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I. List of participants

Ms. Daniela Irotova Lazareva- Chairperson of the IPARD programme 2021-2027 monitoring committee

Members present at the IPARD programme 2021-2027 monitoring committee meeting:

1. **Mr. Perica Ivanoski** - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water economy;
2. **Ms. Violeta Mihajloska** - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water economy;
3. **Ms. Biljana Damcheska** - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water economy;
4. **Ms. Aleksandra Slavkovska** - Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth;
5. **Mr. Afrim Shaini** - Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning;
6. **Ms. Ardiana Abazi Ramadani** - Ministry of Economy and Labor;
7. **Mr. Refet Ameti** - Ministry of Culture;
8. **Ms. Evgenija Serafimova Kirkovski** - Ministry for European Affairs;
9. **Mr. Pece Stojkovski** - National Extension Agency;
10. **Mr. Vladimir Petkov** - Faculty for Veterinary Medicine;
11. **Ms. Marina Nacka** - Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food;
12. **Mr. Sasho Risteski** - Macedonian association of processors;
13. **Mr. Goran Mitev** - Association of farmers;
14. **Mr. Pero Mocan** - Wines from Macedonia;
15. **Mr. Sasho Krcoski** - Network of young farmers;
16. **Ms. Robertina Brajanoska** - Macedonian ecological group;
17. **Ms. Maja Taseva** - Agency for support of entrepreneurship;
18. **Ms. Elena Mladenovska Jelenkovikj** - Economic Chamber of North Macedonia;
19. **Mr. Arben Halili** - Chamber of Commerce of North-West Macedonia;
20. **Mr. Petar Gjorgjievski** - Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia;
21. **Ms. Natasha Vrteska** - Local self-government units.

Present deputy members of the IPARD programme 2021-2027 monitoring committee meeting:

1. **Ms. Tatjana Veta** - Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water economy;
2. **Mr. Nuredin Ismaili** - Ministry of Local Self;
3. **Ms. Daniela Todevska** - Faculty of agricultural sciences and food – UGD Stip;
4. **Ms. Sonja Gjurovska** - Food and Veterinary Agency of RNM;
5. **Ms. Vaska Mojsavska** - National Federation of Farmers;
6. **Mr. Toni Stankovski** - LAG Agro-Lider.

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

1. **Mr. Vincent Cordonnier** - Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development;
2. **Mr. Zigo Rutkovskis** - Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Representatives of the European Delegation:

1. **Mr. Rafael Nievergelt** - Delegation of European Union in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Representatives of NAO and NF:



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1. **Ms. Aleksandra Simjanovska** - Ministry of Finance;
2. **Ms. Elizabeta Manusheva Apostolovski** - Ministry of Finance;
3. **Ms. Zorica Josifoska Merdzanoska** - Ministry of Finance.

Representatives from IPARD Managing Authority (MA):

1. **Mr. Zhivko Brajkovski** - Head of IPARD MA;
2. **Mr. Igor Troshanski** - Deputy Head of MA;
3. **Mr. Viktor Mladenovski** - Unit for monitoring of implementation of IPARD funds and reporting;
4. **Ms. Jasmina Hadzibulik** - Unit for monitoring of implementation of IPARD funds and reporting;
5. **Ms. Gordana Smileska** - Unit for monitoring of implementation of IPARD funds and reporting;
6. **Mr. Kiril Ristoski** - Unit for implementation of IPARD technical assistance;
7. **Mr. Zlatko Kolevski** - Unit for implementation of IPARD technical assistance;
8. **Mr. Oliver Stefanovski** - Unit for implementation of IPARD technical assistance;
9. **Ms. Jagoda Marinkovikj** - Unit for implementation of IPARD technical assistance;
10. **Ms. Gabriela Petrova** - Unit for implementation of IPARD technical assistance;
11. **Mr. Aleksandar Anteski** - Unit for Programming and Evaluation of IPARD funds;
12. **Mr. Dusko Jakimovski** - Unit for Programming and Evaluation of IPARD funds;
13. **Mr. Isa Imishti** - Unit for Programming and Evaluation of IPARD funds;
14. **Ms. Sadzide Demir** - Unit for Programming and Evaluation of IPARD funds;

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

1. **Mr. Ilija Stoilev** - Director of the IPARD Agency;
2. **Mr. Vangel Nanevski** - IPARD Agency;
3. **Ms. Marija Blagoeva** - IPARD Agency;
4. **Mr. Panche Arsov** - IPARD Agency;
5. **Mr. Vladimir Hristov** - IPARD Agency.

