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committee meeting,
15 January 2026**

2026 IPARD III 2021-2027



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Opening of the meeting

Approval of the Agenda



Short introduction by European Commission (DG AGRI) and EU Delegation to Montenegro





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Adoption of the minutes of the previous IPARD monitoring committee (IMC) meeting and information on the implementation of decisions taken at the previous IPARD III monitoring committee meeting



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State of play of the implementation of the IPARD III programme





Implementation of existing measures + accreditation of new measures

- Measures to be accredited in the future period:
 - **Public rural infrastructure (M6)**
 - **Agri-environment-climate & organic farming (M4)**
 - **Local development strategies – LEADER (M5)**
 - **Establishment and protection of forests (M11)**



Planned Publication of IPARD Public Calls for 2026

- **Measure 4 – AGRO-ENVIRONMENT-CLIMATE AND ORGANIC FARMING MEASURE**
I PUBLIC CALL - II QUARTER 60 days
- **Measure 7 – DIVERSIFICATION OF FARMS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - II PUBLIC CALL – Sub-measure 7.2 “Support for investments in on-farm processing”** **II QUARTER** 60 days
- **Measure 3 – INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS CONCERNING PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS - II PUBLIC CALL (equipment only, excluding vehicles and construction) - III QUARTER** 60 days
- **Measure 7 – FARM DIVERSIFICATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - II PUBLIC CALL – Sub-measure 7.1 “Support for investments in the development of rural tourism”** - **III QUARTER** 60 days
- **Measure 6 – INVESTMENTS IN RURAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE - IV QUARTER** 60 days



Presentation on the state of implementation of the first IPARD public calls for Measure 7, sub-measures 7.1 and 7.2, Measure 1 and Measure 3



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First IPARD III public call for Measure 7, sub-measure 7.1

- ***165 applications received;***
- ***26.574.264,49 EUR of investments without VAT (requested);***
- ***17.066.900,71 EUR of support (requested);***
- ***12.800.175,53 EUR of EU support (requested).***





First IPARD public call for Measure 7, sub-measure 7.1

- ***86 applications contracted***
- ***14.065.175,20 EUR of investments without VAT***
- ***9.209.778,15 EUR of contracted support***
- ***6.907.333,57 EUR of EU support***

There are 85 active contracts, because one recipient terminated their contract.



First IPARD public call for Measure 7, sub-measure 7.1

Municipality	Total eligible costs (without VAT)	Support	EU Support	Number
Andrijevica	664,633.05	404,866.66	303,649.99	4
Bijelo Polje	715,953.97	484,661.28	363,495.96	4
Kolašin	2,186,190.83	1,421,731.33	1,066,298.49	12
Mojkovac	2,739,345.31	1,788,160.17	1,341,120.12	18
Nikšić	3,751,761.86	2,475,549.90	1,856,662.42	22
Plav	158,884.77	96,650.86	72,488.15	1
Pljevlja	348,743.37	212,072.92	159,054.69	2
Plužine	1,258,804.64	808,873.59	606,655.19	8
Rožaje	468,218.50	313,538.52	235,153.89	4
Šavnik	953,186.38	654,778.05	491,083.54	6
Žabljak	619,729.40	408,192.07	306,144.05	4
Zeta	199,723.12	140,702.80	105,527.10	1
Grand Total	14,065,175.20	9,209,778.15	6,907,333.57	86

Region	Total eligible costs (without VAT)	Support	EU Support	Number
Central	3,951,484.98	2,616,252.70	1,962,189.52	23
Northern	10,113,690.22	6,593,525.45	4,945,144.05	63
Grand Total	14,065,175.20	9,209,778.15	6,907,333.57	86

First IPARD public call for Measure 7, sub-measure 7.2

- ***19 applications received***
- ***438.230,20 EUR of investments without VAT (requested)***
- ***282.364,35 EUR of support (requested)***
- ***211.773,26 EUR of EU support (requested)***



