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REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
IPARD Monitoring Committee

Minutes No. 14

Minutes of the of the 14th meeting of the IPARD Monitoring
Committee

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Skopje

I. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Chairperson of the IPARD Monitoring Committee, Zoran Konjanovski, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE)

Secretariat of the IPARD Monitoring Committee: Deputy Head of Department for Management of pre-accession funds (IPARD) **Biljana Kostovska**, and Secretary of the IPARD Monitoring Committee, **Vasilka Tamburkova**, Advisor for monitor the implementation of IPARD funds and reporting.

Members present at the IPARD Monitoring Committee:

1. **Abdilgafar Sinani**, Head of the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy
2. **Igor Zlatkov**, Director, National Extension Agency
3. **Stevanche Jordanoski**, President of the Federation of Farmers in the Republic of Macedonia.
4. **Natasha Vrteska**, Legal Advisor to the Association of Local Government units
5. **Robertina Brajanoska**, Executive Director of the Macedonian Ecological Society
6. **Olivia Shterjova**, Director of the Chamber of Crafts of the Republic of Macedonia
7. **Eftim Shaklev**, President, Association of Farmers
8. **Petar Georgiev**, President of the Rural Development Network of R.M.
9. **Dragi Dimitrievski**, Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural science and Food
10. **Vasko Ristovski**, Independent Advisor in the Department of Agriculture and Food Industry, Economic Chamber of Macedonia
11. **Evgenija Serafimovska Kirkova**, Secretariat for European Affairs
12. **Ardiana Abazi Ramadani**, Head of Department for European Affairs, Ministry of Economy
13. **Blazo Janevski**, Head of Department, Agency for Food and Veterinary.

Present deputy members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee

1. **Biljana Bojkovski Zlateski**, replacement for Zivko Brajkoski, Head of the Department of viticulture, orcharding and enology, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy
2. **Veton Paloshi**, replacement for Jadranka Ivanova, Ministry of Environment and spacial planning
3. **Vaska Petrova**, replacement for Olga Stoimenova, Association of women farmers “Agro-Vinka”, Vinica
4. **Natasha Ljubeckij Aleksic**, replacement for Sasho Ristevski, Macedonian Association of Processors
5. **Rahim Musliu**, replacement for Slavica Jakimovska, Ministry of Local Self-Government.

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

1. Gerard Killy, Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG-Agri)
2. Elica Zhivkova, Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG-Agri)

Representatives of the European Delegation

2. Olivier Mas, Delegation of European Union in the Republic of Macedonia

Representatives of IPARD structure:

Representatives from the NAO and NF:

1. Fatmir Ademi, National Authorising Officer, National Fund, Ministry of Finance.

Representatives of the IPARD Managing Authority (MA):

1. Mladen Kolaric, Head of Unit for monitoring of the implementation of IPARD funds and reporting.
2. Jasmina Hadzhibulic, Junior Associate, Unit for monitoring of the implementation of IPARD funds and reporting.
3. Muhadin Limani, Junior Associate, Unit for programming and evaluation of IPARD funds.
4. Oliver Stefanovski, Junior Associate, Unit for implementation of Technical Assistance from IPARD funds.
5. Angel Karapetrov, Junior Associate, Unit for implementation of Technical Assistance from IPARD funds
6. Zharko Miloshevski, Junior Associate, implementation of Technical Assistance from IPARD funds.

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

1. Toni Dimovski, Director of the Agency for Financial Support in Agriculture and Rural Development (AFSARD)
2. Maja Brajovic, Head of Internal Audit, Agency for Financial Support in Agriculture and Rural Development (AFSARD)

Results: The Chairperson of the Committee, 13 members and 5 deputy members with voting right (out of a total of 24 members with a right to vote) participated in the meeting. A quorum of 2/3 of the members with a right to vote (or their replacements) was achieved to hold the meeting in accordance with the Rules of Procedure Article 9 paragraph 4.

*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.

II. AGENDA

III. RESULTS OF THE IPARD MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING:

1. In reference to Item 1 of the Agenda: “Opening of the meeting”

The meeting was opened by the *Chairperson* of the IPARD Monitoring Committee, welcoming the representatives of the European Commission (EC) and all others participating at the meeting.