Representatives from Audit Authority:

1. **Ms. Svetlana Todorovska** - Audit Authority;
2. **Ms. Ljubica Lokvenec** - Audit Authority;
3. **Mr. Filip Filipovski** - Audit Authority.

Results: The Chairperson of the Committee, 21 members and 6 deputy members with voting right (out of total 33 members with a right to vote) participated at the meeting. A quorum of 2/3 of the members with a right to vote was achieved to hold the meeting in accordance with article 8 paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

The checklist for presence of members from the fourth meeting of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 monitoring committee is shown in Appendix 1 of these minutes.

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



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II. Agenda for the 4th IPARD programme 2021-2027 monitoring committee meeting

No.	Time	Proposals for Agenda Items	Presented by:	Documents
	09:00 - 09:30	Confirmation of presence of members/ deputies at the meeting and reached quorum to hold the meeting according to the Rules of procedure	IPARD MA	
	09:30 - 09:45	Opening of the meeting	Chairperson, Opening words by Unit G4 representative, DG AGRI, European Commission	
1	09:45 - 09:50	Information on appointments of new members	IPARD MA	To be presented at the meeting
2	09:50 - 10:00	Adoption of the Agenda	Chairperson	Draft Agenda
3	10:00 - 10:10	Adoption of the minutes of the previous IPARD III MC meeting	Chairperson	Final minutes
4	10:10- 10:30	Information on the implementation of decisions taken at the previous IPARD III MC meeting	IPARD MA	To be presented at the meeting
5	10:30- 10:40	IPA Monitoring Committee a) Follow-up, feedback from the IPA Monitoring Committee	NIPAC	To be presented at the meeting
6	10:40- 11:00	Information on IPARD implementation in all countries	DG AGRI	To be presented at the meeting
7	11:00 - 11:20	State of play of implementation of the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 and 2021-2027 a) General information about programme/measure implementation on the basis of monitoring indicators, tables	IPARD MA	IPARD MA report
	11:20 - 11:40	b) Status of realization/finalization of the applications from the IPARD 2014-2020 Programme	IPARD Agency	IPARD Agency report
	11:40 - 11:55	c) Report on the results of the public calls 01/2023 and 01/2024 of the IPARD Programme 2021- 2027 (ranking process) d) Forecast of activities and calls in 2025 (including entrustment of new measures)	IPARD Agency	IPARD Agency report
8	11:55 - 12:05	Information on functioning of the Management and Control System (MCS) and financial	NAO	NAO report



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		implementation of IPARD, including interest earned		
9	12:05 - 12:15	Information on controls a) Controls and audit undertaken b) Follow-up actions taken c) Annual Audit Report	IPARD Agency/Audit Authority	 IPARD Agency report/AA report
10	12:15 - 12:30	Visibility and communication plan a) Review of activities against the annual action plan for communication and publicity for 2024 b) Adoption of Action Plan for Communication and Publicity of IPARD Programme 2021- 2027 for 2025	IPARD MA	 To be presented at the meeting / Action Plan for Communication and Publicity of IPARD Programme 2021-2027 for 2025
11	12:30 - 12:40	Overview of implementation of the Evaluation Plan for the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 and 2021-2027	IPARD MA	 To be presented at the meeting
12	12:40 - 12:50	Technical assistance activities a) Review of realized activities from APTA 2024 b) Approval of the indicative annual action plan - APTA 2025	IPARD MA	 To be presented at the meeting / Indicative annual action plan - APTA 2025
13	12:50 - 13:00	AOB	Chairperson	
14	13:00 - 13:10	Proposals for the agenda of the next meeting / agreement on new date	Chairperson	



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III. RESULTS OF THE IPARD PROGRAMME 2021-2027 MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Daniela Irotova Lazareva, opened the fourth meeting of the Committee by welcoming all attendees.