First IPARD public call for Measure 7, sub-measure 7.2

5 applications are contracted

- ***95.881,61 EUR of investments without VAT***
- ***63.221,81 EUR of support***
- ***47.416,36 EUR of EU support***

First IPARD public call for Measure 7, sub-measure 7.2

Municipality	Total eligible costs (without VAT)	Support	EU support	Number
Danilovgrad	18,475.24	12,932.67	9,699.50	1
Petnjica	22,582.89	15,808.02	11,856.02	1
Podgorica	30,660.39	19,983.27	14,987.45	2
Zeta	24,163.09	14,497.85	10,873.39	1
Grand Total	95,881.61	63,221.81	47,416.36	5

First IPARD public call for Measure 3

- ***57 applications received***
- ***46.867.425,34 EUR of investments without VAT (requested)***
- ***23.433.712,67 EUR of support (requested)***
- ***17.575.284,50 EUR of EU support (requested)***



First IPARD public call for Measure 3

- ***35 applications have been contracted***
- ***30.525.163,21 EUR of investments without VAT***
- ***15.642.141,62 EUR of contracted support***
- ***11.730.606,20 EUR of EU support***



Municipality	Total eligible costs (without VAT)	Support	EU support	Number
Bar	175,753.03	87,876.52	65,907.39	2
Bijelo Polje	1,473,345.41	736,672.71	552,504.53	1
Cetinje	1,096,856.71	548,428.36	411,321.26	6
Danilovgrad	12,976,093.25	6,827,259.55	5,120,444.66	9
Danilovgrad/Herceg Novi	1,999,445.30	999,722.65	749,791.99	1
Kolašin	1,019,760.00	509,880.00	382,410.00	1
Nikšić	4,612,377.86	2,312,152.70	1,733,114.52	4
Podgorica	3,043,289.85	1,523,320.57	1,142,490.43	6
Rožaje	438,818.08	243,068.40	182,301.30	2
Tuzi	2,314,152.86	1,161,566.73	871,175.05	2
Ulcinj	1,375,270.86	692,193.43	519,145.07	1
Grand Total	30,525,163.21	15,642,141.62	11,730,606.20	35

Sector	Number
The plant processing	10
Olive processing	1
Meat processing	12
Milk processing	3
Wine processing	9
Grand Total	35

First IPARD public call for Measure 1

- ***694 applications received***
- ***69.193.443,05 EUR of investments without VAT (requested)***
- ***48.326.997,83 EUR of support (requested)***
- ***36.242.765,73 EUR of EU support (requested)***

All applications are in the administrative controls.





First public call for Measure 7, sub-measure 7.1 of IPARD III programme

- ***1 final payment request was paid in the amount of 40.745,75 EUR of EU support***
- ***12 advance payment requests were paid in the amount of 429.305,37 EUR of EU support.***



First public call for Measure 7, sub-measure 7.2 of IPARD III programme

- ***1 final payment request was paid in the amount of 9.332,00 EUR of EU support***
- ***1 interim payment request was paid in the amount of 3.258,62 EUR of EU support.***



First public call for Measure 3 of IPARD III programme

- ***8 final payment requests were paid in the amount of 2.278.925,81 EUR of EU support***
- ***4 interim payment requests were paid in the amount of 1.022.848,19 EUR of EU support***
- ***5 advance payment requests were paid in the amount of 1.444.692,94 EUR of EU support.***



- *Through IPARD III programme the amount of paid support is 6.972.144,97 EUR, amount of EU support is 5.229.108,68 EUR and the IA has paid 10 final payment requests, 5 interim payment requests and 17 advance payment requests.*



Measure 9 – Technical Assistance

- First public call for Measure 9 – Technical Assistance has been announced. The total eligible cost amount is 3,500 EUR excluding VAT (EU part 2,975 EUR). The application is currently in the implementation phase.





