



REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER ECONOMY
IPARD MANAGING AUTHORITY
IPARD II Monitoring Committee

Minutes of the third IPARD 2014-2020
Monitoring Committee Meeting
May 17, 2018

Arh.no 11-12566 /1
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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

Mr. Nefrus Celiku - Chairperson of the IPARD Monitoring Committee;
Mr. Zhivko Brajkovski - Head of Department for management of EU's pre - accession funds for rural development (IPARD);

Members present at the IPARD Monitoring Committee:

1. Mr. Vulnet Arifi - Ministry of Local Self - Government;
2. Ms. Evgenija S. Kirkovski - Secretariat for European Affairs (SEA);
3. Ms. Liljana Vukovic - Agency for Promotion of Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Macedonia;
4. Mr. Petar Gjorgievski - Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia;
5. Ms. Aleksandra Matic Sever - Ministry of Culture;
6. Mr. Elgafar Jusufi - Agency for Promotion of Agricultural Development;
7. Ms. Nazmije Idrizi - Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning;
8. Mr. Sasho Arsov - Food and Veterinary Agency;
9. Mr. Sasho Krckoski - Network of Young Farmers;

Present deputy members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee:

1. Mr. Goce Gerogievski - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;
2. Mr. Milan Mitkovski - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;
3. Ms. Tatjana Veta - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;
4. Ms. Andrijana Velevska - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;
5. Ms. Neda Gruevska - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;
6. Mr. Toni Dovenski - Faculty for Veterinary Medicine;
7. Ms. Ivana Janeska Stamenkovska - Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food;
8. Ms. Daniela Cvetanoska - Association of Rural Development LAG Agro Lider;
9. Ms. Elena Gunova - Chamber of Crafts Skopje;
10. Ms. Ljubica Zafiroska - Ministry of Transport and Communication;

Representatives of the European Commission (EC) is an advisory role:

1. Mr. Liam Breslin - Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI);
2. Mr. Zigo Rutkovskis - Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI);

Representatives of the European Delegation:

1. Ms. Margarita Deleva - Delegation of European Union in the Republic of Macedonia;
2. Ms. Virve Vimpari - Delegation of European Union in the Republic of Macedonia;
3. Mr. Kostas Soupilas - Delegation of European Union in the Republic of Macedonia;

Representatives of IPARD structure:

Representative from NAO and MS:

1. Mr. Fatmir Ademi - Ministry of Finance;

Representatives of the IPARD Managing Authority (MA):

1. Mr. Zhivko Brajkovski - Head of MA - IPARD;
2. Mr. Viktor Mladenovski - MA - IPARD;
3. Ms. Aleksandra Dika - MA - IPARD;
4. Ms. Jasmina Hadzhibulic - MA - IPARD;
5. Mr. Isa Imishti - MA - IPARD;
6. Mr. Zlatko Kolevski - MA - IPARD;
7. Mr. Oliver Stefanovski - MA - IPARD;
8. Mr. Kiril Ristoski - MA - IPARD;
9. Ms. Saska Jovanovska Vukjelic - MA - IPARD;
10. Ms. Sonja Trajkova - MA - IPARD;
11. Ms. Sadzide Demiri - MA - IPARD;
12. Mr. Dusko Jakimovski - MA - IPARD;
13. Ms. Gordana Smileska - MA - IPARD;
14. Ms. Gabriela Petrova - MA - IPARD;
15. Mr. Aleksandar Anteski - MA - IPARD;
16. Mr. Igor Troshanski - MA - IPARD;
17. Mr. Muhadin Limani - MA - IPARD;

Representatives from the Agency for Financial Support to Agriculture and Rural Development (AFSARD):

1. Ms. Maja Brajovic - Head of Internal Audit - AFSARD;

Results: The Chairperson of the Committee, 9 members and 10 deputy members with voting right (out of a total of 29 members with a right to vote) participated in the meeting. A quorum of 2/3 of the members with a right to vote was achieved to hold the meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure article 8 paragraph 3.

The checklist for presence of members from the meetings of the IPARD Monitoring Committee is shown in Appendix 1 of these minutes.

The list of observers is shown in Appendix 2 of these minutes.