Mr. Vincent Cordonnier, Deputy Head of Unit G4 at DG AGRI, welcomed the members of the IPARD III MC Monitoring Committee. He thanked national authorities with the achieved results of the IPARD II Programme.

Compared to the countries of the Western Balkans, North Macedonia is so far the leader in the implementation of the IPARD II Programme and also the first country to start the implementation of the IPARD III Programme. Mr. Cordonnier indicated the need to ensure sustainable human resource policy in the IPARD structures as a guarantee for the successful implementation of the programme. He stressed the importance to speed-up the project contracting and payments along with introduction of new measures. That would provide even more and diversified opportunities for development of the rural areas and facilitate better spending of the IPARD funds, and would reduce the risk of de-commitment. Improvement of cooperation with/between Technical Bodies is also required in order to improve further the IPARD implementation. He concluded his opening words by wishing all the actors involved to continue the achievements and improve even more at the time of renewed impetus of the enlargement process.

With reference to item 1 of the Agenda: "Information on appointments of new members":

The Head of IPARD Managing Authority, Mr. Zhivko Brajkovski informed about the appointment of new members.

Following decision was adopted:

Decision No. 1: IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on appointments of new members.

With reference to item 2 of the Agenda: "Adoption of the draft agenda for the fourth meeting of the IPARD III monitoring committee":

None of the members of the Committee had any remarks regarding the agenda, and the following decision was adopted:

Decision No. 2: IPARD III monitoring committee adopted the agenda for the fourth meeting of the monitoring committee.

With reference to item 3 of the Agenda: "Adoption of the Minutes of the previous (third) IPARD III MC meeting":

The Chairperson of the IPARD III MC informed that the minutes from the previous meeting of the monitoring committee held on 16th of May 2024, were sent to the members of the Committee on 5th of June 2024 and by 18th of June 2024 no comments were submitted from the members to the Secretariat.





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The members of the IPARD III MC had no remarks on the minutes and adopted the following decision:

Decision No. 3: The IPARD III monitoring committee adopted the minutes of the third IPARD III monitoring committee meeting as final.

With reference to item 4 of the Agenda: "Information on the implementation of the decisions /conclusions adopted at the previous meeting of the IPARD III MC".

The Head of IPARD Managing Authority, Mr. Zhivko Brajkovski, informed about decisions/conclusions adopted at the previous meeting of the IPARD III MC, as well as the two decisions (for the Annual report on the implementation of the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 and second modification of the APTA for 2024) brought by written procedure.

Regarding this item, the members of the Committee adopted the following conclusion:

Conclusion No. 1: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on the progress made in implementing the decisions/conclusions of the third meeting of the IPARD III monitoring committee.

With reference to item 5 of the Agenda: "Information regarding the IPA monitoring committee".

Sub item 5 (a) of the Agenda: "Follow-up, feedback from the IPA monitoring committee".

The representative of the National IPA Coordinator, Ms. Evgenija S. Kirkovski, informed about the meeting of the Sectoral Monitoring Committee for Competitiveness and Innovation, Agriculture and Rural Development and Energy which was held on 19th November 2024. She added that in addition to information from the IPA Monitoring Committee, in future she would also inform the members of the IPARD III MC on the Sectoral Monitoring Committee for Competitiveness and Innovation, Agriculture and Rural Development and Energy, which is of greater importance and interest for the IPARD III MC members.

Regarding this sub - item, the members of the Committee adopted the following conclusion:

Conclusion No. 2: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed regarding IPA monitoring committee.

With reference to item 6 of the Agenda: "Information on IPARD implementation in all countries".

