

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2020/2021 school year

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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 |
| EU aid | 2 436 410 | 0 | 2 436 410 | 222 212 | 887 342 | 0 | 1 109 554 | 3 545 964 |
| National Funds | 2 040 030 | 0 | 2 040 030 | 1 147 552 | 4 496 823 | 0 | 5 644 375 | 7 684 405 |
| <i>of which: Public</i> | 2 040 030 | 0 | 2 040 030 | 1 147 552 | 4 496 823 | 0 | 5 644 375 | 7 684 405 |
| <i>of which: Private</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Comments | | | | | | | | |

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

| | On school fruit and vegetables | On school milk | Total |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| EU aid | 91 084 | 30 994 | 122 078 |
| National Funds | 71 982 | 152 244 | 224 226 |
| <i>of which: Public</i> | 71 982 | 152 244 | |
| <i>of which: Private</i> | 0 | 0 | |
| Comments | The funds planned for educational measures are based on the number of official school days. Given the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Bulgaria, school activities were carried out online for an extended period of time and this made the educational measures - relying on physical attendance of children in schools - more difficult. The educational measure that was predominantly carried out was the inclusion of honey for tasting by the children in educational establishments. The measure aim at promoting the consumption of honey and acquainting children with the benefits of consuming honey. | | |

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

| | On school fruit and vegetables | On school milk | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| EU aid | 35 | 35 | 70 |
| National Funds | 314 | 314 | 628 |
| <i>of which: Public</i> | 314 | 314 | |
| <i>of which: Private</i> | 0 | 0 | |
| 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 | 196 921 | 196 218 | 195 810 |
| <i>Of which: Nurseries</i> | 196 921 | 196 218 | 195 810 |
| <i>Of which: Pre-schools</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary schools | 232 253 | 230 812 | 229 422 |
| Secondary schools | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 429 174 | 427 030 | 425 232 |
| Comments | <i>The pre-schools classes are part of nurseries and primary schools.</i> | | |

2.2 Number of children in the target group

| | Number of children in the target group set out in the strategy |
|------------------------------|--|
| Nurseries/Pre-schools | 204 113 |
| <i>Of which: Nurseries</i> | 204 113 |
| <i>Of which: Pre-schools</i> | 0 |
| Primary schools | 259 742 |
| Secondary schools | 0 |
| Total | 463 855 |
| Comments | |



2.3 Total number of children

| | Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme |
|------------------------------|---|
| Nurseries/Pre-schools | 204 113 |
| <i>Of which: Nurseries</i> | 204 113 |
| <i>Of which: Pre-schools</i> | 0 |
| Primary schools | 259 742 |
| Secondary schools | 422 822 |
| Total | 886 677 |
| 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 | 1 691 | 1 682 | 1 685 |
| <i>Of which: Nurseries</i> | 1 691 | 1 682 | 1 685 |
| <i>Of which: Pre-schools</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary schools | 1 632 | 1 629 | 1 632 |
| Secondary schools | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3 323 | 3 311 | 3 317 |
| 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 | 1 824 |
| <i>Of which: Nurseries</i> | 1 824 |
| <i>Of which: Pre-schools</i> | 0 |
| Primary schools | 1 826 |
| Secondary schools | 0 |
| Total | 3 650 |
| Comments | |

3.3 Total number of schools

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Nurseries/Pre-schools | 1 824 |
| <i>Of which: Nurseries</i> | 1 824 |
| <i>Of which: Pre-schools</i> | 0 |
| Primary schools | 1 826 |
| Secondary schools | 1 083 |
| Total | 4 733 |
| 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 | |
| Vegetables Soups | |
| Other: | |
| Comments | |



