

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

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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	1 358 477		1 358 477	675 299			675 299	2 033 776
National Funds	689 276		689 276	681 331			681 331	1 370 607
<i>of which: Public</i>	689 276		689 276	518 891			518 891	1 208 167
<i>of which: Private</i>				162 440			162 440	162 440
Comments								

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	271 695	78 872	350 567
National Funds	1 173 083		1 173 083
<i>of which: Public</i>	1 173 083		1 173 083
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments			

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	181 130	10 235	191 365
National Funds	236 737	201 532	438 269
<i>of which: Public</i>	236 737	201 532	438 269
<i>of which: Private</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	167		167
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	167		167
Primary schools	270 966	251 654	30 535
Secondary schools	2 561		2 561
Total	273 694	251 654	33 263
Comments			

2.2 Number of children in the target group

	Number of children in the target group set out in the strategy
Nurseries/Pre-schools	104 612
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	104 612
Primary schools	558 143
Secondary schools	406 392
Total	1 069 147
Comments	



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	104 612
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	104 612
Primary schools	558 143
Secondary schools	406 392
Total	1 069 147
Comments	



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	3		3
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	3		3
Primary schools	1 883	1 675	344
Secondary schools	21		21
Total	1 907	1 675	368
Comments			

3.2 Number of schools in the target group

	Number of educational establishments in the target group set out in the strategy
Nurseries/Pre-schools	4 527
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4 527
Primary schools	3 235
Secondary schools	727
Total	8 489
Comments	

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	4 527
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	4 527
Primary schools	3 235
Secondary schools	727
Total	8 489
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	

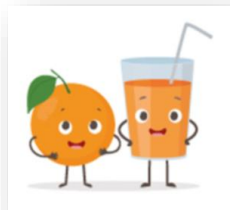


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	

4.1.3 Processed fruit and vegetables

	List
Fruit Juices	
Fruit Purées/Compotes	
Jams/Marmalades	
Dried Fruits	
Vegetable Juices	
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	SFVS: Irish F&V when available (in-season)
Organic products	No	
Short supply chains	Yes	SMS: Regional suppliers provide milk to
Quality schemes	Yes	SFVS: Bord Bia Quality Assurance Scheme
Fair trade	Yes	SFVS: Bananas
Other:	No	

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0.19	0.15
Liters		0.15
Comments	Calculated as weight distributed (596,153.07kg) divided by total number of portions (3,130,252)	Mean average of 5 suppliers

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.43	0.14
National aid (private/public)	0.22	0.14
Comments	SFVS - Total cost of product claimed divided by total number of portions (3,130,252)	SMS - Average cost of portion of milk calculated as total cost of product divided by the total number of portions.

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	0.14
National aid (private/public)	0.14
Comments	Average cost of portion of milk calculated – Total cost of product divided by the total number of portions.



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	SFVS is based on a 16-day intervention programme, and with some schools receiving a 5-day maintenance programme, at various intervals across the year.	SMS Frequency of milk delivery depends on supplier and location of the school. Deliveries vary from twice per week to daily.

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	SFVS- pupils receive either a 5-day supply (maintenance) or 16 (junior) or 8 (senior) day supply (intervention).	SMS- Frequency of milk delivery depends on supplier and location of the school. Deliveries vary from twice per week to daily.

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	12	193
Comments	SFVS - Total Portions delivered divided by number of children. This includes participation across maintenance and intervention.	SMS - Litres delivered (957,828) divided by number of pupils (33,263) divided by average portion size (.149)

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	Of which organic products	Comments
Fresh fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	596 153		
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>319 410</i>		
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>276 743</i>		

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg			
	Quantity in litres			
<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: Other</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>			

4.6.3 Milk and milk products

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	Quantity in litres	957 828		
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg			
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg			
Milk products without added sugar, flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	Quantity in kg			
	Quantity in litres			
Milk products without fruit juice, naturally flavoured	Quantity in kg			
Milk products with fruit juice, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	Quantity in kg			
Milk-based drinks with cocoa, with fruit juice or naturally flavoured	Quantity in litres			
Milk products with fruit, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	Quantity in kg			

4.6.4 Other agricultural products

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Olive/olive oil	Quantity in kg			
	Quantity in litres			
Honey	Quantity in kg			
Others:	Quantity in kg			

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	33 263	SMS: online lesson plans, printed posters, nutrition booklets, toothbrushes (Montessori & national)
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	251 654	SFVS: rewards provided as incentive for tasting and trying product (*intervention only). Educational videos provided for all levels.

5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	Yes	SFVS: Agriculture and growing themes explored in educational materials. SMS: online Lesson Plan- Grass to Glass
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	SFVS SMS: online Lesson Plan: Dairy in My Diet, Keeping Active and Dental Health
	Local food chains	Yes	SMS: online Lesson Plan: Dairy and Eating Sustainably
	Organic	No	
	Sustainable production	Yes	SMS: online Lesson Plan: Dairy and Eating Sustainably
	Food waste	Yes	SFVS: Food waste theme explored in educational materials SMS: online Lesson Plan: Dairy and Eating Sustainably
	Other: please specify under comments	No	



6. Communication activities carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	
	Poster at other relevant places	No	
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	SFVS: www.fooddudes.ie SMS: www.moocrew.ie
	Informative graphic material	Yes	SFVS: letters & videos for pupils, passport to healthy eating and home diary materials. SMS: Online Lesson Plans
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	SMS: Print advertisements
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	Yes	SFVS: IPPN conference stand and Presentation day events for teachers in participating schools (and associated local press coverage).



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	Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	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.	
		Stakeholder	National Dairy Council	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Aid Applicant – School Milk Scheme. Manages the day to day running of the School Milk Scheme in Ireland
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Department of Health	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	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 Single School Scheme
		Stakeholder	Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Integration and Youth	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth was involved in the drawing up of the six-year Strategy. Liaised with DAFM on pilot for the provision of milk to pre-school children.
	Education	Authority	Department of Education and Skills	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	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
		Stakeholder	University College Dublin (UCD)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Aid Applicant – Evaluation of the School Scheme
	Other	Authority	Department of Social Protection	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	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
		Stakeholder	An Bord Bia	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Aid Applicant – School Fruit Scheme. Manages the day to day running of the Food Dudes Programmes