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## **6th IPARD III monitoring committee meeting, 15 January 2026**

**2026 IPARD III 2021-2027**



# **Opening of the meeting**

## **Approval of the Agenda**



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



**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**





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



# 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**



**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**



# 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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,065,175.20</b>	<b>9,209,778.15</b>	<b>6,907,333.57</b>	<b>86</b>

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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,065,175.20</b>	<b>9,209,778.15</b>	<b>6,907,333.57</b>	<b>86</b>



# 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

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Total eligible costs (without VAT)</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>EU support</b>	<b>Number</b>
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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>95,881.61</b>	<b>63,221.81</b>	<b>47,416.36</b>	<b>5</b>

# 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.



# Modification of IPARD III programme



# Modification of IPARD III programme - version 1.4.



## Technical 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



## Modification of IPARD III programme - version 1.4.



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





## Modification of IPARD III programme - version 1.4.



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





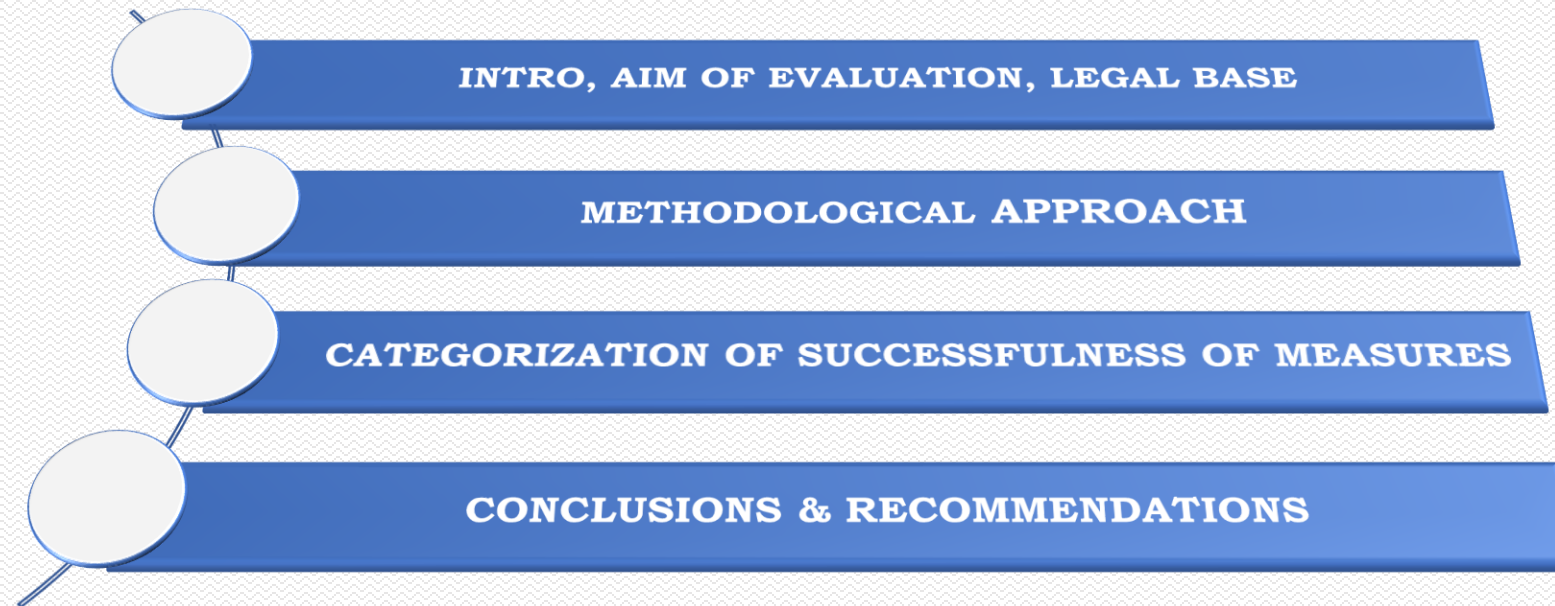
# **Information on audit(s) by the Audit Authority**



