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IPARD MANAGING AUTHORITY**

**GENERAL INFORMATION ON PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION**

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1. Introduction

This report is being prepared in order to present the general information on the implementation of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027, its measures, sectors per measure, types of activities and regional/geographical breakdown of the IPARD support.

The data for implementation of the Programme (per priority sector, types of activities) arising from the monitoring tables, are cumulative and refer to the period from the start of the implementation of the Programme until 30th of June 2025. The data on output indicators on number of applications per measure and public calls are from November 2025.

The analysis of the implementation of the Programme is made based on semi-annual data on output indicators, received from the IPARD Agency.



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2. Assessment of the progress in implementation of objectives, measures and investments of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027

2.1 Summary of the strategic framework of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027

Within the context of the overall IPARD objectives, as well as the objectives of the National Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy 2021-2027 and IPA III Programing Framework and Strategic Response, taking into consideration results of the SWOT analysis and prioritisation made in North Macedonia, the following objectives were selected for the IPARD Programme 2021-2027:

- Enhancing farm viability and competitiveness of agriculture and food processing;
- Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems dependent on agriculture, fishery and forestry;
- Promoting balanced territorial development in rural areas;
- Transfer of knowledge and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas;
- Horizontal and cross-cutting priorities:
 - projects promoted by women and young entrepreneurs (between 18 and 40 years of age)
 - active agriculture holdings;
 - activities benefiting the environment and mitigating climate change effects;
 - implementation of innovations and new products;
 - development of entrepreneurship and job creation;
 - joined initiatives and collective investments;
 - diversification of activities in the less economically developed areas (rural areas, mountainous areas, near bordering areas and areas within least developed regions);
 - rural tourism promotion in areas regarded as cultural heritage, near archaeological sites or natural parks or nature monuments;
 - preservation and promotion of traditions and heritage;
 - actions strengthening human capital in rural areas and promoting local initiatives;
 - actions strengthening the business development skills and abilities

The horizontal and cross-cutting priorities will be applied regardless of these Programme objectives. In practical terms it means that in the Programme these will be reflected in the ranking to be applied during the actual project selection processes per measures where applicable or will be implemented through higher aid intensities.

The achievement of the objectives of the measure is measured by a set of specific indicators defined and targeted for each measure¹.

¹ The indicators for the number of supported projects, the number of agricultural holdings/enterprises that carry out modernization projects and the number of agricultural holdings/enterprises that develop additional or diversified sources of income in rural areas have the status of ~~November~~ November, 2025. Other indicators on this chart have status as of June 30, 2025.

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Measure indicators		Projected target	Achieved results	Achieved in %
Measure 1	Number of farms and agri-food and fishery processing enterprises supported by IPARD in modernization	1.800	250	13,9
	Total investment on farms and agri-food sector in modernization	64,8 mill. €	5,7 mill. €	8,8
	Number of farms and food and fishery processing enterprises receiving IPARD investment support to progressively align with the EU hygiene and animal welfare standards	1.000	/	/
	Number of jobs created	250	/	/
	Number of young farmers receiving IPARD support for investment	800	797	99,7
	Number of supported producer groups/organizations	10	/	/
	Number of farmers participating in supported Producer Groups, Producer Organizations, local markets, short supply chain circuits and quality schemes	120	/	/
	Number of collective investments	15	/	/
	Number of IPARD recipients with support in investments related to care for the environment or climate change	1.000	/	/
	Number of IPARD recipients with support in investments related with manure management	70	/	/
	Number of IPARD recipients with support in investments in waste treatment or management	140	/	/
	Number of IPARD recipients with support in investments in renewable energy production	200	3	1,5
	Number of projects with circular economy-type investments	10	/	/
	Number of farms and agri-food processing enterprises supported by IPARD in modernization	120	8	6,7
Measure 3	Total investment on farms and agri-food sector in modernization	79,4 mill €	0,7 mill. €	0,9
	Number of farms and food processing enterprises receiving IPARD investment support to progressively align with the EU hygiene and animal welfare standards	120	/	/
	Number of jobs created	400	/	/



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Measure 7	Number of supported producer groups/organizations	8	/	/
	Number of farmers participating in supported Producer Groups, Producer Organizations, local markets, short supply chain circuits and quality schemes	100	/	/
	Number of collective investments	3	/	/
	Number of IPARD recipients with support in investments related to care for the environment or climate change	60	/	/
	Number of IPARD recipients with support in investments in waste treatment or management	40	/	/
	Number of IPARD recipients with support in investments in renewable energy production	30	0	0
	Number of projects with circular economy-type investments	8	/	/
	Number of farms and agri-food processing enterprises supported by IPARD in modernization	80	/	/
	Total investment on farms and agri-food sector in modernization	8 mill. €	/	/
	Number of recipients of IPARD investment support in rural diversification and business development	200	/	/
	Total investment in rural diversification, business development and infrastructure (EUR)	40,7 mill. €	1,8 mill. €	4,4
	Number of new jobs created	300	/	/
	Number of young farmers receiving IPARD support for investment	40	/	/
	Number of supported producer groups/organizations	0	/	/