1. Point 1 of the agenda: "Adoption of the agenda proposal for the third IPARD Monitoring Committee Meeting"

The Chairperson of the IPARD Monitoring Committee (IPARD MC), Mr. Nefrus Celiku opened the third meeting of the Committee wishing welcome to all present. He informed the members on the proposed agenda for the third meeting of the IPARD MC.

Due to the fact that none of the members of the Committee had any remarks regarding the agenda, the following decision was adopted:

Decision no.1: IPARD Monitoring Committee adopted the agenda for the third (spring) meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee.

2. Point 2 of the agenda: "Adopting the minutes from the second IPARD MC meeting held on 12 December 2017"

The Chairperson of the IPARD MC informed that the minutes of the second IPARD MC meeting held on 12 December were sent to the members of the IPARD MC on 03.04.2018 and up to 19.04 2018 no comments were received at the IPARD MC Secretariat by the members of the IPARD MC. Regarding this point the Head of IPARD MA, Mr. Zhivko Brajkovski added that, due to some late comments provided by EC representatives, another version of the minutes were additionally added to the first minutes and working materials, pointing that those comments do not refer to the essence of the text of the minutes.

The members of the IPARD MC did not have any remarks on the minutes and the following decision was adopted:

Decision no.2: IPARD Monitoring Committee adopted the second meeting minutes held on 12 December 2017 as final.

3. Point 3 of the agenda: "Information on implementation of the decision/conclusions adopted at the previous second meeting of the IPARD MC"

Mr. Brajkovski informed on the progress of implementation of the decisions/conclusions

adopted at the second IPARD MC meeting. As to the activities taken by the Managing Authority (MA) on implementation of the decisions and conclusions, he added that through written procedure the following was adopted: APTA – 2018 (11 May 2018), Action plan for communication and publicity of IPARD 2014-2020 (16 May 2018) and the changes to the Rules of procedures (01 March 2018) of the IPARD 2014-2020 Monitoring Committee. Concerning this point, the members of the Committee adopted the following conclusion:

Conclusion no.1: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on the implementation progress of the decision/conclusions of the second IPARD Monitoring Committee meeting.

4. Point 4 of the agenda: "Information regarding the IPA Monitoring Committee (IPA MC) held in March 2018"

Regarding the point 4, the representative of Secretariat for European Affairs, Ms. Evgenija Serafimovska Kirkovska informed that a meeting of IPA MC was held in March 2018. She pointed out that Sectoral MC for competitiveness, innovations and agriculture was created. The first meeting was held on 21 March 2018 covering the Sector for competitiveness, innovations, agriculture, veterinary and phytosanitary politics.

The objective of this Committee in the part of agriculture, veterinary and phytosanitary policy is to monitor the progress of the implementation of the projects financed by the package of the General Directorate for European Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), implemented within the framework programming IPA 2015. IPA MC members concluded that project implementation is well advanced and shows high commitment of the final beneficiaries.

The point of those meetings is to discuss sectoral approach to be applied in the preparation of IPA strategic documents i.e. equal participation of all the parties involved into the dialogue, not only in the implementation phase but at the beginning of the planning phase as well.

She also informed that 2 plenary meetings of the Sectoral working group were held in the presence of donors and NGOs, while during the technical theme meetings participants discussed land consolidation, rural development, water management, marketing and quality of agricultural products, forestry for the first time, as well as the standard aspects of support for AFSARD, Food and Veterinary Agency and phytosanitary policy.

The general conclusion of the held IPA MC was to improve the efficiency in applying the sectoral approach. Specifically, for the IPARD the deadline for spending the committed funding of EUR 3.7 million is the end of 2018. She also added that currently the 2019 programme is being prepared and the agricultural sector is part of the three sectors. Total budget of the programme managed by DG NEAR is EUR 15 million.

The members of the Committee made the following conclusion:

Conclusion no.2: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about IPA Monitoring Committee held on March 2018.

5. Point 5 of the agenda: "Status for the implementation of IPARD Programme 2014-2020"

5.1. Sub point 5.1. of the agenda: "Information regarding the received applications on the first public call"

As to this sub point and with reference to the received applications of the first public call, the representative of AFSARD, Ms. Maja Brajovic informed the members that a total of 1.468 applications were received requesting an amount of over EUR 71 million .