The representative of DG AGRI, Mr. Zigo Rutkovskis, presented the results of the implementation of IPARD II and IPARD III in the Western Balkan countries noting that in future similar updates will be provided at each meeting of the IPARD Monitoring Committee. He praised the results achieved so far in the implementation of IPARD II and emphasized that North Macedonia is the first country, which adopted all the necessary agreements, in order to start the implementation of the IPARD III



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Programme. As further steps, which have to be taken to improve the implementation of the Programme, he emphasized reducing the time needed on contracting and payments to applicants, as well as improving cooperation with/between Technical Bodies. Mr. Rutkovskis invited the Macedonian authorities to strengthen human capacities and retain existing staff, as well as to accelerate the accreditation process and implementation of new measures.

Regarding this item, the members of the Committee adopted the following conclusion:

Conclusion No. 3: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed regarding IPARD implementation in all countries.

With reference to item 7 of the Agenda: "State of play of implementation of the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 and 2021-2027".

Sub item 7 (a) of the Agenda: "General information about programme/measure implementation on the basis of monitoring indicators, tables".

Regarding this sub-item, Mr. Viktor Mladenovski presented in details the results of the implementation of the programme by public calls, measures, types of sectors in the measures and types of investments. He also referred to the geographical aspect of the implementation of the programme.

Regarding the question by the representative of MES, Ms. Robertina Brajanoska, which referred to the small number of approved applications in measure 7, especially for the tourist accommodation and catering services sector, the representative of the IPARD Agency, Mr. Vangel Nanevski, mentioned the following as the main reasons: incompleteness of the applications, non-fulfillment certain specific criteria foreseen for investments in accommodation capacities, untimely submission of a construction permit, and fulfillment of environmental protection standards which are mostly equal to EU standards. Having in mind the presented (difference between received and contracted applications especially in priority area - support to rural tourism), Ms. Brajanoska raised the issue of regional analysis of implementation of measure 7 and including an analysis of IPARD implementation in protected areas. Mr. Mladenovski pointed to the upcoming ex-post evaluation report, where issues like this are analyzed. The report should also provide analysis of the reasons for rejections of applications per measure, priority area, type of investment and region and will serve as a tool for improvement of implementation of IPARD 3 Programme.

Regarding the appropriate regional distribution of IPARD funds, Mr. Nuredin Ismaili, representative from the Ministry of Local Self-government, asked if maybe such distribution is influenced by low publicity of IPARD in some regions. Mr. Brajkovski pointed out that the implemented IPARD Programme publicity campaign equally covered all regions of the country, visiting over 200 settlements and disseminating information through info days and workshops. In this respect, Mr. Rutkovskis proposed to the national IPARD authorities to use targeted public calls either per measure or region, if gaps between regions and/or sectors have been identified in IPARD implementation.

Ms. Aleksandra Slavkovska, representative of the Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth, raised the issue with the indicator "number of jobs created" and asked why there is no data on this indicator. Mr. Mladenovski stressed that the



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indicator is listed in the Programme for each measure and that the IPARD Agency is obliged to provide data during on-going monitoring or, at the latest, in the Annual Implementation Report for 2024 and the Final Report.

The representative of the National Federation of Farmers, Ms. Vaska Mojsovska, also specified the lack of urban plans in the villages as an obstacle for farmers to apply for IPARD.

The representative of the Economic Chamber of North Macedonia, Ms. Elena Mladenovska Jelenkovikj, pointed out a problem with the expiration of concession agreements for the use of state agricultural land. Those applicants whose concessions are about to expire, due to failure to meet the programme criteria, are restricted from applying for IPARD and appealed to the authorities to consider this problem and extend the concession agreements of interested potential applicants. The Chairperson of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee, Ms. Daniela Irotova Lazareva, responded that the procedure has been facilitated, i.e., amendments have been adopted to the Law on Agricultural Land where lease agreements are extended within 15 days.