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Modification of IPARD III programme



Techical changes:

- Numbering of tables
- Technical corection of the text and tables

Updating the text with more recent available data:

- Recent statistical data

➤ Updating the chapter 8.1 Requirements related to all or more measures

- Ranking criteria
- Settled debts (taxes) to the state
- Implementation of the business plan after the investment is realized
- Minimum investment percentage related to renewable energy sources
- Unique definition of a young farmer
- Additional clarification for the term invesments in mountain regions
- Specific correlation betwin deatweight and invesments in renewable energy and waste treatment



Proposed changes to be done in **M1** - INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

- **Livestock breeding facilities/stables** - minimum 70% capacity utilization at the end of the investment;
- **Selection criteria** – improving the criteria and changing the approach in order to improve the implementation;

Proposed changes to be done in **M3** - INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS CONCERNING PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

- **Selection criteria** - improving the criteria and changing the approach in order to improve the implementation;

Proposed changes to be done in **M4** - AGRI-ENVIRONMENT-CLIMATE AND ORGANIC FARMING MEASURE

- Fine tuning of the measure;
- Introduction of the methodology of support calculation
- Introduction of the annex concerning livestock units



Proposed changes to be done in **M6** - INVESTMENTS IN RURAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- Clearer definition of eligible costs
- Definition of the minimum investment value
- Definition of the maximum number of requests per beneficiary

Proposed changes to be done in **M7** - FARM DIVERSIFICATION AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Alignment with current legislation;
- Possibility of introduction of the criteria concerning the minimum turnover in the next 5 years of 10.000€
- **Specific eligible criteria (7.2)** – closer definition of specific criteria in regards to production sector, volume of production and legal framework







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Information on audit(s) by the Audit Authority