Before adopting the agenda of the meeting, due to frequent absence of some members on the previous meetings, the Chairperson proposed the following conclusion that was adopted:

Conclusion 1: The IPARD MA is obliged to inform the institutions that have appointed members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee, that have not participated in the work of the IPARD Monitoring Committee twice in a row, to appoint new members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee who will be effectively and regularly involved in the work of the IPARD Monitoring Committee.

2. In reference to point 2 of the Agenda: “Approval of the Draft Agenda for the 14th meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee.”

The Chairperson proposed changes to the draft agenda of the meeting: point 14, which reads "Proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the IPARD Monitoring Committee" to become point 3 of the agenda; item 10 item, which reads "Information/discussion on the current evaluation" to become point 9; point 11, which reads "Information/ discussion on the IPARD Programme 2014-2020" to become point 10 of the agenda; and the remaining points after point 10 to receive the numbers that follow. Mrs. Deleva proposed in point 7, which reads "Other issues, questions regarding the IPARD Programme" to add the following point "Proposal for a VIth modification of the IPARD Programme."

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

Decision No.1: (In reference to point 1 of the Agenda)

The IPARD Monitoring Committee adopted the Agenda for the (14th) fourteenth (spring) meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee.

The adopted Agenda is attached in **Annex 1**.

3. In reference to point 3 of the Agenda: “Adoption of the Minutes of the 13th IPARD MC meeting, held on 05th of December, 2013 (held on December 5th, 2013)”

The Chairperson informed the members that the Draft Minutes of the 13th meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee (held on December 5th, 2013) was distributed for commenting to all members of the Committee and to the representatives from the European Commission.

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

Decision No.2: (In reference to point 2 of the Agenda)

The IPARD Monitoring Committee adopted the draft Meeting Minutes of the (13th) thirteenth (winter) meeting, held on December 5th, 2013, as a final version.

The adopted Draft Minutes is attached in **Annex 2**.

3. In reference to point 3 of the Agenda: “Proposal for amending the RULES OF PROCEDURE of the Monitoring Committee for the IPARD Programme”

Mrs. Deleva informed that the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the IPARD Monitoring Committee were made based on the results received from the Auditor’s body in order to enable continuous operation of the Committee’s work in exceptional situations. She stated that comments from EC have been received and taken in consideration in the text of the Committee’s Rules of Procedure.

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

Decision No.3: The IPARD Monitoring Committee has reviewed and adopted the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the IPARD Monitoring Committee.

4. In reference to point 4 of the Agenda: “Information for implementation of decisions/conclusions adopted at the previous (13th) meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee”

Mrs. Kostovska informed about the unrealized conclusions under number 6, 7 and 8 of the 12th Committee, as well as the decisions/conclusions of the 13th IPARD Monitoring Committee. She pointed out that most of the decisions and conclusions have been realized except for conclusion No. 11.

Due to the slow pace of execution of the conclusions and decisions from the previous meetings, Mrs. Deleva proposed that within one month of completion of the IPARD Monitoring Committee meeting, the MA should submit a report to the members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee on the unrealized conclusions 6, 7 and 8 from the 12th

IPARD Monitoring Committee, and to submit a monthly report on the fulfillment dynamics of the decisions and conclusions, to the members of the Committee.

Based on the submitted report (Report of the IPARD Monitoring Committee) and Mrs. Deleva's proposal, the Chairperson adopted the following conclusions:

Conclusion No.2: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on the progress of implementation of the decisions/conclusions adopted at the 13th meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee, held on December 5th, 2013.

Conclusion No.3: Within one month from completion of the IPARD Monitoring Committee, the IPARD MA is obliged to submit to the IPARD Monitoring Committee members, a report on the status with the conclusions 6, 7 and 8 from the 12th IPARD Monitoring Committee. The IPARD MA is also obliged to submit, to the members of the Committee, a monthly report on the fulfillment dynamics of the decisions and conclusions.

The Report of the IPARD MA is attached in **Annex 3**.

5. In reference to point 5 of the Agenda: "Information on the IPA Monitoring Committee held on 06 December, 2013."

Mrs. Kirkova informed on the IPA Monitoring Committee held on December 6, 2013 and on the conclusions adopted at that meeting.

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

Conclusion No. 4: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about the IPA Monitoring Committee held on December 6, 2013.