Ms. Elena Mladenovska Jelenkovikj, raised an issue on the size of beneficiaries. She stressed the need of advisory assistance to smaller farmers and applicants and asked how the assessment of the size of the companies is made, which body performs this assessment. In this respect, Mr. Brajkovski informed the member that the issue of small farmers' applicants has been tackled long time ago. NEA advisors provide free of charge assistance in preparing the application and collection of documentation. Regarding the assessment of the size of applicants, the Programme supports only micro, small and medium enterprises, as defined by the EU definition for assessment of the size of the enterprises. This definition can be seen by the potential applicants in the public call and the guidelines for applicants.

Regarding this sub-item, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion No. 4: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on the results from the implementation of the IPARD II and IPARD III Programme through data/indicators for monitoring.

Sub item 7 (b) of the Agenda: "Status of realization/finalization of the applications from the IPARD 2014-2020 Programme".

The representative of the IPARD Agency, Mr. Vladimir Hristov, noted that detailed data regarding this sub-item had already been presented in the previous point. The final data will be presented at the next meeting of the Committee.

Regarding this sub-item, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion No. 5: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on realization/finalization of the applications from the IPARD Programme 2014-2020.

Sub item 7 (c) of the Agenda: "Report on the results of the public calls 01/2023 and 01/2024 of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 (ranking process)".

Mr. Vangel Nanevski presented in details the results of the public calls 01/2023 and 01/2024 of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027.



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Due to the large number of applications and the higher requested amount of financial support than the amount announced in the public call 01/2023, ranking of applications was applied in accordance with the selection criteria of the IPARD III Programme. The lack of employees as well as the procedure for determining the reference prices were listed as the reason for the long administrative processing of applications.

Regarding the ranking, he emphasized that attention should be put to the additional criterion, i.e., if a certain number of beneficiaries have the same number of points, priority is given to those who submitted the application first.

Regarding this sub-item, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion No. 6: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on the results of the public calls 01/2023 and 01/2024 of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 (ranking process).

Sub item 7 (d) of the Agenda: "Forecast of activities and calls in 2025 (including entrustment of new measures)".

Mr. Vangel Nanevski informed that the first public call for measure 1 will be published during the first quarter of 2025. Regarding the public call for measure 3, the time period for its publication has not yet been defined, while a new public call for measure 7 cannot be published before September 2025, i.e. until the completion of the approval process of the requests submitted for the call 02/2024.

Regarding this sub-item, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion No. 7: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on forecast of activities and calls in 2025 (including entrustment of new measures).

With reference to item 8 of the Agenda: "Information on functioning of the Management and Control System (MCS) and financial implementation of IPARD, including interest earned".

The IPARD III MC was informed about the administrative verification of rejected applications and the ranking process of applications from the public call 01/2023 of the IPARD III Programme and added that no significant findings were detected that could jeopardize the functioning of the management and control system. Verification visit at project level for paid projects, in particular ex post - on the spot checks under IPARD II Programme has been performed. The general conclusion from the verification visit was that the beneficiaries are respecting the sustainability rules of the projects/investments and the investments/supplies are properly used in accordance with the signed Agreements.

The accreditation package for the measure "Investments in public rural infrastructure" is expected to be submitted to the EC in December 2024 or January 2025.

Regarding this item, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion No. 8: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on functioning of the Management and Control system and financial implementation of IPARD, including interest earned.



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With reference to item 9 of the Agenda: "Information on controls".

Sub-item 9 (a) of the Agenda: "Controls and audit undertaken".

The representative of the IPARD Agency, Mr. Panche Arsov informed about on the spot controls. He stated that no major irregularities have been identified as a result of carried on-the-spot controls.

Sub-item 9 (b) of the Agenda: "Annual Audit Report".

The representative of the IPARD Agency, Ms. Marija Blagoeva, informed about the audits carried out in 2023 as well as the Annual plan for internal audit for 2024.

Sub-item 9 (c) of the Agenda: "Follow-up actions taken".

The representative of the Audit Authority, Ms. Ljubica Lokvenec, informed on the undertaken activities as well as planned activities for 2024.

