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Based on Article 18 and Article 26 of the Law on agriculture and rural development („Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia“ No.49/10, 53/11, 126/12, 15/13, 69/13, 106/13, 177/14, 25/15, 73/15, 83/15, 154/15, 11/16, 53/16, 120/16, 163/16, 74/17, 83/18, 27/19 and „Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia“ No. 152/19, 244/19, 275/19, 110/21 and 123/22) and Article 53 of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement between Republic of North Macedonia and the European Commission on the special requirements for the implementation of the financial assistance of the union for North Macedonia according to the instrument for pre-accession assistance IPA III („Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia“ \_\_\_/\_\_\_), the Minister for agriculture, forestry and water economy on \_\_\_ \_\_ 2022 adopted the following:

## D E C I S I O N

### for establishment of IPARD Programme 2021-2027 monitoring committee

#### Article 1

- (1) With this decision, the Committee for monitoring the effectiveness and quality of implementation of the rural development programme 2021-2027 financed by the European Union through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance - IPA III, (hereinafter referred to as the "IPARD III Monitoring Committee") is established.
- (2) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee is chaired by a senior representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (hereinafter referred to as "Chairperson of the Committee"), who has the right to vote.
- (3) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee examines the results of the implementation of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027, especially the achievement of the goals set for various measures and the progress of the use of financial resources for those measures.
- (4) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee periodically reviews the progress made to achieve the objectives set in the IPARD Programme 2021-2027. For this purpose, he should primarily have the following at his disposal:
  - (a) information on all sectors in which there are difficulties;
  - (b) information on the results of the conducted controls;
- (5) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee, after consultations with the IPARD Managing Authority and the IPARD Agency, will submit to the European Commission, amendments or revisions to the IPARD Programme 2021-2027, to ensure the achievement of the objectives of Programme and to improve the efficiency of the aid provided.
- (6) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee reviews and approves the annual and final report on the implementation of the IPARD Programme.
- (7) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee checks the evaluation of the IPARD Programme.
- (8) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee reviews and approves the visibility and communication action plan.

(9) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee reviews and approves the indicative annual action plan for the implementation of activities from the technical assistance measure of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027.

## Article 2

(1) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee consists of a Chairperson, voting members and observers.

(2) The chairperson of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee has the following duties:

- The chairperson has a role in the organization and management of the Committee's activities and the decisions he will make within his competences;
- The Chairperson gives and takes away the right to speak, schedules and postpones meetings, prepares a work plan for the next meeting and other details related to the work of the Committee;
- All communications related to the activities of the Committee will be directed to the Chairperson, who will direct them to the Secretariat;
- In case of absence of the Chairperson, his role is assumed by the Head of the IPARD Managing Authority.

(3) Members of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee with the right to vote are:

### Governmental representatives:

1. four representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy;
2. one representative from the Ministry of Economy;
3. one representative from the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning;
4. one representative from the Ministry of Local Self-Government;
5. one representative from the Ministry of Culture;
6. one representative from the Ministry of Transport and Communications;
7. one representative from the Secretariat of European affairs;
8. one representative from the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy;
9. one representative from the National Extension Agency;
10. one representative from the Agency for Support of Entrepreneurship;
11. one representative from the Agency for Food and Veterinary;

### Nongovernmental representatives:

12. one representative from the Macedonian Chambers of Commerce;
13. one representative from the Economic chamber of North Macedonia;
14. one representative from the Economic chamber of North-west Macedonia;
15. one representative from the Macedonian Association of Processors;
16. one representative from the National Federation of Farmers;
17. one representative from the Craft Chamber of Republic of North Macedonia;
18. one representative from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, University "St. Cyril and Methodius" - Skopje;
19. one representative from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University "St. Cyril and Methodius" - Skopje;
20. one representative from the Faculty of Agriculture, University "Goce Delcev" - Stip;
21. one representative from the Faculty of Agriculture and Biotechnology, State University in Tetovo;
22. one representative from the Association of Units of Local Self-Government (ZELS);
23. one representative from the Rural Development Network;
24. one representative from the Macedonian Ecological Society;
25. one representative from the Local Action Group AGRO-LIDER;

26. one representative from the Network of Young Farmers;
27. one representative from the Union Association of Agricultural Producers SPAS;
28. one representative from the Association Rural Coalition Kumanovo;
29. one representative from the Union of Citizens' Associations - Farmers Association and
30. one representative from the Association of Wine Producers and Exporters and Other Grape Beverages "Wines from Macedonia" – Skopje.

(4) The members of the Monitoring Committee of IPARD III with the right to vote are appointed by separate decisions signed by the Minister.

(5) The representatives of the European Commission, the National IPA Coordinator, the National Authorization Officer, the Director of the IPARD Agency and the head of the IPARD Managing Authority will regularly participate in the work of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee, by attending the meetings and informing the the members of the Committee, without the right to vote.

(6) Other representatives of state administration bodies, agencies, non-governmental organizations or other professionals and experts from the relevant field may participate in the work of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee, depending on the need and special cases, at the proposal of the members and at the invitation of the Chairperson. with the status of observers, that is, without the right to vote.

### Article 3

(1) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee is constituted at the first session after the entry into force of the Decision on the establishment of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee.

(2) The IPARD III Monitoring Committee shall adopt the Rules of Procedure at the constitutive session.

(3) The Rules of Procedure of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee govern the issues in terms of tasks, rights and obligations of the Chairperson and members and the manner of working.

### Article 4

(1) Qualified and administrative activities supporting the work of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee shall be performed by the IPARD Managing Authority within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, in accordance with the stipulations from the Rules of Procedure.

(2) Support of the work of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee by the IPARD Managing Authority consists of the preparation of meetings, drafting and delivery of documents, and especially delivery of relevant information on the progress in the implementation of the measures of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027.

### Article 5

(1) This decision enters into force on the day of its signature.

Minister

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