6. In reference to point 6 of the Agenda: "State of play of implementation of the IPARD Programme 2007-2013"

6.1. In reference to point 6.1 of the Agenda: "Presentation of the results of the IPARD Programme via monitoring indicators/data"

Mr. Kolarikj informed on the implementation of the IPARD Programme and the realization of the Programme goals, for the period December 2013 – April 2014.

Following discussion took place

Based on the report, Mr. Killy expressed his opinion that there is a big difference between the funds requested by the applicants and the paid funds, which indicates the need for more assistance from the advisory services and institutions for the development of the applications.

Mrs. Ljubecki asked next reports to contain a more detailed analysis per measures and per sectors as well as the structure of the applicants, concluding that based on that type of report an analysis can be made and the necessary improvements will be identified.

Mr. Shaklev, for the increase of the funds' absorption, the following issues should be taken in consideration such as the abolition of the obligation for three offers rule, greater involvement of banks in loaning to farmers, i.e. to make it easier for farmers to receive a loan, and emphasized that due to the cancellation of already signed agreements, the trust in the IPARD Programme is lost. Mr. Shaklev proposed an already signed contract with the IPARD Agency, to be a sort of guarantee for the banks for receiving a loan, to co-finance the purchase of mechanization in crop production and supply of breeding cattle. Based on his opinion, the measure on organic production, especially in stockbreeding, will not show any results because the production of organic feed in Macedonia is insufficient and the organic livestock production is difficult to achieve.

Following the discussion/remarks given, the President has adopted the following decision:

Conclusion No.5:

For the meetings of the IPARD Monitoring Committee, the IPARD MA is obliged to prepare detailed and analytical reports (approved and rejected projects by type of production, analytical data for each measure individually, by sector, etc.) on the status of implementation of the IPARD Programme.

Conclusion No.6: The IPARD Monitoring Committee has reviewed the results from the implementation of the IPARD Programme through indicators and data for monitoring the programme for the period December 2013 – May 2014.

*The Semi-annual report on monitoring the implementation of the IPARD Programme for the period January 2014 – May 2014 is attached in **Annex 4**.*

6.2. In reference to point 6.2 of the Agenda: “Report on approved/rejected projects”

The representative from AFSARD, Mrs. Brajovic, informed on the status of projects from the 8th and 9th call for proposals (received, approved, payments, etc.), on-the-spot controls, payments, and she listed the reasons for refusing per measure. She stressed that the outflow of personnel is a problem for the IPARD Agency, causing slower processing of applications.

In this regard, the Chairperson proposed the following conclusion:

Conclusion No.7: The IPARD Agency is obliged to inform the Government of RM on the untimely processing of the applications for the IPARD Programme due to lack of staff.

The Report on monitoring the projects by the IPARD Agency is attached in Annex 5.

The discussion held in reference to point:

Mrs. Vrteska asked for an explanation on the untimely issuing of building permit by the municipalities, because, as she explained, there is an electronic system for issuing building permit, the server is located in ZELS and all municipalities are fully electronically connected with the complete documentation for issuing construction permits.

Based on the discussion, the Chairperson proposed a conclusion:

Conclusion No. 8: The IPARD Agency is obliged to make a report applications that have not been approved due to not obtaining building permit or they had problems during the application process for the construction permit. The IPARD Agency is obliged to submit report to ZELS within 10 days in order for ZELS to forward it to the municipalities and to inform the members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee.

Mr. Killy asked for clarification, regarding Mrs. Vrteska's previous discussion on the electronic system for issuing construction permits in the municipalities or the systems in the institutions that issue the necessary documentation, the extent to which they are effective and fast.

Mr Dimovski informed that wherever there is an opportunity, the IPARD Agency provides the data officially. In reference to the approvals for construction, he pointed out that the projects should be in line with the Strategy for local economic development of the municipality, which takes up additional time in the provision of documentation.

He talked about the possibility of an open public call and accreditation of new measures for the new program and stressed that the Agency working on removal of the

rule of three offers, but only for projects where it is possible and not for all projects, and he gave a brief summary of activities taken to remove the rule of three offers.

Mrs. Ljubeckij asked to define the problem whether it's in programming or in implementation. Her first question was to receive information from the IPARD Agency about the number of applications for agricultural machinery and how many are approved and paid. The second question was why is there is a reduction of requested and approved funds, especially for measure 302. The third question was why the technical measure is still not accredited, and the fourth question was how the new way of project approval, of received investment requests without three offer rule, will be organized and implemented.

