 272 g daily
- [equivalent to about 2,3 portions for boys and about 2,0 portions for girls]

The recommendations on the daily supply to children in Germany are set out below:

Fruit and vegetables:

- 5 portions of vegetables and fruits per day, of which 2 portions of fruit and 3 portions of vegetables (measure size: hand of child; crushed or small-part

¹ Source: Borrmann A, Mensink GBM, KiGGS Study Group (2015): Fruit and vegetable consumption of children and adolescents in Germany. Results of the KiGGS-wave 1. Bundesgesundheitsblatt Gesundheitsforschung Gesundheitsschutz 58 (9): 1005-1014. Link: <http://edoc.rki.de/oa/articles/retcfGMoK2ws/PDF/20WKw8ijbStyw.pdf>

² Source: Mensink GBN, Hesecker H, Richter A, Stahl A, Vohmann C: Forschungsbericht Ernährungsstudie als KiGGS-Modul (EsKiMo), RKI und Universität Paderborn im Auftrag des BMEL, 2007. Link: <http://www.bmel.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/378624/publicationFile/25912/EsKiMoStudie.pdf>

products are measured in both hands; maximum 1 portion can be replaced with juice [with no added sugar, 100 % fruit or vegetable juice]

- 7-9 years: total 450 g; approximately 220 g of fruit and 220 g of vegetables

Milk and milk products:

- 3 portions of milk and milk products
- 7-9 years: about 400 g or ml, e.g. 1 glass of milk (200 ml) + 1 slice of cheese (30 g) + one pot of yoghurt (150 g)
- low-fat variants are preferred, i.e. 1.5 % fat for milk, thickened milk and yogurt; low fat curd; fresh cheese up to 30 % fat in dry matter; sliced cheese up to 45 % fat in dry matter
- the fat content has little impact on calcium content → due to the fact that low low-fat products are low in calorie, they are preferred.
- It is a matter of taste whether fresh or ESL milk, there are almost no differences in nutrients
- no flavoured milk products or with added sugars

Source:

"The best food for children — recommendations for children nutrition', 'Aid for Food Nutrition', 3th edition 2017 (also includes information from the FKI — research institute for child nutrition)

general: DGE nutrition group and 10 rules of the DGE (adult) and the BZfe-food pyramid

No specific figures are available for Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The results obtained for Germany are applicable here.

In Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, due to the limited allocations of the scheme, it was decided that only one daily portion of fruit and vegetables (85-100 gr) and one daily portion of milk (200-250 ml) per pupil in participating schools are provided under the EU school scheme. However, the regular offers and accompanying educational activities are expected to have a positive educational effect, which hopefully will also have an impact on the consumption of these products in the private sector.

The scheme is also intended to increase children's enthusiasm for fresh, vitamin- and mineral-rich food, wherever possible from the local region, and to achieve long-lasting results in developing nutrition skills.

In addition, the scheme is intended to broaden the subject of agriculture in schools.

2.2. Objectives and indicators

Article 23(8) of the basic act and Article 2(1)c of the implementing regulation

The general aim is to halt and to reverse the continuing decline in the consumption of fruit, vegetables and milk through the targeted introduction of children at educational

establishments to a healthy and balanced diet. The school scheme is intended to instil better eating habits in children.

The Federal State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania aims to increase the consumption of fruit, vegetables and milk in the target group of children at primary and special schools.

An influence on the eating habits at home is desirable both for the delivery of the products and for the educational measures. However, an indicator cannot be specified as there are currently no valid data available from the households of the participating pupils and a survey can only be made on a voluntary basis. A voluntary data collection hardly leads to measurable results.

To achieve this, unprocessed fruit and vegetable products and drinking milk without additives are to be offered in participating primary and special schools under the scheme. The common provision of a portion of fruit or vegetables and drinking milk to each participating child free of charge has never been tried in this form in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania before. The numbers of participating children/schools at the start of the scheme in the 2017/2018 school year until the 2022/2023 school year are to be assessed as an indicator of acceptance of the scheme. These participation numbers are set against the total number of children at primary and special schools and the total number of corresponding schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

The participation of schools in accompanying educational measures represents an additional result indicator. Data from the 2017/2018 school year to the 2022/2023 school year are also to be assessed here.

