

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	735 004	166 792	901 796	780 218	264 355	26 695	1 071 268	1 973 064
National Funds	903 780	231 731	1 135 511	720 464	251 530	644 121	1 616 115	2 751 626
<i>of which: Public</i>	903 780	231 731	1 135 511	720 464	251 530	644 121	1 616 115	2 751 626
<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	23 276	23 276	46 552
National Funds	4 888	4 888	9 776
<i>of which: Public</i>	4 888	4 888	9 776
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments	<p>The topics of food conservation, healthy lifestyle and the advantages of choosing high-quality Lithuanian products continued to be discussed. For the third year in a row, we held the already traditional Republican Quiz. The content of the quiz covered the topics of healthy lifestyle and sustainable consumption. Pre-school, primary education students and their teachers were invited to take part in the quiz "Less is more sustainable!" Closer - healthier!", where the participants were introduced to the products produced according to the organic agriculture and food production ecological and national quality their benefits (excluding fruits, berries, vegetables and milk and milk products), their concepts, labeling and production, cultivation and benefits, encourage the use of these products not only in educational institutions, but also at home. All Quiz participants were awarded diplomas/certificates, and the winners were bought gifts (neck ties and dried national quality apple snacks) with Program attributes. The Quiz was held virtually at http://www.maistatapyk.lt. In preparation for the Quiz, we prepared not only understandable and attractive materials for the participants, but also created five educational animated films "Less - more sustainable!" Closer - healthier!". The videos provided children with useful information on how simple and everyday choices can help take care of their health and the environment. https://bit.ly/44lBE9h</p> <p>While waiting for the Quiz, we invited children to accumulate knowledge and win prizes by participating in as many as 18 contests on our Facebook account. In the interesting lesson "Less is more sustainable!" Closer - healthier!" 3rd-4th grade students met not only well-known Super Heroes Asta and Miku, but also interesting interlocutors. Students learned about sustainability, food conservation, ecological and national quality food products, healthy diet and physical activity. An interesting lesson was held remotely via the Zoom platform. The lesson was recorded and posted on the YouTube platform so that the content could be used by teachers during the lessons https://youtu.be/ViHt-WjpCNg.</p> <p>Agency of Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture organized a seminar - a conference "Healthy food - a healthy child", during which the results of the Program's implementation over the past six years were reviewed and future guidelines were presented. During the conference, farmers, educational institutions, and municipalities were awarded for their active involvement in the Program.</p>		

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	40 238	40 238	80 476
National Funds	8 450	8 450	16 900
<i>of which: Public</i>	8 450	8 450	16 900
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments	<p>Agency actively published information about the Program and the events organized for its publicity both on social networks and in virtual school diaries (TAMO / MANO). Created colorful and playful banners that represent our program. Banners inviting them to visit our website were broadcast for two months to all teachers of educational institutions and parents of primary school students who registered on the platforms "Mano dienynas" and "Tamo dienynas". To attract even more attention by introducing children/ students to organic agriculture and food production ecological and national quality products, their benefits (excluding fruits, berries, vegetables and milk and milk products), their concepts, labeling and production, cultivation and benefits, encouraging the use of these products not only in educational institutions, but also at home, 21 educational games were organized on the radio station "Lietus". In addition, every week when the games were played on the radio air, one game was played on the radio station's other on the Facebook account. Radio game hosts encouraged children to call and participate in radio games. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the game. Were made new gifts with the Program's logos - neck cuffs and dried national quality apple snacks. A series of informative/educational TV shows was also created, which was broadcast on the national TV channel. During the TV show, horticultural or dairy farms and processing companies were visited, farmers, producers were interviewed, and the chef prepared dishes accessible to everyone and easy to prepare from the products of the interviewed farmer/producer. https://bit.ly/3mSKiv5</p> <p>We actively published information about the Program and the events organized for its publicity on the Facebook social network: https://www.facebook.com/pienasvaisiai/ Agency organized publishing 3 television reports and 6 articles were published them on the national news portal www.lrytas.lt</p> <p>An evaluation of the implementation of the strategy for the 2017-2023 academic year of the Program was also carried out. The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate the results achieved by the Strategy in 2017-2023, compare them with the goals set out in the Strategy and analyze the reasons that led to such Strategy implementation results.</p>		

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	113 985	113 509	113 985
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	95 748	95 497	95 748
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	18 237	18 012	18 237
Primary schools	110 710	110 459	110 710
Secondary schools	9 362	9 279	9 362
Total	234 057	233 247	234 057
Comments	<i>Pre-schools - Children from 1 to 6 years old. Primary schools - Children from 7 to 10 years old. Children can attend kindergarten-school, primary schools and basic or secondary schools.</i>	<i>Pre-schools - Children from 1 to 6 years old. Primary schools - Children from 7 to 10 years old. Children can attend kindergarten-school, primary schools and basic or secondary schools.</i>	<i>Pre-schools - Children from 1 to 6 years old. Primary schools - Children from 7 to 10 years old. Children can attend kindergarten-school, primary schools and basic or secondary 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	135 657
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	103 781
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	31 876
Primary schools	121 224
Secondary schools	214 283
Total	471 164
Comments	<i>Primary schools - children from 7 to 10 years old; children can attend kindergarten-school, primary schools and basic or secondary schools (study under the primary education program).</i>