In Mr. Dimovski's response to Mrs. Ljubeckij's questions, he noted that the improved utilization of funds is not only due to the inclusion of mechanization in the program, but also to other changes in the same. For measure 302, Dimovski underlined the need for more extensive documentation and thus this is the reason there are fewer requested funds for this measure. Dimovski also pointed out that the reduction of payments in respect of the amounts requested and approved is due to the difference in the reference prices.

The Chairperson requested accurate data on the number of applications for agricultural machinery, submitted at the 8th public call for proposal, for what amount and how many of them have been approved.

Mr. Fatmir Ademi provided information on the status of the measure for technical assistance and explained that national accreditation is in its final stage and it is planned soon to submit the accreditation package to the European Commission.

The Director of NEA asked to arrange a joint meeting with the MA, due to which the President adopted the following conclusions:

Conclusion No.9: The IPARD MA and the IPARD Agency are obliged to organize a training sfor the NEA advisors on the for preparation of Business plans.

Upon completion of the whole discussion, the *Chairperson* adopted the following conclusion:

Conclusion No.10: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about the results for monitoring the projects of the IPARD Programme for the period December 2013-May 2014.

7. In reference to point 7 of the Agenda: "Information on the de-commitment of IPARD 2010 funds"

NAO, F.Ademi, informed on the decommitment of IPARD funds allocated for 2010 and the projections of funds to be lost in 2014. He explained the principle of returning of funds to EC is in accordance with the rule n+3. In order to improve the situation, he stressed the need to intervene in the programming part, the possibility to include new investments and to work more in the area of publicity. He also made a proposal, if possible, in order to keep the qualified staff, to stimulate them by an increase in income from the IPARD funds.

*In the absence of discussion, the **Chairperson** has adopted the following:*

Conclusion No.11: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on losing the funds for 2010.

8. In reference to point 8 of the Agenda: “Other points e.g. matters arising particularly from correspondence relevant to the Programme”

In reference to point 8.1 of the Agenda: “Information on the progress on the activities related to improving the absorption of IPARD funds.”

The representative of the IPARD MA, Kostovska, informed about the Activity plan to improve the absorption of the IPARD Programme, which covers all institutions participating in IPARD. This set of activities will be adopted by the GoM.

Mr. Killy commented on this plan in reference to the one-day trainings and proposed inclusion of consultants and advisory services in the plan.

In reference to this part of the point, Mrs. Deleva gave an answer to the discussion led by Mr. Shaklev for point 6, and in relation to the measures for training of farmers and organic farming in the new program.

The representative from the Chamber of Crafts, Shterjova, pointed out that they have a problem as to encourage the craftsmen to apply and therefore proposes to consider new and expanding measures for craftsmen, as well as increased publicity.

Mr. Shaklev pointed the problems with legalization of agricultural buildings located on nonagricultural land.

The **Chairperson** urged the representatives of all sectors to take more active participation throughout the year, to highlight the strengths, to point out the successful projects and to bring the IPARD Programme closer to the final beneficiaries.

*Upon completion of the discussion, the **Chairperson** adopted the following conclusion:*

Conclusion No.12: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on the activities for improving the absorption of the IPARD Programme.

In reference to point 8.2 of the Agenda: “Progress in approval of amendment of the Sectoral Agreement and adaptation of internal manual of procedures for implementation”

Mrs. Deleva informed that a proposal for amendments to the Sectoral Agreement was submitted by the European Commission, which changes are actually an additional control of the market value of the expenses, i.e. dat base for referent prices and application of standard costs (list of predetermined values that the IPARD Agency would co-finance). The standard costs should reflect market prices in RM and be prepared by independent institutions. The IPARD Agency has made proposal-changes and submitted them to NAO, which in July should be submitted to the European Commission for review and approval before they take effect. These changes would replace the rule of three offers.

In reference to point 8.3 of the Agenda: “Proposal of the VIth modification of the IPARD Programme”

The representative of the IPARD MA, Mrs. Deleva, presented the status with the sixth modification and proposed to start a written procedure, which was also accepted by the EC representatives.

Mr. Fatmir Ademi asked if the sixth modification will cause changes in the procedures for which additional implementation time was needed.