For the increase in the knowledge of the participating students about healthy eating habits, it was decided not to determine an indicator. The reason for this is that it is difficult to determine in which form the knowledge has increased and it would be difficult to measure it.

2.3. Baseline

Article 23(8) of the basic act and Article 2(1)d of the implementing regulation

The reports drawn up by the Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania Statistical Office on general education schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania by school year will be used to determine the total number of schools and the total number of children at primary and special schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. There were 398 primary schools (including special schools) in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in the 2015/2016 school year. The number of children at primary school during that school year was 51 781 and the number of children at special school was 8 232. The actual number of participants in each school year is then determined from the respective declaration of interest procedure for schools. The actual number of participating schoolchildren and schools is then set against the total number of schoolchildren/total number of schools.

Since free milk and fruit/vegetables have never been provided in participating primary and special schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania before, there are no figures for current consumption either.

As presented in 2.1, no influence can be determined for the increase of the daily intake for the milk and fruit or vegetable products for pupils in schools participating.

3. BUDGET

3.1. Union aid for the school scheme

Article 23a of the basic act and Article 2(1)e of the implementing regulation

EU aid for the school scheme (in EUR)	Period 1/8/2017 to 31/7/2023		
	School fruit and vegetables	School milk	Common elements if applicable
Distribution of school fruit and vegetables/school milk	2.149.734,74	910.567,44	
Accompanying educational measures	379.364,95	160.688,37	540.053,32
Monitoring, evaluation, publicity ³			
Total	2.529.099,69	1.071.255,81	540.053,32
Overall total	3.600.355,50		

The total amount available for Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in the EU school scheme is EUR 3.600.355,50 for the period 01.08.2017-31.07.2023. The 15 % share for educational measures corresponds to EUR 540.053,32. One part of EUR 379.364,95 is comes from the fruit and vegetable budget (15% of EUR 2.529.099,69) and one part of EUR 160.688,37 comes from the milk budget (15% of EUR 1.071.255,81).

It should be pointed out that the percentage of all participating primary and special schools in the State is limited by the budget available.

³ Member States wishing to provide a more detailed breakdown (monitoring, evaluation, publicity, costs for transport and distribution insofar as they are not covered by expenditure for the supply/distribution of school fruit and vegetables/milk) may add lines for the estimated sub-total expenditure.

3.2. National aid granted, in addition to Union aid, to finance the school scheme⁴

Article 23a(6) of the basic act and Article 2(2)d of the implementing regulation

No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, amount (in national currency)	Fruit/vegetables	Milk/milk products⁵	
		Milk/milk products other than Annex V	Annex V products
Supply/distribution		80.000.-	
Accompanying educational measures			
Monitoring, evaluation, publicity			
Total			
<p>€80 000 has been earmarked in the Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania budget for supplying milk to additional schools in the 2017/2018 school year.</p> <p>Whether additional State funds can also be provided in further school years cannot be estimated at the present time and depends on the availability of future budget resources.</p>			

⁴ National or regional level

⁵ The higher level of detail than in table under section 3.1, with a separate category for Annex V products, is meant to capture more precisely information on implementation of the school scheme: the limitation of Union aid to the milk component of Annex V products, set out in Article 23(5) of the basic act, entails per se national aid if a parental contribution is not required. This may not be the case for other milk products, hence the separate column.

3.3. Existing national schemes	
Article 23a(5) of the basic act and Article 2(2)e of the implementing regulation	
No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
– Extension of the target group	<input type="checkbox"/>
– Extension of the range of products	<input type="checkbox"/>
– Increased frequency or duration of distribution of products	<input type="checkbox"/>
– Enhanced educational measures (increased number or frequency or duration or target group of those measures)	<input type="checkbox"/>
– Other: please specify (e.g. if products originally not free of charge and that are provided free of charge)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comment/explanatory text	

4. TARGET GROUP/S

Article 23(8) of the basic act and Article 2(1)f of the implementing regulation

School level	Age range of children	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Nurseries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-schools		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary	6-10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secondary		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments

Children of any age who go to special school can also participate in the scheme in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

Pupils with special educational needs are taught in special schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, as long as their education is not sufficiently possible in common education under the general education system. Pupils in special schools can be from age 6 until maximum 16.

