

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2022/2023 school year

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Figures on budget execution (31 December 2023) 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
EU aid	1 887 512		1 887 512	183 981	11 747	263 409	459 137	2 346 649
National Funds	2 265 014		2 265 014	749 889	62 651	3 713 361	4 525 901	6 790 915
<i>of which: Public</i>								
<i>of which: Private</i>	2 265 014		2 265 014	749 889	62 651	3 713 361	4 525 901	6 790 915
Comments	<i>National funds: parents</i>			<i>National funds: parents</i>	<i>National funds: parents</i>	<i>National funds: parents</i>		

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	3 891	94 883	98 774
National Funds			
<i>of which: Public</i>			
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments	<p><i>Comments Costs will be payed as a lumpsum, there are no private/public funds. Due to the fact that schools have a legal autonomy in Austria, it is impossible to oblige them to participate to accompanying measures or to use certain teaching materials. All schools and Kindergartens participating in the programme have the opportunity to participate in the accompanying measures. On the website of AMA and in the guidelines written by AMA there are links free of charge to the EUfunded teaching materials for fruit and vegetables and to other material suitable to accompany pedagogically the supply of products. In addition to this, the schools and Kindergartens participating in the programme have the opportunity to participate in farm visits or tasting classes, as long as the budget is not depleted. However, an obligation to participate is not possible from the legal point of view, as it would constitute interference in the school autonomy and, moreover, it is not ceiling of 15 % for accompanying measures. The participation in farm visits or tasting classes is not completely refunded, but via a lump sum which does not cover all costs e.g. the very expensive transport costs. For this reason the children/teenagers from low-income families cannot be forced to participate. Schools are invited to use teaching materials free of charge. So, as its impossible to oblige schools to participate to accompanying measures, the idea was to reserve 15 % of the budget for accompanying measures in the hope that this budget would be used for that purpose. In this case Austria would have performed the maximum possible to implement accompanying measures, but unfortunately the applications for aid didn't reach this level.</i></p>		

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	63 345	93 987	157 332
National Funds			
<i>of which: Public</i>			
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments	<i>100 % off costs will be payed</i>		

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	88 980	73 981	42 605
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools	207 908	128 866	109 540
Secondary schools	179 913	85 960	106 537
Total	476 801	288 807	258 682
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	388 256
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	374 574
Secondary schools	764 085
Total	1 526 915
Comments	



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	388 256
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	374 574
Secondary schools	764 085
Total	1 526 915
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	1 394	1 189	590
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools	1 567	851	980
Secondary schools	608	325	333
Total	3 569	2 365	1 903
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	9 717
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	3 285
Secondary schools	2 545
Total	15 547
Comments	

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	9 717
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	3 285
Secondary schools	2 545
Total	15 547
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	

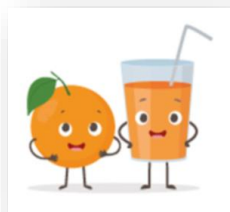


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	<i>fruit juices are only supplied during accompanying measures</i>



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	<i>possible, but included in the lump-sum; Other: butter, cream</i>



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

	Yes/No	Comments
Local/regional purchasing		
Organic products		
Short supply chains		
Quality schemes		
Fair trade		
Other:		<i>priority for drink milk for primary schools (Milch-Aktion - special offer) prioritisation for budget allocation concerning drink milk</i>

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0.09	0.25
Liters	0.18	0.25
Comments	<i>juice only at tasting glasses</i>	

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.16	0.08
National aid (private/public)		
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	0.10
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>The frequency varied across participating schools from daily to once per two weeks</i>	<i>The frequency varied across participating schools from daily to once per two weeks</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	✓	✓
Other: please specify under comments		
Comments		

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	40	23
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	Of which organic products	Comments
Fresh fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	1 087 740	379 426	
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>783 799</i>	<i>274 220</i>	
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>303 941</i>	<i>105 206</i>	

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg			
	Quantity in litres	18		<i>only at tasting glasses</i>
<i>Of which: Fruit juices</i>	<i>Quantity in litres</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>only at tasting glasses</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	270 317	103 672	
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg			
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	19 657	11 369	
Milk products without added sugar, flavouring, fruit, nuts or cocoa	Quantity in kg	10		
	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	4 787	1 092	
Milk-based drinks with cocoa, with fruit juice or naturally flavoured	Quantity in litres	1 057 934	231 533	
Milk products with fruit, naturally flavoured or non-flavoured	Quantity in kg	70 400	23 700	

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	72		<i>butter and cream</i>

5.1 Educational measures carried out

		Number of schoolchildren	Comments
Type of measure	School gardens	0	13 raised beds were supported in 7 educational institutions
	Visits to farms, dairies, farmers' markets and similar activities	4 038	Throughout the school year excursions to farms took place in 75 educational institutions with 4.038 participating children.
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	14 896	Throughout the school year tasting classes took place in 99 educational institutions with 14.896 participating children.
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	0	In all educational institutions, the topic of nutrition is anchored in the curriculum (participating children 476.801).
	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	
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	
	Local food chains	Yes	
	Organic	Yes	
	Sustainable production	No	
	Food waste	No	
	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>Financed by national fund</i>
	Poster at other relevant places	No	
	Dedicated website(s)	No	
	Informative graphic material	No	
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	<i>facebook, instagram, radio spot</i>
	Others (e.g. networking activities)	Yes	<i>presentation, advertisements</i>



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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Responsible for Implementation/supervision/advice: implementation and supervision Member of steering consultative and coordination: monitoring, consultative and coordination Surveys: information	
		Stakeholder	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Responsible for Implementation/supervision/advice: advice Member of steering consultative and coordination: monitoring, consultative and coordination Events: Workshops(Schulmilchtagungen) Surveys: information Other: Applier for Communication and accompanying educational measures
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	authorisation of the list of products to be distributed Responsible for Implementation/supervision/advice: advice Member of steering consultative and coordination: monitoring, consultative and coordination Participations: coordination meeting
		Stakeholder	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Education	Authority	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Responsible for Implementation/supervision/advice: advice Member of steering consultative and coordination: monitoring, consultative and coordination Participation: coordination meeting Surveys: information
		Stakeholder	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Member of steering consultative and coordination: monitoring, consultative and coordination participation in coordination meeting Other: Applier for information measures
	Other	Authority	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Member of steering consultative and coordination: monitoring, consultative and coordination Other: applier for the evaluation
		Stakeholder	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Responsible for Implementation/supervision/advice: advice Member of steering consultative and coordination: monitoring, consultative and coordination Participation meetings: invited, but didn't attend (Verein für Konsumenteninformation) Arbeiterkammer Österreich participation in coordination meeting