

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	6 539 990		6 539 990	7 832 233	2 173 671		10 005 904	16 545 894
National Funds	3 480 079		3 480 079	6 019 609	1 644 521		7 664 130	11 144 209
<i>of which: Public</i>	3 480 079		3 480 079	6 019 609	1 644 521		7 664 130	11 144 209
<i>of which: Private</i>								
Comments								

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	278 093	340 383	618 476
National Funds	68 633	70 562	139 195
<i>of which: Public</i>	68 633	70 562	139 195
<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			
National Funds			
<i>of which: Public</i>			
<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	233 998	233 998	199 508
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	233 998	233 998	199 508
Primary schools	713 050	713 050	591 124
Secondary schools	594 034	594 034	491 352
Total	1 541 082	1 541 082	1 281 984
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	280 666
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	280 666
Primary schools	865 075
Secondary schools	742 132
Total	1 887 873
Comments	



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	280 666
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	280 666
Primary schools	865 075
Secondary schools	742 132
Total	1 887 873
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	8 026	8 026	6 990
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	8 026	8 026	6 990
Primary schools	7 268	7 268	6 326
Secondary schools	5 263	5 263	4 612
Total	20 557	20 557	17 928
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	8 026
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	8 026
Primary schools	7 268
Secondary schools	5 363
Total	20 657
Comments	

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	8 026
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	8 026
Primary schools	7 268
Secondary schools	5 363
Total	20 657
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	

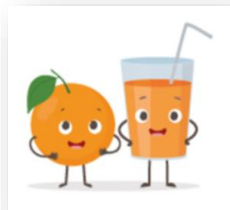


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	
Organic products	Yes	
Short supply chains	Yes	
Quality schemes	No	
Fair trade	No	
Other:	No	

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0.10	0.13
Liters		0.20
Comments		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.08	0.12
National aid (private/public)	0.05	0.09
Comments		

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

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	0.08
National aid (private/public)	0.05
Comments	

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	0.12
National aid (private/public)	0.09
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		

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	48	65
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	7 768 667		
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>7 768 667</i>		
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</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	12 993 151	95 598	
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	1 047	921	
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	2 281 022	29 454	
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	5 364	
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	0	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	120 968	
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	1 283 937	<i>Out of the total of 1.410.269 children receiving educational measures, 1.201.411 benefited from lectures, debates, seminars on the benefits of a healthy diet during the health education class, as well as, from the school curriculum, and 208,858 children benefited from educational measures for which they applied for payment in order to request the expenses incurred. Also, out of the total number of 208,858 children who participated in competitions and practical educational activities/visits, a total of 99.463 children also benefited from product tastings.</i>

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	Yes	
	Food waste	Yes	
	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)	No	
	Informative graphic material	No	
	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	AGRICULTURAL PAYMENTS AND INTERVENTION AGENCY / Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is responsible for the elaboration and transmission of the strategy to the European Commission, with the elaboration of the national legislation necessary to implement the Program for schools of Romania. APIA has been designated as the national competent authority for the implementation, control and granting of financial aid from the EAGF for the provision of fruits, vegetables, milk and dairy products to preschoolers and pupils in educational establishments and for the related educational measures.	
		Stakeholder	null	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	MINISTRY OF HEALTH / Directorate of Public Health	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	The Ministry of Health as the competent authority in the field of health approves the list of eligible products under the school program. The official controls for verifying compliance with the legislation in force regarding the distribution of fruits, vegetables, milk, dairy products and bakeries in educational establishments, as well as the establishment and sanctioning of contraventions are carried out by the personnel authorized by the Ministry of Health.	
		Stakeholder	null	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Education	Authority	The Ministry of Education and the school inspectorates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	The Ministry of Education, through the county school inspectorates / of the municipality of Bucharest, has the obligation to assist the county councils and the local councils of the municipalities, cities, communes or administrative territorial subdivisions of the municipality of Bucharest, as the case may be, in carrying out the educational measures provided for in art. 4 paragraph (1) of the Government Decision no. 640/2017, as subsequently amended and supplemented.	
		Stakeholder	null	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Other	Authority	Prefectures - the representative of the government in the territory	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Measures ordered at the level of the prefectures together with the contracting authorities (county councils / mayors) respectively with the sanitary, school and financial authorities: - establish the products to be contracted for distribution, - establish the types of educational measures to be implemented, - ensure, control, monthly monitoring and communication with the media on the implementation of the program, - send to the Ministry of Agriculture reports on the activities carried out.
		Stakeholder	null	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	