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	135 657
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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	678	675	632
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	615	615	569
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	63	60	63
Primary schools	56	56	55
Secondary schools	689	660	689
Total	1 423	1 391	1 376
Comments	<i>In the SFVS and SMS can participate only secondary schools which provide primary education program.</i>	<i>In the SFVS and SMS can participate only secondary schools which provide primary education program.</i>	<i>In the SFVS and SMS can participate only secondary schools which provide primary education program.</i>

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	743
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	669
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	74
Primary schools	124
Secondary schools	805
Total	1 672
Comments	<i>In the SFVS and SMS can participate only secondary schools which provide primary education program.</i>

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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	

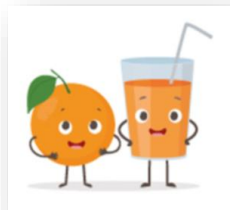


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	



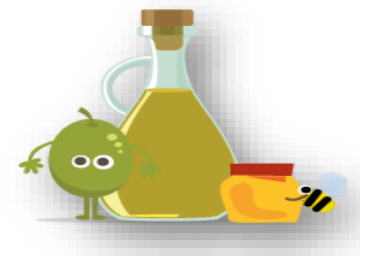
4.1.4 Milk and milk products

	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	<i>Supplied organic products.</i>
Short supply chains	Yes	
Quality schemes	Yes	<i>Products are made according to</i>
Fair trade	Yes	
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	0.19
Liters	0.20	0.20
Comments	<i>Apple juice</i>	

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.13	0.13
National aid (private/public)	0.17	0.19
Comments		

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

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	0.13
National aid (private/public)	0.12
Comments	

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	
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		

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	29	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	Of which organic products	Comments
Fresh fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	1 105 109	4 920	
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>893 665</i>		
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>211 444</i>	<i>4 920</i>	

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg			
	Quantity in litres	205 310	3 340	<i>National quality and organic apple juice</i>
<i>Of which: Fruit juices</i>	<i>Quantity in litres</i>	<i>205 310</i>	<i>3 340</i>	<i>National quality and organic apple juice</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	1 349 154	1 349 154	<i>Organic milk</i>
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	50 430	50 430	<i>Organic cheese</i>
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	12 737	12 737	<i>Organic plain yoghurt</i>
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	175 511	175 511	<i>Organic yoghurt with fruit</i>

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	60 000	997 teachers with their classes registered (around 60 000 third and fourth grade students). Organized an interesting lesson for third and fourth grade students via the Zoom platform. Organized 3 remote seminars for teachers. All educational material is placed on our website www.pienasvaisiai.lt
	Other activities: competitions, games, themed periods ...	210 000	1 national quiz, participated more than 1 300 educational institutions 18 educational competitions on the Facebook platform, 21 games on the radio, participated around 210 000 schoolchildren.

5.2 Theme(s) of the educational measures carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Theme(s)	Reconnection of children to agriculture	Yes	The Agency organized learning children how food from farms gets to their tables, provided fun learning materials, and created a series of educational/educational shows. We encouraged planting vegetables in the school gardens, taking care of already planted apple and pear trees in our school gardens.
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	We talked about it in all the competitions we organize, in the quiz, in the interesting lesson and in the educational material presented.
	Local food chains	Yes	In preparation for the Republican quiz "Less is more sustainable!" Closer - healthier!".
	Organic	Yes	As students prepare for the national quiz, information about ecology has been included in the teaching materials. Also, students increased their knowledge about ecology in an interesting lesson.
	Sustainable production	Yes	The Agency also talked about sustainable production in the republican quiz and in an interesting lesson and in all competitions. The executor must also use the methodological materials already prepared by the Customer (the books "Do it well - save food!" and "Get healthy, kid"), while preparing educational materials for the Quiz, we also used the already existing book "Do it well - save food!"
	Food waste	Yes	We encouraged Lithuanian educational institutions, which deal with food waste management, to use the distributed books "Do it well - save food!".
	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>According to the Regulation, posters informing about the implementation of the Program must be hung in all premises of educational institutions participating in the Program.</i>
	Poster at other relevant places	No	
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	<i>www.pienasvaisiai.lt, facebook.com/pienasvaisiai</i>
	Informative graphic material	Yes	<i>The Agency organized producing new gifts with our Program logos, including neck scarves.</i>
	Information and awareness campaign (TV, radio, social media)	Yes	<i>It was published 3 television reports and wrote 6 articles and published them on the national news portal www.lrytas.lt A series of informational / educational TV shows was also created, which was broadcast on a national TV channel. We actively published information about the Program and the events organized for its publicity on the Facebook social network: facebook.com/pienasvaisiai.</i>
	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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The Ministry of Agriculture issues strategies and rules and receives from agency reports monitoring about School scheme.	
		Stakeholder	Agency of Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The Agency is responsible for managing and implementation the School scheme program; responsible for the preparation and supervision of the implementation of education and public awareness measures.
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Authority Ministry of Health	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides recommendations on the list of eligible products for Program. Participates in steering committee.
		Stakeholder	Authority Ministry of Health	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides recommendations on the list of eligible products for Program. Participates in steering committee.
	Education	Authority	Ministry of Education	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides recommendations on the choice of educational tools. Participates in steering committee.
		Stakeholder	Ministry of Education	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides recommendations on the choice of educational tools. Participates in steering committee.
	Other	Authority	National Paying Agency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Provides and pays support to applicants.
		Stakeholder	State Food and Veterinary Service	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Provides quality control of suppliers and products. Performs food management control in educational institutions. Participates in steering committee.