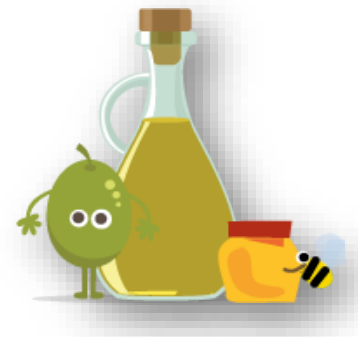
4.1.4 Milk and milk products

| | 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 | No | |
| 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 | 0,18 | 0,18 |
| Liters | 0,00 | 0,25 |
| Comments | | size of portion for cheese=0.03 kg, for plain yoghurt=0.2 kg, for drinking milk=0.251 lt |

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

| | School fruit and vegetables | School milk |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------|
| EU aid | 0,10 | 0,06 |
| National aid (private/public) | 0,12 | 0,28 |
| Comments | <i>The difference in the average cost of the products from the previous year is due to the difference in the quantities of the delivered products of each type and their individual price.</i> | |

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

| | Portion of apples in bulk |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| EU aid | 0 |
| National aid (private/public) | 0 |
| Comments | |

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

| | Portion of drinking milk |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| EU aid | 0,05 |
| National aid (private/public) | 0,27 |
| 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 | <i>According to national legislation the maximum number of deliveries is 50.</i> | <i>According to national legislation the maximum number of deliveries is 50.</i> |

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

| | School fruit and vegetables | School milk |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Number of portions supplied/distributed per child | 47 | 47 |
| 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 | 3 641 129 | |
| <i>Of which: Fruit</i> | <i>Quantity in kg</i> | <i>3 421 593</i> | |
| <i>Of which: Vegetables</i> | <i>Quantity in kg</i> | <i>219 536</i> | |

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

| | | Quantity | Comments |
|--|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Processed fruit and vegetables | Quantity in kg | 0 | |
| | Quantity in litres | 0 | |
| <i>Of which: Fruit juices</i> | <i>Quantity in litres</i> | <i>0</i> | |
| <i>Of which: Fruit purees/compotes</i> | <i>Quantity in kg</i> | <i>0</i> | |
| <i>Of which: Jams/Marmalades</i> | <i>Quantity in kg</i> | <i>0</i> | |
| <i>Of which: Dried fruits</i> | <i>Quantity in kg</i> | <i>0</i> | |
| <i>Of which: Vegetable juices</i> | <i>Quantity in litres</i> | <i>0</i> | |
| <i>Of which: Vegetable soups</i> | <i>Quantity in litres</i> | <i>0</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 | 1 074 777 | |
| Cheese and curd | Quantity in kg | 117 218 | |
| Plain yoghurt | Quantity in kg | 2 363 354 | |
| 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 | 33 257 | |
| Others: | Quantity in kg | 0 | |

5.1 Educational measures carried out

| | | Number of schoolchildren | Comments |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| Type of measure | School gardens | 0 | |
| | Visits to farms, dairies, farmers' markets and similar activities | 0 | |
| | Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other | 0 | |
| | Lessons, lectures, workshops | 429 174 | <i>According to the national legislation, participating schools/nurseries/pre-schools are obliged to apply at least one accompanying measure for each period (not refundable).</i> |
| | Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ... | 429 174 | <i>see above.</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 | No | |
| | 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 | |
| | 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 | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | competent authority |
| | | Stakeholder | N/A | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | Health and Nutrition | Authority | Ministry of health | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | 1. Prepares instructions to the educational establishments for application of the specific health requirements at the distribution of the delivered products under the schemes; 2. participates in the development of health information materials. |
| | | Stakeholder | N/A | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | N/A |
| | Education | Authority | Ministry of education | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | 1. Assists in the implementation of accompanying measures; 2. organizes and conducts, together with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and the Ministry of Health, training of teachers and employees in educational establishments who are involved in the implementation of the schemes, including the implementation of the accompanying measures; 3. informs the educational establishments on conditions for participation, including by providing printed materials and instructions; 4. organizes the promotion of the schemes among parents on the basis of instructions and printed materials received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and from the Ministry of healthcare. |
| | | Stakeholder | N/A | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | N/A |
| | Other | Authority | State fund agriculture | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | competent authority |
| | | Stakeholder | N/A | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | N/A |