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



## ***EX-POST EVALUATION OF IPARD II PROGRAMME***



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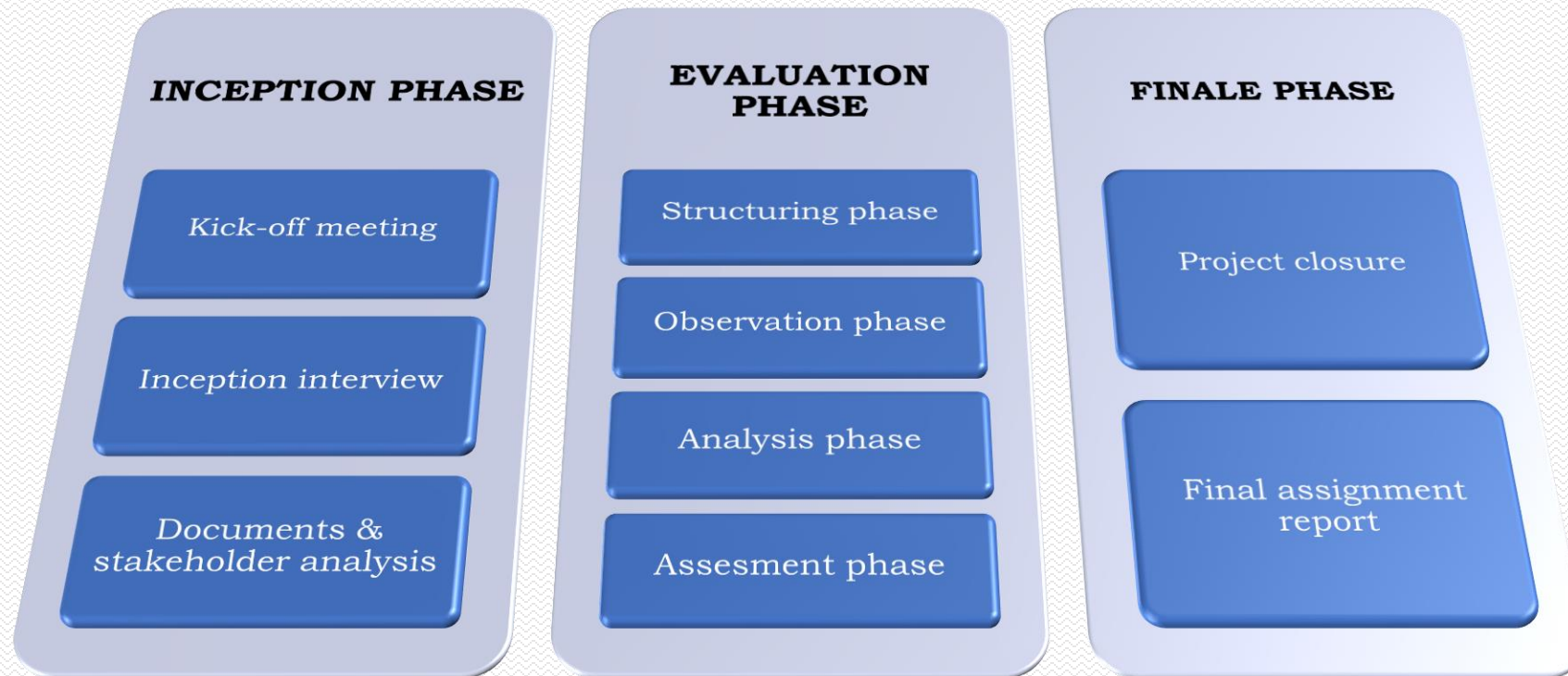