Presentation of the ex-post evaluation report for the IPARD II program





EX-POST EVALUATION OF IPARD II PROGRAMME



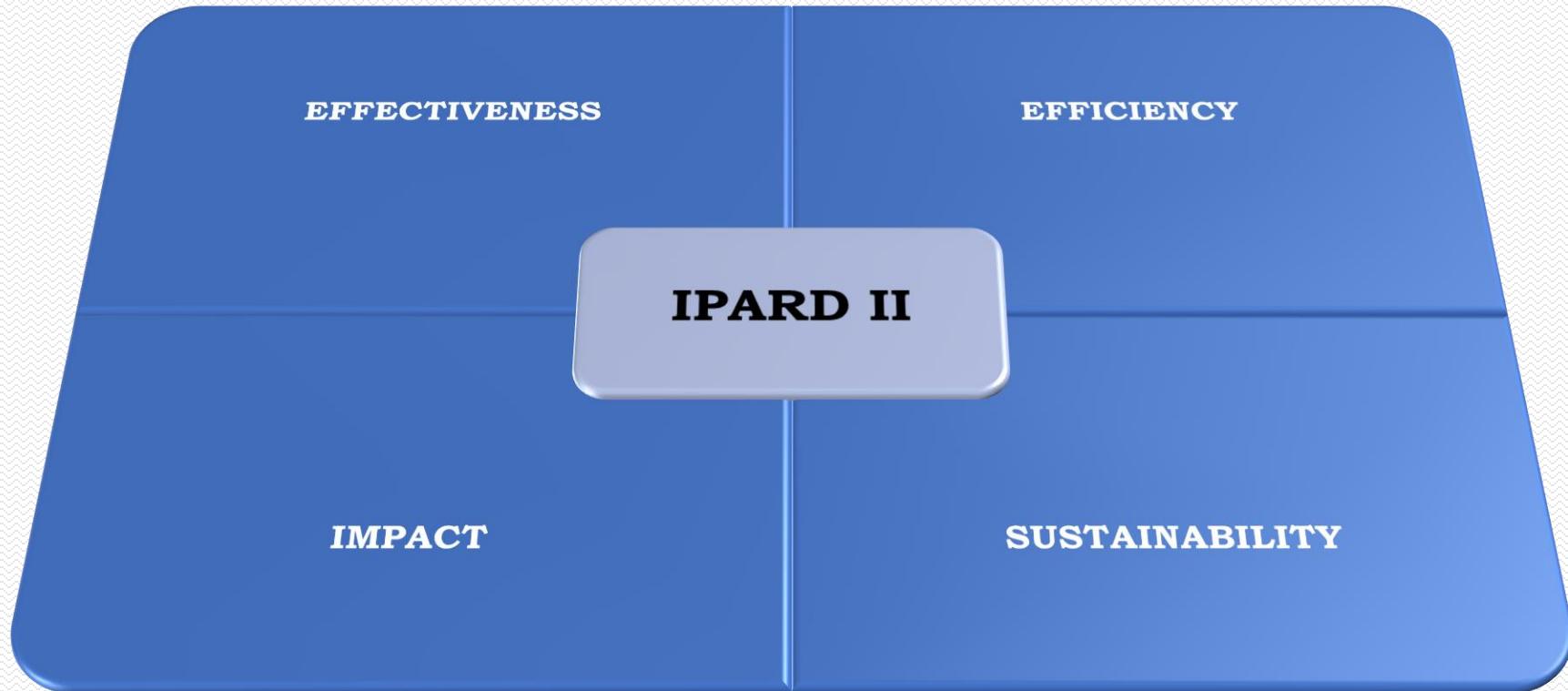


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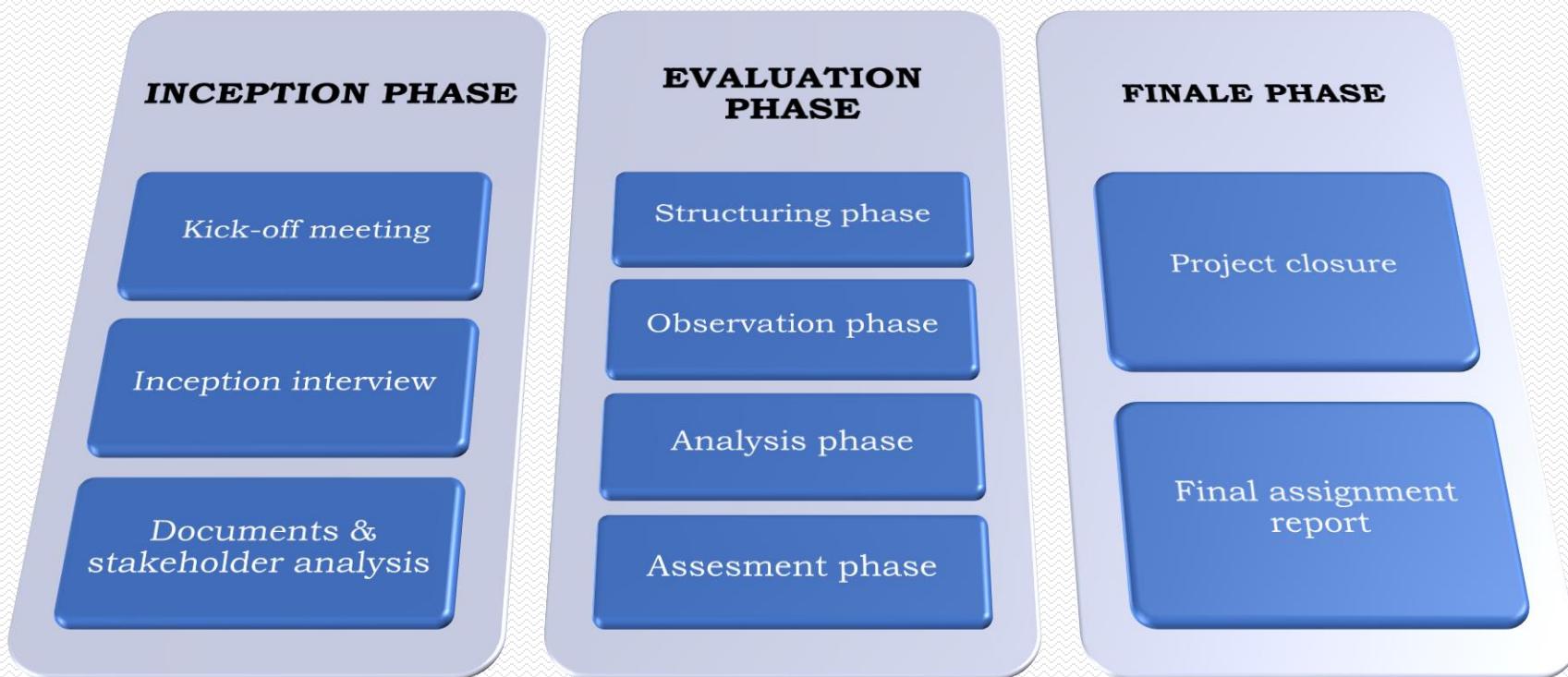