Deleva proposed the IPARD Agency to make an evaluation on the possible amendments of procedures and to submit them to NAO to speed up the procedure.

Note: the VI modification of the IPARD Programme to be distributed by mail and e-mail.

9. In reference to point 9 of the Agenda: “Information on the on-going evaluation of IPARD 2007-2013”.

Representatives of the team of evaluators, engaged by the European Delegation, presented the status of activities regarding the independent assessment consisting of two components: ongoing assessment of the program to address the problems that will be recognized by the IPARD Programme and to suggest improvements to the program aspects or the procedural aspects and at the same time to make a prior assessment of the IPARD Programme 2014-2020.

The representative of the European Delegation, Mr Maas, proposed farmers and small businesses that have not applied for the program could also be part of the evaluation.

Deleva informed the members that everyone will be interviewed as well as the sectors and sub-sector groups.

The full report will be submitted to all members of the Committee.

In absence of discussion, the following was adopted:

Conclusion No.13: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on the ongoing evaluation of the IPARD Programme, by an independent evaluators.

The complete report of the independent assessors is attached in **Annex 6**.

10. In reference to point 10 of the Agenda: “Information on functioning of the IPARD management and control system of IPARD”

The National Authorization Officer, Ademi informed on the status of the actions taken by the IPARD structures to improve the functioning of the system for complete decentralized implementation, for verification visits of the MA, and the loss of personnel.

The representative of the European Commission, Mr. Killy, asked for an explanation of the reasons for staff turnover, because the WLA showed that there are problems with staffing and why 80% of the recommendations from internal audits are implemented partially or not at all.

The representative of the IPARD Agency, Mrs. Brajovic, informed that according to the annual audit plan the last five audits were in the fourth quarter of the year, so the draft report was submitted in late December 2013 and became final in January 2014, which means that in the meantime, this percentage has been improved.

The representative of the MA, Mrs.Deleva proposed regular reporting to the Committee, for the key audit findings that are being repeated.

The National Authorizing Officer, Mr Ademi, proposed to introduce a separate point at the following meetings of the IPARD Monitoring Committee where the auditors will inform about the audit findings.

Upon completion of the discussion, the Chairperson adopted the following conclusion:

Conclusion No.14: : The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed on the operation of the system for management and control

Information on the Activities undertaken by NAO for better implementation of the IPARD Programme and of the system for management and control is attached in **Annex 7**.

11. In reference to point 11 of the Agenda: “Information/discussion on the IPARD Programme 2014-2020”

The representative of the IPARD MA, Deleva, informed that the first draft of IPARD 2014-2020 was submitted to the EC and the entire focus of programming is set to take over the old measures in the new program. She informed that a Government discussion is scheduled on 30.06.2014 at the Economic Council where the new draft IPARD Programme 2014-2020 will be discussed, after which a forum will be organized where the new program will be presented to all stakeholders, and where it will be discussed whether the program reflects the needs of all users and past experiences. Then, by July 10, a final IPARD Programme 2014-2020 should be sent to the EC, after which an official adoption of the IPARD 2014-2020 is expected by November 2014th.

Conclusion No. 15: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about the status of the new IPARD 2014-2020.

12. In reference to point 12 of the Agenda: “Technical Assistance Measure Activities - Progress on the accreditation of the Measures 501 - Technical Assistance in 2014 “

The representative of NAO, Ademi, informed that the accreditation package for Technical Assistance measure 501 is in final phase and in July we expect to deliver the package to the EC. Mr Ademi, pointed out that it is expected, by the end of the year, to complete the whole process of accreditation.

*In the absence of comments, the **Chairperson** has adopted the following:*

Conclusion No.16: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about the progress of the accreditation for Measure 501 – Technical Assistance from the IPARD Programme.

Report on the progress of the accreditation of the technical assistance measure from the IPPARD Programme 2007-2013 is attached in **Annex 8**.

13. In reference to point 13 of the Agenda: “Discussion on the Annual Implementation Report of the IPARD Programme.”

The Secretariat of the IPARD Monitoring Committee on 13.06.2014 initiated a proceeding for adoption of decisions by written procedure. The procedure will last until 26.06.2014 and if the members of the IPARD Monitoring Committee do not submit comments by the due date in accordance with Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the IPARD Monitoring Committee, the report will be adopted.