Taking into consideration that for the whole programming period the total public assistance amounts to EUR 80 million, the large number of applications is one of the reasons why the processing of the first public call is still ongoing. Lack of capacity in the Paying Agency should be mentioned as another reason for the lengthy project assessment process. For the first measure: "Investments in physical assets of agricultural holding", 1.404 applications were received in the amount of EUR 18 million. So far, 414 applications were rejected, 73 contracts were signed in the co-financing amount of EUR 1, 25 million, of which the European part amounts to EUR 0,937 million. For the measure "Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products", 57 applications were received, 19 were rejected, and 15 contracts were signed in the amount of EUR 4.1 million, out of which the European part was EUR 3.073 million. For the measure "Farm diversification and business development ", 187 applications were received, 122 were rejected and no contract has been concluded. Up till now, contracts have been signed for EUR 4 million of the European part. The main reason for rejection of applications is the incomplete documentation, which even after sending notification for completion have not been completed.

14 payment requests (EUR 36 thousand) have been already received under measure 1. For the measure Technical Assistance, 2 payment requests have been received, of which one request refers to the holding of an IPARD Monitoring Committee meeting with a sum of EUR 2.6 thousand .

Mr. Liam Breslin, representative of DG AGRI, noted that there has been considerable progress in terms of the speed of processing the project applications since the previous MC meeting in December 2017 when only one application was processed in a week. He emphasized that IPARD II implementation has become particularly important after Commission recommendation to open the accession negotiations with the country published in April. If implemented successfully, IPARD II can serve as a significant instrument to speed-up accession of the country into the EU during the next decade.

The Commission recognizes efforts of the responsible national authorities to improve capacity of the authorities and efficiency of the project assessment process. However, Mr. Breslin stressed the importance to increase number of employees dealing with IPARD II in

the Paying Authority – AFSARD – above 24 employees recruited in 2018 in order to speed up the assessment process.

At the same time, he invited national authorities to revise procedures and the Programme in order to make the calls and project assessment process more efficient and less time consuming.

Mr. Breslin informed that national authorities should pay EUR 3.7 million of IPARD II funding by end 2018. . He invited the national authorities take the necessary steps to speed up the contracting process, thus to allow starting implementation of the projects and absorption of IPARD II funding. He emphasized importance to ensure good image and popularity of IPARD II throughout the whole implementation process. It is important to ensure widespread distribution of information to beneficiaries, maintain efficiency of institutional system and controls. Mr. Breslin expressed his satisfaction concerning the adoption of the Action Plan for Technical Assistance for 2018 by the Monitoring Committee. This decision would allow using IPARD II funding to support operation of the responsible national authorities to ensure successful implementation of IPARD II Programme.

The representative of the Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Petar Gjorgievski, discussed the data presented by the representative of AFSARD regarding the measure 7 "Diversification of farms and business development", with respect to how to improve the quality of those applications.

Ms. Brajovic noted that according to their calculations, the overall budget for this measure will be used; adding that for this measure there must be ranking, processing of all applications, creating rank lists and then concluding contracts. Regarding the quality of applications, she pointed out that private consultants, who prepare those applications, would need to be trained in order to be better informed about requirements for the project submission. For that purpose, targeted activities will be undertaken in cooperation with the Managing Authority.

Based on the above, members of the Committee made the following conclusion:

Conclusion no.3: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about received applications for the first public call for IPARD 2014-2020
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5.2. Sub point of the agenda: "Information on the status by entrusting tasks to implement the budget for the measure rural infrastructure"

The representative of NAO/MS, Mr.Fatmir Ademi, informed that the preparatory activities for accreditation of the measure on Rural Public Infrastructure under IPARD II Programme started in 2015/2016. The accreditation package for the measure was prepared and submitted for an independent audit opinion to the IPA Audit Authority on 10 January 2017.. The Audit Authority made an assessment of compliance and submitted a final compliance report on 24 January 2018.

On 15 March 2018, NAO/MS submitted to the EC the draft working procedures for comments of the Management and Operational Structure of the measure for rural public infrastructure. In addition, the draft recommendations of the final report on compliance were incorporated into the draft operational procedures of AFSARD.