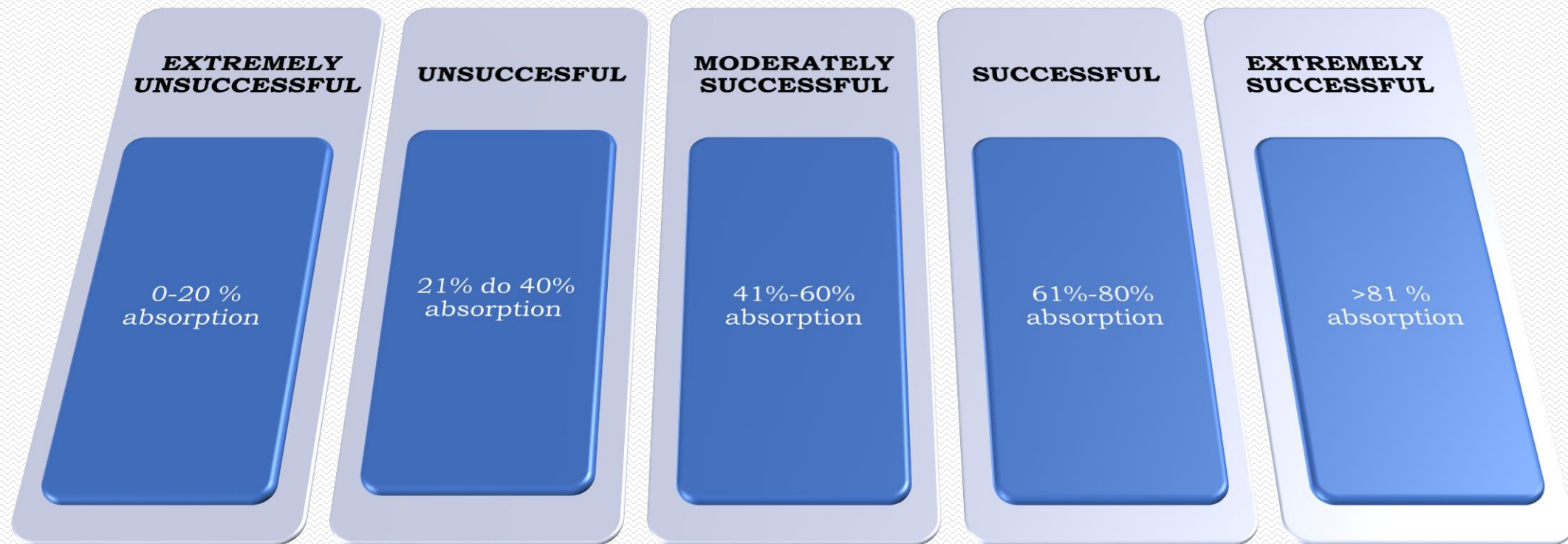
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(Art.58 of Sectorial Agreement)**



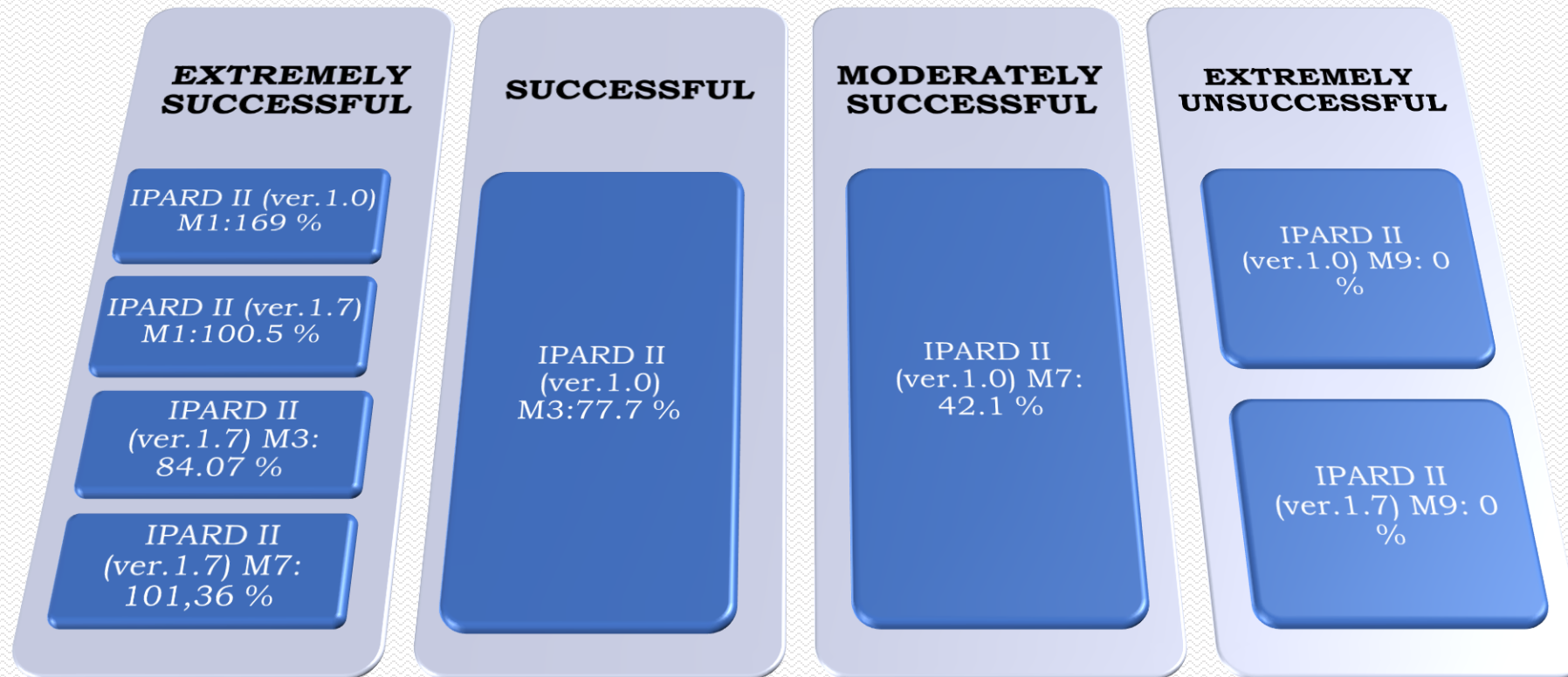
## **METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH**