14. In reference to point 14 of the Agenda: “Information on the progress on the activities related to the Communication and Publicity of the Programme.”

The representative of IPARD MA, Stefanovski, informed about the progress in the implementation of communication and publicity for the period December 2013 -May 2014 with a summary of the undertaken activities.

Mrs. Deleva informed that informative brochures for each sub-sector are currently prepared, program, especially for craftsmen, rural tourism, machinery rings, veterinary stations, particularly in measure 302 where there are different beneficiaries,. There is an ongoing discussion with IPARD Agency for setting up a web application where the applicants will be able to assess whether they are eligible and if so, what documents are needed.

Upon completion of the discussion, the Chairperson adopted the following conclusion:

Conclusion No. 17: The IPARD Monitoring Committee was informed about the progress of the activities regarding the implementation of the communication and publicity of the IPARD Programme for December 2013 - May 2014

The Progress Report on the implementation of the Annual action plan for communication and publicity of for **December 2013 - May 2014** is attached in Annex 9.

15. In reference to point 15 of the Agenda: “Proposals for the Agenda for the next (15th) autumn IPARD MC meeting / agreement on indicative new date”

The **Chairperson** proposed the next IPARD Monitoring Committee to be held in November 2014, but the exact date of the meeting will be arranged in accordance with the availability of the representatives of the European Commission.

In the absence of further comments, the Chairperson concluded that the 14th Meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee is completed.

Chairperson
Deputy Minister
Vancho Kostadinovski

Date:
Skopje



List for checking the presence of the IPARD Monitoring Committee members

| No. | Title and name of member | Institution | Present “√” | Absent “√” | Represented “√” | Replacement | Number of absences |
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| 1. | Zoran Konjanovski, MSc. Chairman | MAFWE | √ | | | | 0 |
| Government Institutions | | | | | | | |
| 2. | Mrs. Valentina Stojanovic | MAFWE | | √ | | | 1 |
| 3. | Mr. Zivko Brajovski | MAFWE | | | √ | Mrs. Biljana Bojkovski Zlateski | 0 |
| 4. | Mr. Abdilgafar Sinani | MAFWE | √ | | | | 0 |
| 5. | Mrs. Slavica Jakimovska | MLSG | | | √ | Mr. Rahim Musliu | 4 |
| 6. | Mrs. Evgenija Serafimovska Kirkovski | SEA | √ | | | | 0 |
| 7. | Mrs. Snezana Gerasimova-Mateska | MC | | √ | | | 2 |
| 8. | Mrs. Ardiana Abazi – Ramadani | ME | √ | | | | 0 |

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| 9. | Mr. Blazo Janevski | Agency for food and veterinary | √ | | | | 0 |
| 10. | Mrs. Jadranka Ivanova | MESP | | | √ | Mr. Veton Palosi | 0 |
| AGENCIES | | | | | | | |
| 11. | Mr. Igor Zlatkov | NEA | √ | | | | 0 |
| 12. | Mr. Ljubisha Nikolovski | Agency for support of entrepreneurship | | √ | | | 2 |
| ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PARTNERS | | | | | | | |
| 13. | Mr. Vasko Ristovski | Macedonian Chamber of commerce | √ | | | | 2 |
| 14. | Mr. Ognen Orovchanec | Agrobiz chamber at the Association of Chambers of commerce of RM | | √ | | | 2 |
| 15. | Mr. Sasho Risteski | Macedonian association of processors | | | √ | Mrs. Natasha Ljubecki Angelik | 0 |
| 16. | Mr. Stevanche Jordanovski | Federation of farmers of Macedonia | √ | | | | 0 |
| 17. | Mr. Veljo Tantarov | Association of farmers of Macedonia | | √ | | | 2 |
| 18. | Ms. Natasha Vrteska | Association of local self-government units | √ | | | | 0 |
| 19. | Prof. Dr. Dragi Dimitrievski | Faculty of agricultural sciences and food | √ | | | | 5 |