As part of the accreditation process, the EC will carry out an audit in the responsible authorities to verify that the system is designed according to the accreditation criteria. The accreditation of the measure should be finalised by end of 2018. The call for projects under the measure would be launched in 2019.

In the absence of comments, the Chairperson adopted the following conclusion:

Conclusion no.4: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about the status by entrusting tasks to implement the measure on Rural Public Infrastructure.

5.3. Sub point 5.3 of the agenda: "Introduction of new measures IPARD 2014-2020/ Discussion regarding the first modification of the IPARD Programme"

The representative of IPARD MA, Mr. Aleksandar Anteski, informed about the first modification of IPARD Programme 2014-2020. He noted that first modification resulted from previous technical consultations with the European Commission and the IPARD Agency, from the experience of the implementation of the first public call for the IPARD Programme, as well as from the requirements of the private sector for changing certain criteria of the Programme. The first modification will introduce two new measure LEADER and Advisory services. Modification of certain criteria of the IPARD Programme will be carried out along with editing the technical errors identified in the Programme.

The modification will include a list of required documents to consider the project application eligible, thus solving the issue concerning submission of empty, incomplete applications to IPARD Agency.

In case of adoption, the proposed modification would grant an opportunity to apply for IPARD II funding to more beneficiaries, including, under Measure 1 where project applications in fodder sector would be added correcting technical mistake. As part of the modification, the renewable energy sources would be better explained under measure 7. Proposed amendments provide better distinction between measure 3 and 7 concerning projects related to production of energy. It is planned to decrease ceiling to investments in production of renewable energy under Measure 7 to EUR 1 million.

Drafting of the modification is in the final phase and it will be submitted to the European Commission. The representative of the EC, Mr. Rutkovskis welcomed the proposals regarding the improvement of procedures and requirements in order to avoid the negative experience during the first public call. He expressed hope that the amendments related to eligibility requirements and selection procedure would both simplify and reduce the time required for the assessment of applications submitted during the second call.

Regarding this sub point, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion no 5: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on the new measures in the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 and first modification of the IPARD Programme 2014-2020.

6. Point 6 of the agenda: "Activities for Technical Assistance"

6.1. Sub point 6.1: "Progress on activities related to the implementation of the APTA 2018"

The representative of IPARD MA, Mr. Kiril Ristoski informed about the undertaken and planned activities under APTA - 2018. As an implemented activity, he mentioned the organization of the meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee. Regarding future activities, Mr. Ristoski informed about preparation for the ex - post evaluation of the IPARD Programme 2007-2013, the organization of help desks for implementation of the rural infrastructure measure, as well as the tender dossier for the publicity campaign.

Mr. Breslin invited to start the procurement for the ex-post evaluation for IPARD I as soon as possible. The procurement should be simple and not very expensive. National authorities should decide whether to hire local experts or external expertise.

Mr. Brajkovski informed that the deadline for submission of the ex-post evaluation report will be met providing local experts are engaged through a "single tender" procedure.

Mr. Brajkovski also announced about foreseen modification of the APTA 2018 introducing amendments concerning purchase of license for use of ORBIS system and revised training needs for employees in authorities dealing with IPARD II implementation.

Conclusion no.6: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on implementation of the APTA 2018.

6.2. Sub point 6.2: "Progress of the activities for communication and publicity for 2018 for IPARD 2014-2020"

Taking into consideration that no activities regarding the publicity for 2018 were undertaken, the representative of IPARD MA, Mr. Igor Troshanski presented the undertaken activities related to preparation for the implementation of measure on Rural Public Infrastructure. Namely, since we are in the phase of preparation of the first modification of the IPARD Programme 2014-2020, the units of the local self-government as upcoming users of this measure, were asked about possible changes and improvements that should be made in the part of the measure (i.e. determining the priorities of the local self-government)

He informed about the activities that were conducted in cooperation with the centers for development of the planning regions, incl., eight meetings were held in the eight centers. The meetings were also attended by some of the newly elected mayors of local

municipalities where the decisions that have to be adopted at the political level were presented to them.

Mr. Troshanski raised attention to issues related to capacity of the local self-government units, and organization of training to relevant personnel who is directly involved in the implementation of the measure. He recognized the need to have a training on application of PRAG rules for public procurement.