**INTRO, AIM OF EVALUATION, LEGAL BASE
(Art.58 of Sectorial Agreement)**





METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH





CATEGORIZATION OF SUCCESSFULNESS OF MEASURES





ABSORPTION





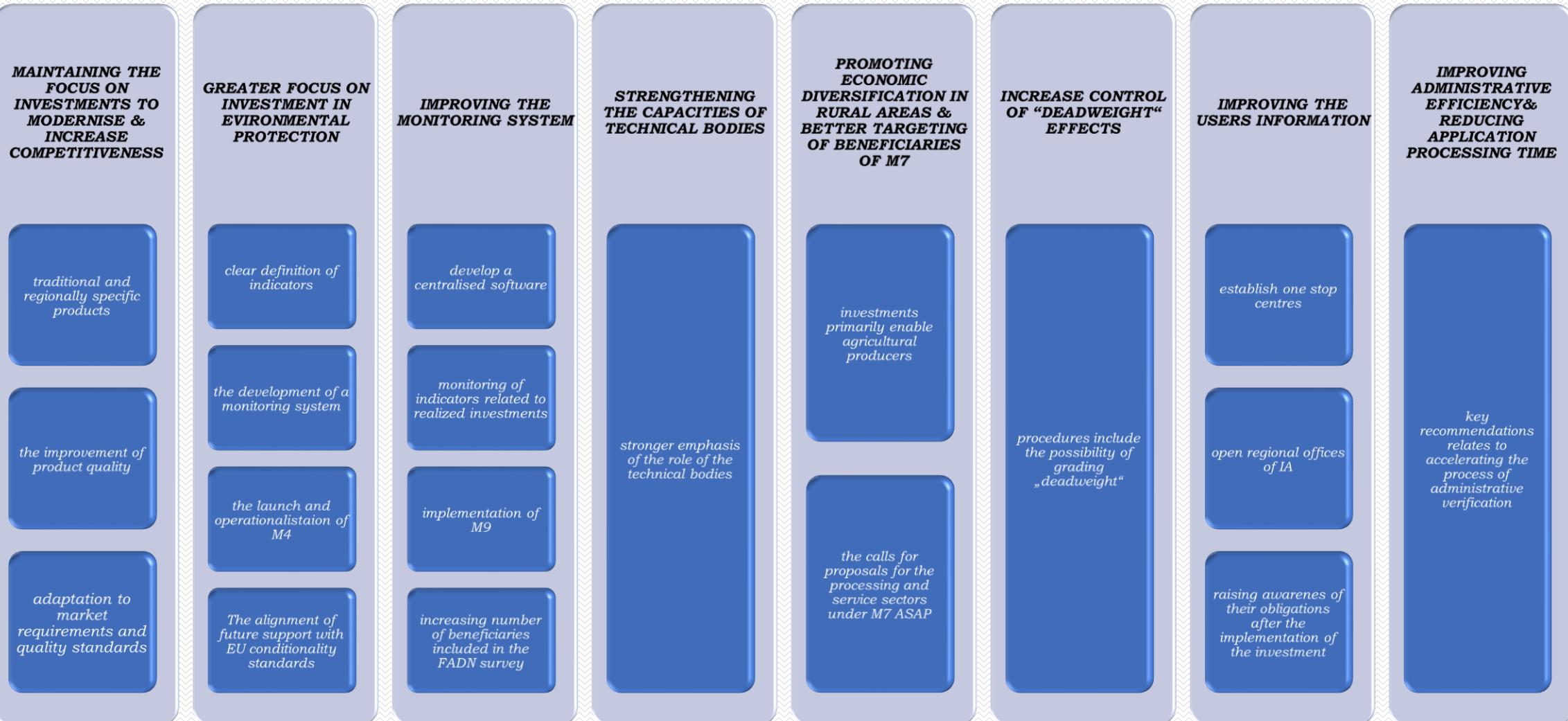
PERFORMANCE



CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS



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Realization of the Annual List of Activities 2025 - Visibility and Communication Activities Plan for the IPARD III Program



- A total of **24 promotional videos on successful IPARD beneficiaries** were produced and published, including **6 videos in 2025**. The videos and success stories were regularly published on the **official IPARD website**, in the “*Success Stories*” section.
- The **results of public calls**, including lists of beneficiaries and payments, were published on the official IPARD website and communicated through the media.
- **Four editions of the newsletter “IPARD ZA TEBE”** were published, with a total expenditure of **EUR 916**.
- A total of **13 press releases** related to the IPARD programme were prepared and distributed.
- Strong media visibility was achieved through **331 media appearances**, including print, television, radio, and online portals.
- The **IPARD website and social media channels (Facebook and Instagram)** were regularly updated and used to inform agricultural producers and stakeholders.
- **Two major press conferences** were organized in cooperation with the EU Delegation, including the presentation of IPARD II results and the signing of IPARD contracts.
- The **total amount of realized funds** for visibility and communication activities amounted to **EUR 4,542.7**



PLAN OF VISIBILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2026

Promotional videos showcasing successful IPARD projects will be produced and disseminated throughout the year.

Training of trainers and consultants will be organized for extension services and municipalities to strengthen their capacity to support IPARD III implementation.

Information and publicity materials (guides, leaflets, roll-ups)

Four quarterly newsletters will be prepared and published in 2026 to inform beneficiaries and the general public about IPARD activities.

Press releases and media appearances.

The **IPARD website and social media channels (Facebook and Instagram)** **Workshops and promotional events** will be organized in municipalities and for agricultural producer associations, including **one IPARD Open Day** planned for 2026.

Public calls for IPARD III measures will be announced during 2026, accompanied by press conferences, publication of documentation, and information campaigns, with a total planned budget of **EUR 13,000** for visibility and communication activities.



- **Total Technical Assistance Budget: EUR 275,000**

- **Governance & Coordination:**

Support to **Monitoring Committee meetings** (logistics, translation, accommodation) – **EUR 10,000**

- **Promotion & Visibility:**

Promotional materials, media campaigns (TV, radio, print, online), office supplies – **EUR 12,000**

- **Translation & Documentation:**

Translation of the **IPARD III Annual Implementation Report and Procedures Manual** – **EUR 5,000**

- **Capacity Building:**

Trainings, seminars, congresses and **study visits in Montenegro and abroad** for IPARD entities – **EUR 50,000**

- **LEADER / LAG Support:**

External expertise and study visits for preparation of **Local Development Strategies** – **EUR 5,000**

- **Programme Efficiency & Accreditation:**

Evaluation Committees, external experts, and **audits for Measures 5 and 6** – **EUR 100,000**

- **System Strengthening:**

Establishment of the National Rural Development Network and **IT equipment procurement** – **EUR 43,000**

- **Human Resources Development:**

Implementation of the **Sustainable HR Policy**, subject to EC approval – **EUR 50,000**





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Discussion





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Proposals for a date and the Agenda of the next meeting



Thank you for attention!

IPARD Managing Authority