During the 2024 financial year, there was intensive communication between the involved parties subject to the audit, whereby with a written letter from DG Agri on 30th of October, Macedonian authorities have been notified that the errors determined by the Audit Authority on 15th of March, are below the materiality threshold, which is why there will be no financial correction.

Regarding this item, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion No. 9: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on controls, follow-up actions taken and Annual Audit Report.

With reference to item 10 of the Agenda: "Visibility and communication plan"

Sub-item 10 (a) of the Agenda: "Review of activities of the annual action plan for communication and publicity".

IPARD MA representative, Mr. Kiril Ristoski, informed about the activities within the publicity campaign for the IPARD III Programme, foreseen in the annual action plan for communication and publicity of the IPARD III Programme for 2024.

Regarding this sub-item, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion No. 10: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on the progress of activities related to the communication and publicity of the IPARD III Programme.

Sub-item 10 (b) of the Agenda: "Adoption of Action Plan for Communication and Publicity of IPARD Programme 2021-2027 for 2025".

IPARD MA representative, Mr. Kiril Ristoski, presented the Action Plan for Communication and Publicity of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 for 2025. He noted that a massive publicity campaign for the IPARD III Programme is planned for 2025.

Regarding this sub-item, the following decision was adopted:

Decision No. 4: The IPARD III monitoring committee adopted the Action Plan for Communication and Publicity of IPARD Programme 2021-2027 for 2025.



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With reference to item 10 of the Agenda: "Evaluation of the programme".

IPARD MA representative, Mr. Aleksandar Anteski presented the details regarding the evaluation of the IPARD II and IPARD III Programme, as well as planned activities. For realization of these activities, it is planned to engage external experts through Technical Assistance measure. Final report for ex-post evaluation of IPARD II Programme will be submitted to EC until December 2025. A workshop for strengthening of capacities for evaluation and determination of expected results has been planned under measure 9 of IPARD III programme.

Regarding this item, the following conclusion was adopted:

Conclusion No. 11: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on implementation of the Evaluation Plan.

With reference to item 12 of the Agenda: "Technical Assistance activities".

Sub-item 12 (a) of the agenda: "Review of realized activities from APTA 2024"

IPARD MA representative, Mr. Kiril Ristoski, informed about the realized activities of APTA for 2024.

Regarding this sub-item, the following decision was adopted:

Conclusion No. 12: The IPARD III monitoring committee was informed on the progress of APTA 2024 implementation.

Sub-item 12 (b) of the agenda: "Approval of the indicative annual action plan - APTA 2025"

IPARD MA representative, Mr. Kiril Ristoski presented the activities envisaged in the APTA for 2025. Due to the need for inter-institutional harmonisation between the IPARD Agency and the IPARD Managing Authority, APTA for 2025 will be adopted by written procedure.

The representative of the MAFWE, Ms. Violeta Mihajloska, suggested that promotional videos that will be produced within the framework of the procurement for promotion and publicity of IPARD should, in addition to successful IPARD projects, include the criteria for the use of IPARD funds for potential future beneficiaries.

The Head of the IPARD Managing Authority, Mr. Zhivko Brajkovski, responded that this suggestion will be considered during preparation of the terms of reference for this procurement.

Regarding this sub-item, the following decision was adopted:

Conclusion No. 13: The IPARD III monitoring committee revised the indicative annual action plan - APTA 2025.

With reference to item 13 of the Agenda: "AOB"

The representative of MAFWE, Mr. Perica Ivanoski proposed that the status of the accreditation of the new measures should be foreseen as a separate item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee. In order to accredit new measures,



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plans of necessary activities for their accreditation should be prepared. Mr. Brajkovski informed that the Secretariat shall include such item in drafting future agendas for the meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Ivanoski asked on the possibility of increasing the available budget by reallocating it from less successful countries. Mr. Rutkovskis replied that the proposed option is not considered as as North Macedonia has to resolve identified issues in the IPARD implementation, namely, implement sustainable human resource policy, reduce time necessary for project contracting and payments, expand IPARD implementation by entrusting new measures.