Since it is particularly important for pupils in special schools to learn healthy eating habits, all pupils in such a school can in theory participate in the scheme. The school however must have applied to the scheme and a supplier must have applied in tendering process for the supply of the school (see procedure description and 7.5. and 7.6.). The proportion of pupils with special needs in the scheme is expected to be relatively small, so that the age limit of 6-10 years has not been specified here.

5. LIST OF PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE SCHOOL SCHEME

Article 23(9) of the basic act and Article 2(1)g of the implementing regulation

5.1. Fruit and vegetables

5.1.1. Fresh fruit and vegetables - Article 23(3)a of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

Apricots, cherries, peaches, nectarines, plums	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carrots, turnips, salad beetroot, salsify, celeriac, radishes and other edible roots	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Apples, pears, quinces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cabbages, cauliflowers and other edible brassicas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bananas	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Berries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cucumbers, gherkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Figs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lettuces, chicory and other leaf vegetables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lentils, peas, other pulses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Melons, watermelons	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tomatoes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citrus fruit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other vegetables: please specify ⁶	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tropical fruit ⁷	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other fruit: please specify (e.g. kiwis, persimmons, nuts)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kohlrabi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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⁶ Other agricultural products than fruit and vegetables, as referred to in Article 23(7) of the basic act (e.g. olives), should not be reported here but under section 5.3.1

⁷ Pineapples, Avocados, Guavas, Mangos and Mangostines

5.1.2. Processed fruit and vegetables – Article 23(4)a of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013⁸

Products distributed under the school scheme		Added salt			Added fat			Comments (optional)
		No	Yes		No	Yes		
Fruit juices	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Fruit purées, compotes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If yes, please indicate the limited quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If yes, please indicate the limited quantity</i>	
Jams, marmalades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Dried fruits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Vegetable juices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Vegetable soups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Other: please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			
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Processed products made of fruit and vegetables are not offered in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

⁸ 1) Please tick the box for the products to be distributed under the school scheme (e.g. soups) and 2) please tick the box no/yes to indicate if they may contain added salt and/or fat – nb. added sugar is not allowed for those products, according to Article 10 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/40 - and remove the box for added salt and/or fat where not relevant (e.g. fruit juices). 3) If yes, please indicate the percentage of added salt and/or fat on the total weight of the product, where such a percentage is set at national level, according to national provisions or for the purposes of the school scheme, or comment.

5.2. Milk and milk products

5.2.1. Milk - Article 23(3)b of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5.2.2. Milk products - Article 23(4)b of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013⁹

Products distributed under the school scheme	Added salt				Added fat			Comments (optional)
	No	Yes			No	Yes		
Cheese and curd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If yes, please indicate the limited quantity</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If yes, please indicate the limited quantity</i>	Will be offered only in individual cases as part of the accompanying educational measures
Plain yoghourt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Fermented or acidified milk products without added sugar, flavouring, fruits, nuts or cocoa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			

No products according to Art. 23(4)(b) of Regulation 1308/2013 are offered under the school scheme in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. These products can only be offered within the framework of accompanying educational measures and associated tasting activities.

⁹ Please tick the box for the products to be distributed under the school scheme and the box no/yes to indicate if they may contain added salt and/or fat (the table does not mention added sugar, to reflect Article 10 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/40); please remove the box for added salt and/or fat where not relevant). If yes, please indicate the percentage of added salt and/or fat on total weight (where such a percentage is set according to national provisions or for the purposes of the scheme) or comment.

5.2.3. Milk products - Annex V to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

Products to be distributed under the school scheme		Added salt				Added fat			Added sugar
		No	Yes		No	Yes			
Category I (milk component $\geq 90\%$). Fermented milk products without fruit juice, naturally flavoured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If yes, please indicate the limited quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>If yes, please indicate the limited quantity</i>	%	
Category I (milk component $\geq 90\%$). Fermented milk products with fruit juice, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		%	
Category I (milk component $\geq 90\%$). Milk-based drinks with cocoa, with fruit juice or naturally flavoured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		%	
Category II (milk component $\geq 75\%$). Fermented or non-fermented milk products with fruit, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		%	

The products listed above are not offered under the scheme in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

5.2.4. Prioritisation of fresh fruit and vegetables and drinking milk

Article 23(3) of the basic act

Only fresh and unprocessed fruit/vegetables and drinking milk are offered in the EU school scheme in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Prioritisation can therefore be disregarded here.