Mr. Troshanski informed the MC members about the initiative of the MA IPARD to establish help desks or centers that would provide expert assistance for the preparation and monitoring of public procurement procedures. The initiative would be supported from the Technical Assistance to IPARD II.

Time-consuming procedures for conversion of agricultural land, as well as the possibility of pre-financing of municipalities were emphasized as problems for which political decisions should be made at the national level.

Mr. Breslin inquired about the type of investments funds that are needed, within the rural infrastructure measure.

In his reply, Mr. Troshanski informed about the questionnaire on priorities filled by local municipalities. While detailed analysis of the information is still ongoing at the MA, preliminary assessment indicates need for large-scale investments for improvement of the rural road infrastructure, sewage and irrigation systems. Local self-governments cannot afford these investments due to limited local budget.

Mr. Brajkovski informed that efforts are being made with MAFWE and the Minister for Agriculture to secure funds for pre-financing for implementation of measure on Rural Public Infrastructure which would be available for local municipalities.

In response to a question on amendment related to pre-LAGs and the accreditation of the LEADER measure raised by the representative of the Rural Development Association LAG Agro Lider, the representative of MA, Ms. Trajkova pointed out that a working group of several sectors will be formed, which will make modification of the Rulebook for the financing of the LAGs according to the National programme for rural development, followed by financing of pre-lags to accreditation of the LEADER measure in the IPARD II programme. At the moment of accreditation of the measure, these pre - lags will need to be re-registered according the rules of the LEADER approach.

Regarding this sub point, the following conclusion was made:

Conclusion no.7: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on the progress of activities for communication and publicity for IPARD 204-2020.

7. Point 7 of the agenda: "Information on the functioning of the IPARD management and control system"

The representative of the NAO/MS, Mr. Fatmir Ademi informed the Committee about the IPARD management and control system, i.e. the conducted audits, verification visits, new employments and reallocation of the employees.

Regarding the systemic part of the procedures, Mr. Ademi informed about recommendations from the EC concerning improvement of the procedures in AFSARD. Draft recommendations were accepted by IPARD authorities and submitted to the EC for the information. Subsequently, an independent auditing body performed an audit in the Ministry of Finance (IPA Management Sector), IPARD II Managing Authority and AFSARD. 5 high-risk findings have been identified. They are mostly related to the outflow of trained staff and insufficient number of employees. Regarding outflow of professional staff, SEA (NIPAC) has drafted a plan proposing measures for retaining the qualified staff. The plan has been submitted for adoption to the Government.

Regarding the employment needs, it was decided by IPARD authorities to realize them in phases, which would enable easier adaptation of the new employees, as well as on-the-job training from the existing employees. The recruitment will be implemented in three phases: 28 employees would be recruited as part to the first phase, while 20 employees would be recruited under the second and the third phase each. The first phase has already been implemented - 24 employees are recruited for the needs of IPARD II Programme, while 4 employees are allocated for implementation of the national programs. IPARD MA recruited 7 employees, incl., transfers of employees from other departments within the MAFWE. Meanwhile, three employees have left the MA. Altogether, the MA employs 17 employees. This is improvement compared to employment in 2017 related to the accredited measures. IPA Management Department at the Ministry of Finance (employs 18 employees).

Concerning the staff recruitment, Mr. Liam Breslin stressed that the insufficient number of employees represents a bottleneck for the proper functioning of the Agency. He emphasized importance to keep the promise of employment in responsible national authorities as agreed at the end of 2017-beginning of 2018. He recommended that high quality young people (e.g. young agronomists) should be recruited and assigned for assessment of IPARD II project applications.

The representative of the Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Petar Gjorgievski stressed out that training of the employees is necessary and asked whether it would be possible to use measure on Technical Assistance for this purpose. Mr. Brajkovski responded that training of employees would be one of proposed amendments for modification of APTA -2018.

Based on the above, the members of the Committee adopted following conclusion:

Conclusion no.8: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about the functioning of the management and control system

8. Point 8 of the agenda: "Discussion/presentation of the final report for IPARD 2007-2013"

The representative of IPARD MA, Mr. Viktor Mladenovski, presented the content of the Final Report for IPARD 2007-2013. He recognized that the part for Ex-post evaluation is currently missing at the Report. Its conclusions will be integrated into the Report after adoption of the Evaluation. The report has been prepared in accordance with the EC guidelines and would be submitted to the members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee 2007-2013 for adoption by written procedure. The report will be submitted to the EC until 30 June 2018.