Regarding this item, the following decision was adopted:

Conclusion No. 14: The Secretariat of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee should include an agenda item "Information on the accreditation process of new measures" in the agenda for the next meeting of the IPARD III Monitoring Committee.

With reference to item 14 of the agenda: "Proposal for the Agenda of the next fourth IPARD 2021-2027 MC meeting/agreement on indicative date":

The Chairperson informed that the date for the next 4th meeting will be agreed in accordance with the availability of the representatives of the European Commission.

The Chairperson of the monitoring committee closed the meeting and declared it as successful.

FOR THE IPARD MONITORING COMMITTEE:	FOR THE SECRETARIAT:
Daniela Irotova Lazareva	Zhivko Brajkovski
Title: Chairperson	Title: Head of IPARD Managing Authority
Signature: 	Signature: 
Date: 02.06.2025	Date: 23.05.2025



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Appendix 1: List of members (or their deputies) present at the meeting of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 monitoring committee meeting

No.	Name of member	Institution	Present		Name deputy	Number of absences
			member	deputy		
1	Ms. Daniela Irotova Lazareva	MAFWE	√			
MINISTRIES						
2	Mr. Perica Ivanoski	MAFWE	√			0
3	Ms. Biljana Damcheska	MAFWE	√			0
4	Ms. Maja Lazareska Joveska	MAFWE		√	Ms. Tatjana Veta	0
5	Ms. Violeta Mihajloska	MAFWE	√			0
6	Ms. Evgenija Serafimovska Kirkovski	Ministry for European Affairs	√			0
7	Ms. Ardiana Abazi Ramadani	Ministry of Economy	√			0
8	Ms. Elizabeta Stojkoska	MLS		√	Mr. Nuredin Ismaili	0
9	Mr. Refet Ameti	Ministry of Culture	√			0
10	Mr. Afrim Shaini	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning	√			0
11	Mr. Igor Mojanoski	Ministry of Transport and Communications				1
12	Ms. Aleksandra Slavkovska	Ministry of Labour and Social Policy	√			0
13	Mr. Gjoko Gjorchevski	FVA		√	Ms. Sonja Gjurovska	0
AGENCIES						
14	Mr. Pece Stojkovski	NEA	√			0
15	Ms. Maja Taseva	Agency for support of entrepreneurship	√			0
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PARTNERS						
16	Ms. Elena Mladenovska Jelenkovikj	Economic Chamber of North Macedonia	√			0
17	Mr. Goran Gjorgjevski	Macedonian Chambers of Commerce				1
18	Ms. Biljana Petrovska	National Federation of farmers		√	Ms. Vaska Mojsovska	0



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19	Mr. Sasho Risteski	Macedonian Association of processors	√			0
20	Ms. Natasha Vrteska	Local self-government units	√			0
21	Ms. Marina Nacka	Faculty of agricultural sciences and food	√			0
22	Mr. Agron Fazliji	Faculty of agricultural sciences and food				1
23	Mr. Ljupcho Mihajlov	Faculty of agricultural sciences and food – UGD Stip		√	Ms. Daniela Todevska	0
24	Ms. Marina Tosheska	LAG Agro-Lider		√	Mr. Toni Stankovski	0
25	Mr. Petar Gjorgjievski	Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia	√			1
26	Mr. Vladimir Petkov	Faculty for Veterinary Medicine	√			0
27	Mr. Sasho Krcoski	Network of young farmers	√			0
28	Ms. Robertina Brajanoska	Macedonian ecological group	√			0
29	Ms. Liljana Jonoski	Rural coalition				1
30	Mr. Goran Mitev	Association of farmers	√			0
31	Mr. Pero Mocan	Wines from Macedonia	√			0
32	Mr. Arben Halili	Economic Chamber of North West Macedonia	√			0
33	Mr. Bardilj Dauti	University of Tetovo				1
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Appendix 2: List of observers
Representatives of governmental institutions:

Mr. Petar Andonov- National Extension Agency



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