

The EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme



Annual monitoring report

2019/2020 school year

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Figures on budget execution (31 December 2020) 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	249.374	0	249.374	123.621	0	0	123.621	372.995
National Funds	102.638	0	102.638	9.683	0	0	9.683	112.321
<i>of which: Public</i>	102.638		102.638	9.683			9.683	112.321
<i>of which: Private</i>			0				0	0
Comments	<i>National funds served to finance the consumption by school teaching staff and students over the age of 16 years which are attending Educational Resource Centres and also for the difference in students portions over the EU Budget allocated</i>							

1.2. Expenditure for the educational measures (EUR)

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	0	0	0
National Funds	0	0	0
<i>of which: Public</i>			
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments	<i>Accompanying Measures are a tender specification on the supplier to provide at no extra cost.</i>		

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

	On school fruit and vegetables	On school milk	Total
EU aid	28.205		28.205
National Funds	38.265		38.265
<i>of which: Public</i>	38.265		
<i>of which: Private</i>			
Comments	<i>All school children participating in the scheme were provided with a promotional item with the scheme branding, depending on their age group. Promotional items included: Measuring Charts, Caps, Button Folders, Rulers 15cm, Board Games, Dice, String Back Packs, Rubber Keychains and USBs.</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	0		
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools	27.678	27.678	25.881
Secondary schools	0		
Total	27.678		
Comments	Children were given a portion of fruit & vegetables and milk every week. The Target group as per National Strategy is Primary School Children aged 3-11 years, paid from EU funds. School Learning Staff and Resource Centers for Students Over 16 are paid from national funds.		

2.2 Number of children in the target group

	Number of children in the target group set out in the strategy
Nurseries/Pre-schools	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	
Secondary schools	
Total	
Comments	



2.3 Total number of children

	Number of children eligible for the EU school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme
Nurseries/Pre-schools	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	
Secondary schools	
Total	
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	0		
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>			
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>			
Primary schools	230	230	207
Secondary schools	0		
Total	230		
Comments	<i>All state and non-state primary school are eligible to participate as per National Strategy</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	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	
Secondary schools	
Total	
Comments	

3.3 Total number of schools

Nurseries/Pre-schools	
<i>Of which: Nurseries</i>	
<i>Of which: Pre-schools</i>	
Primary schools	
Secondary schools	
Total	
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	

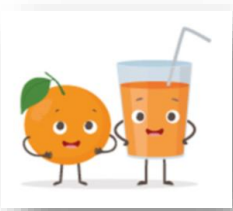


4.1.2 Fresh vegetables

	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	Each child gets once a week a portion of 2 types of fruit or vegetable chopped in a cup weighing 75 grams

4.1.3 Processed fruit and vegetables

	List
Fruit Juices	
Fruit Purées/Compotes	
Jams/Marmalades	
Dried Fruits	
Vegetable Juices	
Vegetables Soups	
Other:	
Comments	No Vegetable Soups were delivered



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	Each child gets once a week a portion of 250ml fresh milk



4.1.5 Other agricultural products that children tasted as part of educational measures

	List
Table olives	
Olive oil	
Honey	
Other:	
Comments	N/A



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

	Yes/No	Comments
Local/regional purchasing	Yes	Milk supplied is fresh milk produced the day before
Organic products	Yes	1% of the Fruit and Vegetables delivered has to be organic
Short supply chains		
Quality schemes		
Fair trade		
Other:		

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Kg	0,08	0,00
Liters	0,00	0,25
Comments	75 grams	

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

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
EU aid	0,59	0,29
National aid (private/public)		
Comments	€0.59 unit price per portion	€0.29 unit price per portion

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

	Portion of apples in bulk
EU aid	
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	N/A

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

	Portion of drinking milk
EU aid	0,29
National aid (private/public)	
Comments	€0.29 unit price per portion

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	Fruit and Vegetables and milk deliveries are done on a weekly basis	

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	For Skolasajf 2019 we have 6 weeks, For School Year we have 30 weeks and For Skolasajf 2020 we have 2 weeks	

4.5.a. Supplied/distributed portions

	School fruit and vegetables	School milk
Number of portions supplied/distributed per child	26	26
Comments	Each child gets once a week a portion of 2 types of fruit or vegetable chopped in a cup weighing 75grams	Each child gets once a week a portion of 250ml fresh normal milk

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	422.667	Portions provided only to children (EU funds)
Of which: Fruit	Quantity in kg	211.334	
Of which: Vegetables	Quantity in kg	211.334	

4.6.2 Processed fruit and vegetables

		Quantity	Comments
Processed fruit and vegetables	Quantity in kg	0	Only fresh Fruit and Vegetables are given to children
	Quantity in litres	0	
Of which: Fruit juices	Quantity in litres		
Of which: Fruit purees/compotes	Quantity in kg		
Of which: Jams/Marmalades	Quantity in kg		
Of which: Dried fruits	Quantity in kg		
Of which: Vegetable juices	Quantity in litres		
Of which: Vegetable soups	Quantity in litres		
Of which: Other	Quantity in kg		

4.6.3 Milk and milk products

		Quantity	Comments
Drinking milk and lactose-free versions	Quantity in litres	106.570	Milk provided to children (EU funds)
Cheese and curd	Quantity in kg	0	
Plain yoghurt	Quantity in kg	0	
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	N/A
	Quantity in litres	0	
Honey	Quantity in kg	0	
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, famers' markets and similar activities	480	<i>Visits by schools: 4 visits for Milk and 4 visits for Fruit and Vegetables. In ech activity, 60 students attended. Due to Covid-19, Schools closed on 12th March as per Legal Notice and thus visits were halted.</i>
	Tasting classes, cooking workshops, other	0	
	Lessons, lectures, workshops	0	
	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		
	Healthy eating habits	Yes	<i>The Food Factory Visit - Visit to the factory of the supplier for Fruit and Vegetables The Benna Visit - Visit to the factory of the supplier for Fresh Dinking Milk</i>
	Local food chains		
	Organic		
	Sustainable production		
	Food waste		
	Other: please specify under comments		



6. Communication activities carried out

		Yes/No	Comments
Activity carried out/tool used	Poster at school premises	Yes	
	Poster at other relevant places	Yes	<i>Roll up banner at the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency - Agency responsible for the overall management of school</i>
	Dedicated website(s)	Yes	<i>Information on at the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency website: https://agrikultura.gov.mt/en/arpa/Pages/commonMarketOrganisation.aspx</i>
	Informative graphic material	Yes	<i>Provided various items to children used to market the scheme</i>
	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	Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency is responsible for the overall management, control and monitoring of the scheme, including procurement and payment procedures.	
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Health and Nutrition	Authority	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Directorate within the Superintendence of Public Health certifies that children are receiving top quality healthy products, and plays a very active role in the dissemination of information as regards health benefits in the consumption of fruit, vegetables and milk as part of a healthy diet.
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Education	Authority	National School Support Services	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	National School Support Services, within the ministry is responsible for liaising with the educational establishments. The Home Economics Seminar Center within the Department of Curriculum Research, Innovation and Lifelong Learning, Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes, is responsible for promoting the New School Scheme in school curricula. The HESC also co-ordinates and facilitates age-appropriate, interactive, educational activities to promote the health benefits associated with the consumption of fruit, vegetables and milk as part of a healthy diet.
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	Other	Authority	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
		Stakeholder	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	

Ninu L-Bhinu
"Skema għall-Iskejjel" tal-Unjoni Ewropea

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