The members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee in the absence of comments made the following conclusion:

Conclusion no.9: IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about the final report for IPARD 2007-2013.

9. Point 9 of the agenda: "Miscellaneous"

Mr. Breslin raised a discussion on short supply chains as a solution helping small farmers to apply for IPARD II funding. He provided an example about the farmers who own up to 2 hectares of land, keep milk cows and produce special cheese - characteristic for their region - and who should join together and make a small production plant for cheese production.

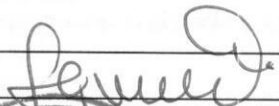
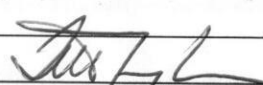
Mr. Brajkovski explained that this idea arose from a workshop held in Cluj, Romania. The Macedonian presentation referred to the short supply chain of the Malesh region, for products and processing of aronia, forest products, raspberries, blackberries, etc. He noted that a meeting has already been arranged with the representative of the rural development network to visit the area from where the idea is stimulated, that is, the farmers, who in the future will be the bearers of this project. He added that in the future modification of APTA - 2018, within the technical assistance measure, they will try to find a way to fund such a pilot project.

Mr. Gjorgjievski supported this idea, adding that the LEADER approach and LAGs are also a good mechanism that would allow these small producers to develop their small businesses with a help of IPARD II.

The representative of a network of young farmers, Mr. Sasho Krzoski, also welcomed this idea. He added that such similar integrators functioned in the past, taking into account that small farmers need such integrators that will merge them to get bigger, as small farmers can not apply for IPARD, and yet can not survive on the market and expand.

10. Point 10 of the agenda: "Proposal of agenda for the next fourth meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee and alignment of the date of the meeting"

With reference to the point 10 of the agenda, the Chairperson informed about the proposal of agenda for the next meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee 2014-2020. He proposed the date for the next fourth meeting of the Monitoring Committee to be agreed in accordance with the possibilities of the representatives of the European Commission. The Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee closed the meeting and declared it successful.

FOR THE IPARD MONITORING COMMITTEE:	FOR THE SECRETARIAT:
Nefrus Çeliku MSc	Zhivko Brajkovski
Title:Chairperson	Title: Head of IPARD Managing Authority
Signature: 	Signature: 
Date:	Date: 10.12.2018



No.	Name of member	Institution	Present "√"	Absent "√"	Representative "√"	Replacement	Number of absences
1.	Nefrus Cheliku MSc	MAFWE	√				
Government Institutions							
2.	Trajan Dimkovski	MAFWE			√	Goce Geoggievski	0
3.	Nikica Bachovski	MAFWE			√	Milan Mitkovski	0
4.	Maja Lazareska Joveska	MAFWE			√	Tatjana Veta	0
5.	Slavica Mihajlovska Goshikj	MAFWE			√	Andrijana Velevska	0
6.	Evgenija Serafimovska Kirkovski	SEA	√				0
7.	Bekim Hadziu	Ministry of Economy		√			2
8.	Vulnet Arifi	Ministry of Local Self – Government	√				0
9.	Aleksandra Matic - Sever	Ministry of Culture	√				0
10.	Nazmije Idrizi	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning;	√				1
11.	Darko Peshevski	Ministry of Transport and Communications			√	Ljubica Zafiroska	1
12.	Dushan Tomshikj	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy		√			1
13.	Sashko Arsov	Food and Veterinary Agency	√				0
AGENCIES							
14.	Elgafar Jusufi	NEA	√				0
15.	Ljiljana Vukovikj	Agency for support of entrepreneurship	√				0
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PARTNERS							
16.	Vasko Ristovski	Macedonian Chamber of Commerce		√			2

