

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

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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	343 563	1 013	344 576	304 188			304 188	648 764
National Funds								
<i>of which: Public</i>								
<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	38 942	39 152	78 094
National Funds			
<i>of which: Public</i>			
<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	5 310	5 195	2 803
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools	39 027	38 243	24 625
Secondary schools			
Total	44 337	43 438	27 428
Comments	<i>The strategy does not target 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	20 835
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	58 297
Secondary schools	54 358
Total	133 490
Comments	<i>The strategy does not target secondary schools.</i>



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	20 835
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	58 297
Secondary schools	54 358
Total	133 490
Comments	<i>The strategy does not target secondary schools.</i>



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	103	100	59
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools	239	236	147
Secondary schools			
Total	342	336	206
Comments	<i>The strategy does not target secondary schools.</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	348
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	364
Secondary schools	
Total	712
Comments	<i>The strategy does not target secondary schools.</i>

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	348
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	364
Secondary schools	147
Total	859
Comments	<i>The strategy does not target secondary schools.</i>



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	

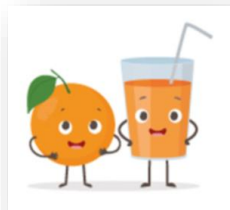


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	<i>Cheese and plain yoghurt only included in the accompanying educational measures. In Cyprus strategy regarding the accompanying educational measures, the tasting and use in cooking of traditional products (such as halloumi, anari, yoghurt and others) are eligible and approved by the Ministry of Health.</i>



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	No	
Short supply chains	Yes	
Quality schemes	Yes	
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	0.13	
Liters		0.25
Comments		<i>Cheese and plain yoghurt not for regular distribution but only in the accompanying educational measures in a number of participant schools.</i>

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0.49	0.54
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	0.54
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	16	21
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	105 733		
<i>Of which: Fruit</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>79 671</i>		
<i>Of which: Vegetables</i>	<i>Quantity in kg</i>	<i>26 062</i>		

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Of which organic products	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	30		
	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>30</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	141 421		
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	2 339		
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	848		
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	8 298	
	Visits to farms, dairies, famers' markets and similar activities	35 171	
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	20 235	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	7 793	
	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	
	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	Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Regular meetings, informational events
		Stakeholder	farmers' Association	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Informational events
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Ministry of Health	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	The Cyprus Ministry of Health is involved in the School Scheme through the "Health Inspectors/visitors". This group of civil servants visits all schools at least twice a year informing children, among other subjects and duties, on healthy eating habits.
		Stakeholder	Cyprus Dietitian Organisation	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	The Cyprus Dietitian Organisation performs lectures regarding healthy eating habits.
	Education	Authority	Ministry of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Regular meetings, informational events
		Stakeholder	Parents' Association	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Parents' Association assist in performing lectures regarding healthy eating habits and "healthy breakfast" sessions when demanded by schools.
	Other	Authority	Cyprus Agricultural Paying Agency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Regular meetings, informational events
		Stakeholder	0	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	