5.3. Other agricultural products in the educational measures

Article 23(7) of the basic act and Article 2(1)g of the implementing regulation

Yes		No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please list the products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

5.4. Criteria for the choice of products distributed under the school scheme and any priorities for the choice of those products

Article 23(11) of the basic act and Article 2(2)a of the implementing regulation

Health considerations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environmental considerations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seasonality	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety of products	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of local or regional produce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any comments – including e.g. on the required quality of products	The products to be delivered have to meet quality standards customary in the trade, applicable hygiene requirements and marketing standards.
Any priority/ies for the choice of products:	
Local or regional purchasing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organic products	<input type="checkbox"/>
Short supply chains	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental benefits (please specify: <i>e.g. food miles, packaging ...</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Products recognised under the quality schemes established by Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fair-trade	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: please specify	

Any comments	
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6. ACCOMPANYING EDUCATIONAL MEASURES

Article 23(10) of the basic act and Article 2(1)j of the implementing regulation

Title	Objective	Content
Visits to agricultural businesses	Bringing agriculture alive. Production of agricultural raw materials/food	School classes visit agricultural businesses. Subjects depending on the time of year and current working processes, e.g. “Getting up close and personal with cows”. Other topics: Nature and environment, production of staple foods
Nutritional education in school	Teaching about a healthy diet, production and preparation of food and handling food	Lessons with a practical element, e.g. “Variety makes a healthy diet with products from the farmer” “Cheese, from cow to sandwich” AID Nutrition Licence

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

7.1. Price of school fruit and vegetables/milk

Article 24(6) of the basic act and Article 2(1)h of the implementing regulation

School fruit and vegetables and school milk are provided to children free of charge under the scheme in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

7.2. Frequency and duration of distribution of school fruit and vegetables/milk and of accompanying educational measures

Article 23(8) of the basic act and Article 2(2)b of the implementing regulation

Envisaged frequency of distribution:

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Once per week	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Twice per week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three times per week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Four times per week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: please specify ¹⁰	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any comments:		

Envisaged duration of distribution:

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
≤ 2 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
> 2 and ≤ 4 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
> 4 and ≤ 12 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
> 12 and ≤ 24 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
> 24 and ≤ 36 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entire school year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any comment:		

Envisaged duration of accompanying educational measures during the school year:

(please indicate the number of hours or shortly explain/comment)

3-hour lessons at an agricultural business and 2-hour lessons on nutritional education

¹⁰ E.g. Distribution once every two weeks

are offered in participating schools throughout the school year.

7.3. Timing of distribution of school fruit and vegetables/milk

Article 23(8) – and 23a(8) if supply in relation to the provision of other meals – of the basic act and Article 2(2)b of the implementing regulation

Envisaged timing of distribution during the day (*please tick one or more of the checkboxes below*):

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Morning/morning break(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lunchtime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Afternoon/afternoon break(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

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**7.4. Distribution of milk products in Annex V to Regulation (EU)
No 1308/2013**

Article 23(5) of the basic act, Article 5(3) of the fixing regulation (No 1370/2013),
Article 2(2)f of the implementing regulation

No

Yes

7.5. Selection of suppliers

Article 23(8) of the basic act and Article 2(1)l of the implementing regulation

First of all, a call was made in primary and special schools in the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania which could apply to participate in the scheme for the 2017/2018 school year. A call was then made for suppliers to participate in a declaration of interest procedure for the supply of school fruit/vegetables and school milk. This call was also published on the website of the Ministry for Agriculture and the Environment of the State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and was aimed at other interested participants. With the call, the schools interested in participating, their addresses and the numbers of children were disclosed and a request was made for the submission of tenders for supplying these schools.

The aim of the declaration of interest procedure was to obtain tenders for supplying to schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania for the 2017/2018 school year, these tenders containing details of the product price including delivery to the schools in question.

The plan is to repeat the procedure described above before the beginning of each school year.

The suppliers chosen under the declaration of interest procedure have to apply for a licence as applicants. Funding requests are to be made after licensing.