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| 20. | Mrs. Olga Stoimenova | Association of women farmers Agrovinka, Vinica | | | √ | Mrs. Vaska Petrova | 1 |
| 21. | Mrs. Olivija Shterjova | Chamber of craftsmen | √ | | | | 2 |
| 22. | Prof. Dr. Ilija Karov | Faculty of agricultural sciences and food – Shtip | | √ | | | 4 |
| 23. | Mr. Eftim Shaklev | Farmers' association | √ | | | | 0 |
| 24. | Mr. Petar Gjorgiev | Rural network of RM | √ | | | | 1 |
| 25. | Mrs. Robertina Brajanoska | Macedonian ecological group | √ | | | | 0 |
| | TOTAL | 20 | 14 | 6 | 5 | | |

List of observers of the IPARD Monitoring Committee:

Representatives from government institutions:

- Aleksandar Dimitrovski, Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water economy, Audit Sector
- Goran Kovachev, Agricultural credit discount fund, Ministry of finance












Representatives of the Audit Body:







- Sonja Veljanoska – Sector for audit for component V - SAO
- Jasmina Vukichevic – Sector for audit for component V - SAO
- Arben Ramadani- Sector for audit for component V – SAO

DRAFT AGENDA
of the 14th IPARD Monitoring Committee Meeting

Date: 20.06.2014 (TBC)

Location: Parliamentarian Club












| No | Subject | Presented/ Endorsed by: | Documents |
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| 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 form |
| 1. | Approval of the Draft Agenda for the 14 th IPARD MC meeting | Chairperson (Cp) |  Draft Agenda |
| 2. | Adoption of the Minutes of the 13 th IPARD MC meeting, held on 05 th of December, 2013 | (Cp) |  Final Draft Minutes |
| 3. | Information on the implementation of decisions/conclusions taken at the 13 th IPA MC meeting | (MA) |  MA Progress Report |
| 4. | Information on the IPA Monitoring Committee held on 06 December, 2013. | (NIPAC representative) |  (to be presented at the meeting) |
| 5. | State of play of implementation of the IPARD Programme 2007-2013 | | |
| 5.1. | Presentation of the results of the IPARD Programme via monitoring indicators/data | (MA Monitoring Officer) |  Monitoring Report (Status December/May) |
| 5.2. | Report on approved/rejected projects | (IPARD Agency) |  IPARD Agency progress report |
| 6. | Information on the de-commitment of IPARD 2010 funds | (NAO, MA) |  NAO Progress Report |
| 7. | Other points e.g. matters arising particularly from correspondence relevant to the Programme | | |
| 7.1. | Information on the progress on the activities related to improving the absorption of IPARD funds. | (MA) |  MA Progress Report |
| 7.2. | Progress in approval of amendment of the Sectoral Agreement and adaptation of internal manual of procedures for implementation. | (European Commission, NIPAC representative, IPARD Agency) |  (to be presented at the meeting) |
| 8. | Technical Assistance Measure Activities - Progress on the accreditation of the Measures 501 - Technical Assistance in 2014 | (NAO, IPARD Agency) |  NAO Progress Report |
| 9. | Information on functioning of the IPARD management and control system of IPARD | (NAO) |  NAO Progress Report |








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| 10. | Information on the on-going evaluation of IPARD 2007-2013 | (Independent evaluators) |  (to be presented at the meeting) |
| 11. | Discussion on the Annual Implementation Report | (MA) |  (to be submitted to written procedures) |
| 12. | Information on the progress on the activities related to the Communication and Publicity of the Programme. | (MA) |  MA Progress Report |
| 13. | AOB | | |
| 13.1. | Information/discussion on the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 | (MA) |  (to be presented at the meeting) |
| 13.2. | Proposal for amending the RULES OF PROCEDURE of the Monitoring Committee for the IPARD Programme | (MA) |  (amendment proposal of Rules of Procedure) |
| 14. | Proposals for the Agenda for the next (15th) autumn IPARD MC meeting / agreement on indicative new date | (Cp)/European Commission |  Discussion |
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AGENDA
of the 14th IPARD Monitoring Committee Meeting

Date: 20.06.2014 (TBC)

Location: Parliamentarian Club

| No | Subject | Presented/ Endorsed by: | Documents |
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| 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 form |
| 1. | Approval of the Draft Agenda for the 14 th IPARD MC meeting | Chairperson (Cp) |  Draft Agenda |
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| 8.3. | Proposal of the VI th modification of the IPARD Programme | (MA) |  (to be presented at the meeting) |

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| 9. | Information on functioning of the IPARD management and control system of IPARD | (NAO) |  NAO Progress Report |
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