17.	Ognen Orovcaneć	Agrobiz Chamber at the Association of Chambers of Commerce of RM		√			1
18.	Sasho Risteski	Macedonian Association of processors		√	√	Neda Gruevska	1
19.	Veljo Tantarov	Association of farmers		√			2
20.	Zoran Zimbakov	Local self-government units		√			1
21.	Ana Kotevska	Faculty of agricultural sciences and food			√	Ivana Janeska Stamenkovska	0
22.	Dragan Dojcinovski	Chamber of craftsmen			√	Elena Gunova	1
23.	Verica Ilieva	Faculty of agricultural sciences and food – UGD Stip		√			1
24.	Marina Toshevska	Agro - LIDER			√	Daniela Cvetanoska	0
25.	Petar Gjorgievski	Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia	√				0
26.	Vladimir Petkov	Faculty for Veterinary Medicine			√	Toni Dovenski	0
27.	Sasho Krckoski	Network of young farmers	√				0
28.	Gordana Lozanovska Stefanovska	LAG Pelagonija		√			1
29.	Robertina Brajanoska	Macedonian ecological group		√			1
TOTAL			9	10	10		

Appendix 2: Checklist for presence of observers from IPARD Monitoring Committee

Representatives from government institutions:

Mr. Jeton Zuka- MAFWE;
Ms. Ljubica Gerasimova- SEA;
Mr. Zoran Atanasov- Food and Veterinary Agency;

Representatives of the Audit Authority:

Ms. Biljana Ivanovska - Sector for audit for component V – SAO;
Ms. Mimoza Shishkovska - Sector for audit for component V – SAO;
Ms. Sonja Panovski - Sector for audit for component V – SAO;

Representatives of ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PARTNERS

Mr. Vladimir Hristov - AFSARD;
Mr. Vangel Nanevski – AFSARD;
Mr. Panche Arsov - AFSARD;
Mr. Slavko Miloshevski - AFSARD;
Mr. Vlatko Popovski - AFSARD;
Ms. Bojana Simonovikj- Employment Service Agency of the Republic of Macedonia;
Mr. Vlatko Siljanovski - Employment Service Agency of the Republic of Macedonia;
Mr. Alirami Saliji - State university of Tetovo;
Mr. Dane Josifovski - Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister.









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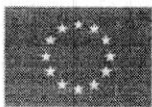


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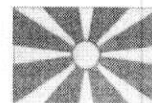
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

Place: TBC

No.	Topic	Presented by:	Documents
Arrival and registration		MA Secretariat	
xx	Confirmation of presence of members/deputies at the meeting and reached quorum to hold the meeting according to the Rules of procedure	MA Secretariat	Registration
1.	Opening of the meeting Approval of the Draft Agenda for the 3 rd IPARD MC 2014-2020 meeting	(Chairperson Cp)	 Draft Agenda
2.	Adoption of the Minutes of the 2 nd IPARD MC meeting, held on 12 th of December 2017	(Chairperson Cp)	 Final Draft Minutes
3.	Information on the implementation of decisions/conclusions taken at the 2 nd IPARD MC meeting, held on 12 th of December 2017	(MA)	 To be presented at the meeting
4.	Information regarding IPA Monitoring Committee held in March 2018	(NIPAC)	 To be presented at the meeting
5.	Status on implementation of IPARD 2014-2020		
5.1	Information on the received applications from 1st call under IPARD 2014-2020	(IPARD Agency)	 AFSARD Report
5.2	Information on the status with the entrustment of budget implementation tasks for Measure Rural Infrastructure	(NAO)	 To be presented at the meeting
5.3	Introduction of new measures in IPARD 2014-2020/ Discussion on first modification of IPARD programme	(MA)	 To be presented at the meeting



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6.	Technical Assistance activities		
6.1	Information on the progress regarding implementation of the APTA 2018	(MA)	 To be presented at the meeting
6.2	Information on the progress of the activities related to the Communication and Publicity of the IPARD Programme 2014- 2020	(MA)	 To be presented at the meeting
7.	Information on functioning of the IPARD management and control system of IPARD	(NAO)	 NAO Report
8.	Information/ Presentation of the final Report for IPARD 2007- 2013	(MA)	 To be presented at the meeting
9.	AOB	/	/
10.	Proposals for the Agenda of the next (fourth) IPARD MC meeting / agreement on indicative new date.	(Cp)/European Commission	 Discussion
Closure of the Meeting		Chairperson	