

# The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



## Annual monitoring report

2020/2021 school year

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

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>	0	0	0	110 859	0	0	110 859	110 859
<b>National Funds</b>	15 541	0	15 541	62 410	0	0	62 410	77 951
<i>of which: Public</i>	15 541		15 541	62 410			62 410	77 951
<i>of which: Private</i>			0				0	0
<b>Comments</b>	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and school closures, the Fruit & Vegetables part of the scheme was only implemented during SkolaSaif 2020 (= summer period) for 6 weeks.			Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and school closures, the school milk part of the scheme was implemented during SkolaSaif 2020 and then, as from January 2021, through an off-premises voucher system - exceptional flexibility for distribution to students not physically attending classes but in distance learning. Portions for Primary School Children aged 3-11 who were not physically attending school premises were paid from EU Funds. Portions for Primary School Children aged 3-11 who were attending school premises and Resource Centers for Students over 16 were paid from National Funds.				

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
<b>EU aid</b>	0	0	0
<b>National Funds</b>	0	0	0
<i>of which: Public</i>			
<i>of which: Private</i>			
<b>Comments</b>	Accompanying Measures are a tender specification on the supplier to provide at no extra cost. That said, due to COVID-19 restrictions, no accompanying educational measures were implemented during school year 2020/2021.		

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
<b>EU aid</b>	0		0
<b>National Funds</b>	22 451		22 451
<i>of which: Public</i>	22 451		
<i>of which: Private</i>			
<b>Comments</b>	Due to COVID-19 restrictions, promotional items could not be distributed on school premises hence an information pamphlet was published and distributed directly to the student population by post. Furthermore, a promotional poster was sent to all participating schools to further increase visibility of the EU School Scheme		

## 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>	0		
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
<b>Primary schools</b>	9 059	2 285	9 059
<b>Secondary schools</b>	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 059</b>		
<b>Comments</b>			

## 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>	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
<b>Primary schools</b>	
<b>Secondary schools</b>	
<b>Total</b>	
<b>Comments</b>	



## 2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
<b>Nurseries/Pre-schools</b>	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
<b>Primary schools</b>	
<b>Secondary schools</b>	
<b>Total</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>	0		
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
<b>Primary schools</b>	207	58	207
<b>Secondary schools</b>	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>		
<b>Comments</b>			<i>Based on data from Scholastic Year 2019/2020 as this information was not collected during Scholastic Year 2020/2021.</i>

### 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>	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
<b>Primary schools</b>	
<b>Secondary schools</b>	
<b>Total</b>	
<b>Comments</b>	<i>All state and non-state primary schools are eligible to participate as per National Strategy.</i>

### 3.3 Total number of schools

<b>Nurseries/Pre-schools</b>	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
<b>Primary schools</b>	
<b>Secondary schools</b>	
<b>Total</b>	
<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	

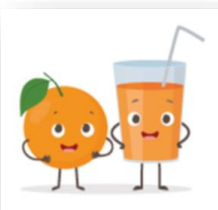


### 4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	List
Artichokes	
Asparagus	✓
Aubergines	
Beet	
Broccoli	✓
Cabbages	
Carrots	✓
Cauliflowers	
Celery	
Chicory	
Courgettes	
Cucumbers	✓
Fennel	
Kohlrabi	
Kale	
Garlic	
Gherkins	
Leeks	
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	No vegetable soups were supplied/distributed



#### 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>During SkolaSajf 2020 each child got a weekly portion of 250ml fresh normal milk or lactose free version. During Scholastic Year 2020/2021, due to COVID-19 restrictions, with the voucher system, each child got a weekly portion of 500 ml of drinking milk.</i>



#### 4.1.5 Other agricultural products that children tasted as part of educational measures

	List
Table olives	
Olive oil	
Honey	
Other:	
Comments	N/A



#### 4.1.a) Priorities for the choice of school fruit, vegetables and milk

	Yes/No	Comments
Local/regional purchasing	Yes	<i>Milk supplied is fresh milk produced the day before. Fruit and vegetables supplied are fresh and packed the day before.</i>
Organic products	Yes	<i>1% of the Fruit and Vegetables delivered has to be organic</i>
Short supply chains		
Quality schemes		
Fair trade		
Other:		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
<b>Kg</b>	0,08	0,00
<b>Liters</b>	0,00	0,50
<b>Comments</b>	<i>School Fruit &amp; Vegetable Scheme was implemented during SkolaSajf 2020 - each portion weighted 75 grams.</i>	<i>During SkolaSajf 2020 each child got a weekly portion of 250ml fresh milk or lactose free version. During Scholastic Year 2020/2021, due to COVID-19 restrictions, with the voucher system each child received a weekly portion of 500 ml drinking milk.</i>

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0,00	0,54
National aid (private/public)	0,59	0,00
Comments		During SkolaSajf 2020, €0.29c per portion of 250 ml. With the voucher system, €0.54c per portion of 500 ml.

#### 4.3.a Average cost of portion of apples in bulk (EUR)

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	N/A

#### 4.3.b Average cost of portion of drinking milk (EUR)

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	0,54
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	see under 4.3.



#### 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	School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme was only implemented during SkolaSajf 2020 (weekly portion of fresh fruit and vegetables); for the majority of Scholastic Year 2020/2021, not implemented due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.	School Milk Scheme was implemented during SkolaSajf 2020 and during Scholastic Year 2020/2021 as from January 2021, with milk portions distributed through an off-premises system of a set of 4 vouchers per month

#### 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	SkolaSajf 2020= 6 weeks.	SkolaSajf 2020 = 6 weeks; since January 2021, 4 vouchers per month

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	6	34
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	1 191	<i>only implemented during SkolaSaiff 2020 for 6 weeks - thereafter, not implemented due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.</i>
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	595	
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	595	

##### 4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	0	<i>Only fresh Fruit and Vegetables are given to children.</i>
	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: Jams/Marmalades</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	Quantity in litres	160 087	
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	Due to Covid-19 pandemic, no educational measures could be carried out due to the ever-changing restrictions imposed by the Public Health Authority and school closures throughout the Scholastic Year.
	Visits to farms, dairies, famers' markets and similar activities	0	
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	0	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	0	
	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		
	Healthy eating habits		
	Local food chains		
	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	Posters were distributed to all Primary Schools.
	Poster at other relevant places	Yes	Roll up banner at the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency - Agency responsible for the overall management of school scheme.
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	Information on at the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency website- Agency responsible for the overall management of school scheme.
	Informative graphic material	Yes	Provided information pamphlets to children by post used to distribute the milk vouchers during Scholastic Year 2020/2021.
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	No	
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	No	



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	Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency is responsible for the overall management, control and monitoring of the scheme, including procurement and payment procedures.
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate within the Superintendence of Public Health certifies that children are receiving top quality healthy products, and plays a very active role in the dissemination of information as regards health benefits in the consumption of fruit, vegetables and milk as part of a healthy diet.
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Education	Authority	National School Support Services	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	National School Support Services, within the ministry is responsible for liaising with the educational establishments. The Home Economics Seminar Center within the Department of Curriculum Research, Innovation and Lifelong Learning, Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes, is responsible for promoting the New School Scheme in school curricula. The HESC also co-ordinates and facilitates age-appropriate, interactive, educational activities to promote the health benefits associated with the consumption of fruit, vegetables and milk as part of a healthy diet.
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Other	Authority	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	

# Ninu L-Bhinu

"Skema għall-Iskejjel" tal-Unjoni Ewropea



L-iskola tal-primarja tagħna qed tipparteċipa

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Ministeru għall-Agricoltura,  
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