## **CATEGORIZATION OF SUCCESSFULNESS OF MEASURES**



## ABSORPTION

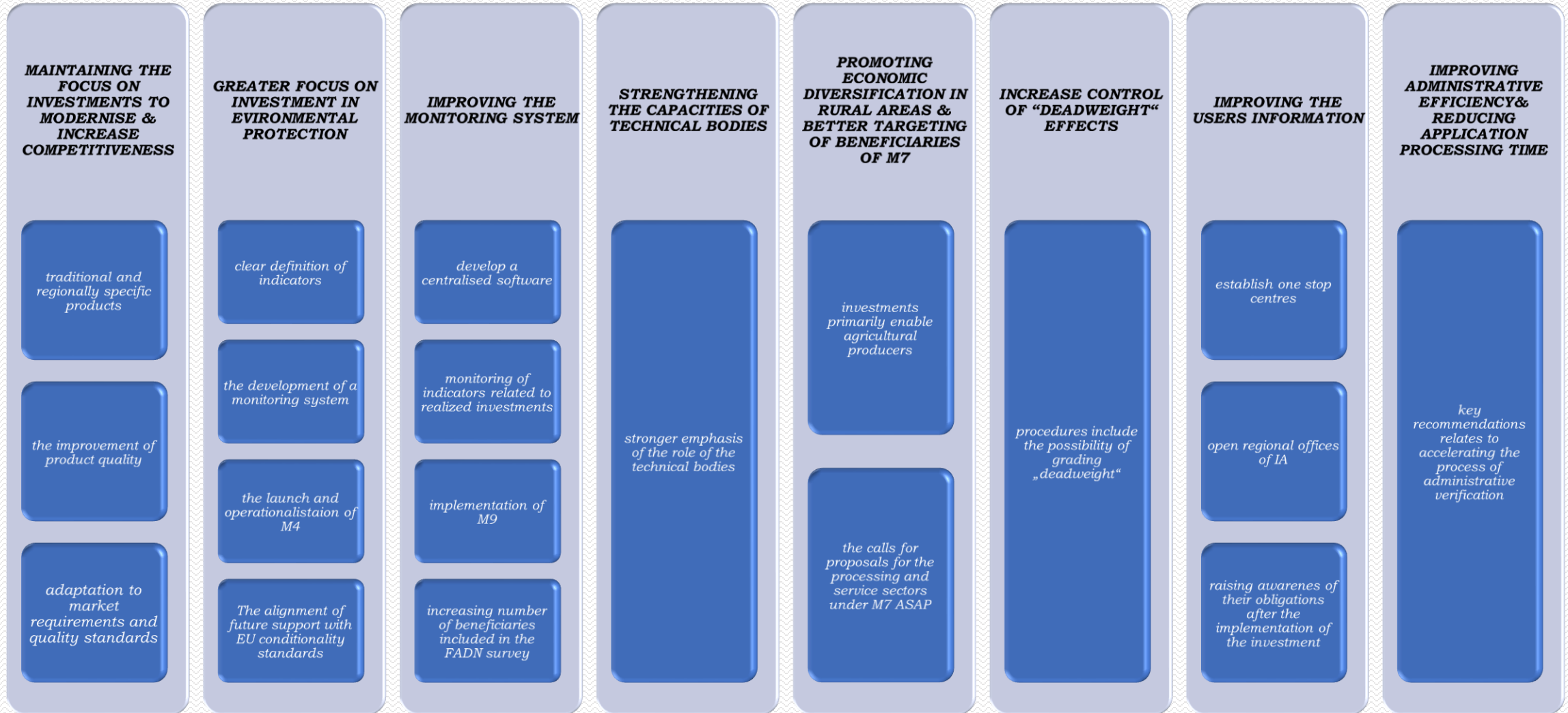




## PERFORMANCE



# CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS





# **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**



# Discussion





# **Proposals for a date and the Agenda of the next meeting**





Thank you for attention!

*IPARD Managing Authority*