In order to coordinate and carry out the accompanying educational measures under the scheme, a search was made for a qualified partner in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania who could provide the desired services uniformly throughout the State. This coordinator is able to bring the subject of agriculture closer to participating schoolchildren. They have the authority to organise the measures and to request and bill for funds. The possibility of advance financing of measures was also an important factor in the selection.

This coordinator also has to apply for a licence as an applicant and make a funding request.

7.6. Eligible costs

7.6.1. Reimbursement rules

Article 23(8) of the basic act and Article 2(1)i of the implementing regulation

As a result of the declaration of interest procedure for suppliers, tenders for supplying schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania are received, these containing details of the product price per portion including delivery to the schools in question.

Tenders are assessed and either accepted or rejected based on economic considerations.

Costs that are eligible for funding are determined on the basis of the accepted tender prices per portion in connection with the number of participating children and proof of delivery.

The tendering and selection process referred to above selects the most economic offers, which will form the basis for the determination on of the portion prices.

7.6.2. Eligibility of certain costs

Article 23(8) of the basic act and Article 2(2)b of the implementing regulation

7.7. Involvement of authorities and stakeholders

Article 23(6) and (9) of the basic act and Article 2(1)k of the implementing regulation

The government of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania has taken the decision to implement the EU school program. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment and the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture have jointly developed the main features of the strategy and regularly coordinate its implementation.

For example, the call for participation in the EU school scheme was made by a joint letter from the Minister of Agriculture and the Environment and the Minister of Education, Science and Culture to the primary and special-needs schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.

In defining the products to be offered under the scheme, beside the representatives from the Ministry of Education, the networking unit for day care and school meals in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (establishment of the German Nutrition Society) has been involved, as it has a special competence with regard to the healthy nutrition of children.

The Ministry of Education is involved in evaluating the applications of schools to participate in the program. As a result of the cooperation, a scoring system has been developed for the ranking of schools. Here, for example, 2 selection criteria are given: in the existing school concept, health-related components are taken into account; sustainable concepts of nutrition and exercise are already being implemented in classes or full day.

In Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, the State Office for Agriculture, Food Safety and Fisheries is designated as granting authority. From there, the approvals of the applicants, the administrative and control procedures and the on-the-spot checks are carried out.

The entire procedure is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, which is the competent authority for the part nutrition. Health authorities have not been involved in the EU school scheme in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, as only drinking milk without additives and unprocessed fruit and vegetables are delivered which have been classified as healthy.

7.8. Information and publicity

Article 23a(8) of the basic act and Article 2(1)m of the implementing regulation

Information on the EU school scheme being run in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania as the EU school nutrition scheme is provided on the Ministry for Agriculture and the Environment website:

<https://www.regierung-mv.de/Landesregierung/lm/Landwirtschaft/Landwirtschaft/EU-Schulprogramm/>

For public information purposes, a school scheme poster is being developed for Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania which meets the requirements of European law. This poster is being sent to every participating school. The school is obliged to display the school scheme poster so that it can be easily seen and read in the main entrance area.

7.9. Administrative and on-the-spot checks

Article 2(2)g of the implementing regulation

Administrative and on-the-spot checks are carried out in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania by the relevant authorising authority. The respective division of tasks to ensure the four eyes principle is achieved by setting out responsibilities. On-the-spot checks are carried out at the premises of all applicants where there are fewer than five applicants. These on-the-spot checks are supplemented by checks in at least 1% of educational establishments. The selection is made according to a sampling plan.

On-the-spot checks for accompanying educational measures are also carried out at the premises of the applicant. These are supplemented by on-the-spot checks in at least 1% of the places where accompanying educational measures are carried out. The selection is made according to a risk analysis which meets the requirements laid down under Article 10(4) of Regulation (EU) No 2017/39.

7.10. Monitoring and evaluation

Article 2(2)g of the implementing regulation

The annual reports are drawn up on the basis of requirements for monitoring reports yet to be announced by the European Commission: Annual monitoring reports contain details of funding requests that have been made, paid out and examined in on-the-spot checks and details of funding cuts made following administrative checks, of funding cuts made as a result of late submission of applications, of funding paid back following on-the-spot checks and of administrative penalties imposed. The evaluation itself is made on the basis of the guidelines yet to be provided by the European Commission and contains an overall assessment over the 6-year period.