Measure 7	Number of farmers participating in supported Producer Groups, Producer Organizations, local markets, short supply chain circuits and quality schemes	0	/	/
	Number of collective investments	2	/	/
	Number of IPARD recipients with support in investments related to care for the environment or climate change	50	/	/



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2.2 Analysis of the process of implementation by measure

By the end of 2025, three public calls for submission of applications were published. Public call 01/2023 included two measures (1 and 7). The available budget for measure 1 was 18,8 and 11,4 million euros for measure 7. Due to the high interest of applicants, although the budget for the measures is higher than in previous public calls, a ranking procedure had to be applied.

After reviewing/finishing the applications from the last IPARD 2 call for measure 3, a public call for measure 3 (01/2024) was published in April 2024. The budget of this public call reached 14 million euros. The public call budget was significantly higher than on the previous public calls, which led to high interest of applicants, a ranking procedure had to be applied.

Second public call (02/2024) for measure 7 was announced in November 2024. The deadline for submitting applications for the use of funds expired in December 2024. The budget of this public call reached 14 million euros.

Second public (01/2025) call for measure 1 was announced in February 2025. The deadline for submitting applications for the use of funds expired on 29th of March 2025. The budget of this public call reached 7,4 million euros. Since the budget of this call is small, the IPARD Agency excluded the priority sectors of orchards (including table grapes and olive trees) and vegetables (including potatoes and strawberries) from the public call.

In October 2025, the IPARD Agency preannounced the publication of public calls 02/2025 (Measure 3) and 03/2025 (Measure 7). In accordance with the events reported to the public regarding the existence of suspicions of potential corruption by a senior official within the IPARD Agency, the NAO, based on Article 6 and paragraph 5 of the Decree on the establishment of structures and bodies and on determining their mutual relations for indirect management of financial assistance under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia No.88/2023), suspended all payments from IPARD funds.

Results of the implementation of the IPARD 3 Programme as of November 2025:

Public call	Submitted appl.	EU part submitted	Contracted appl.	EU part contracted	Paid appl.	EU part paid
01/2023 (M1)	902	38.792.432	357	12.672.676	250	5.685.323
01/2023 (M7)	257	34.709.773	48	7.860.711	24	1.726.254
01/2024 (M3)	116	24.213.854	36	5.540.161	8	750.311
02/2024 (M7)	128	18.079.606	8	436.990	1	98.329
01/2025 (M1)	714	28.509.835	0	0	0	0
Total	2.117	144.305.500	449	26.510.538	283	8.260.217
M 9	30	1.060.580	12	95.228	6	6.195
Total	2.147	145.366.080	461	26.605.767	298	8.266.412

Source: IPARD Agency, info on public calls, November 2025.

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The analysis of the implementation of measures 1, 3 and 7 of the Programme by region is made by the IPARD Managing Authority and is based on data from the monitoring system and with a data validity date of August 31st, 2025.



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	Number (A)	Number (B)	% (B/A)	EU part	Number (C)	% (C/A)	EU part
Pelagonia	544	122	22 %	5.441.298	48	9 %	1.317.933
Vardar	480	116	24 %	3.870.520	56	12 %	1.133.365
Northeast	156	17	11 %	874.334	13	8 %	220.571
Southeast	135	24	18 %	3.142.545	8	6 %	592.848
Skopje	170	34	20 %	4.119.565	7	4 %	631.080
Southwest	121	14	12 %	1.036.475	7	6 %	364.126
Polog	113	37	33 %	4.068.490	12	11 %	417.630
East	398	80	20 %	3.575.132	32	8 %	855.872
Total	2.117	444	21 %	26.128.358	183	9 %	5.533.426

a. Implementation of Measure 1

Two public calls for measure 1 (01/2023 and 01/2025) were announced. Due to the high interest of the applicants, although the budget for the measures is higher than the previous public calls, a ranking procedure had to be applied for the call 01/2023. The applications approval process for public call 01/2023 has finished with approval rate reaching 41%. IPARD Managing Authority has not received the monthly data on implementation of the Programme for October and November and is in no position to report if the contracting process for the 01/2025 has started.

Out of 1.616 submitted applications in measure 1, 371 contracts in the amount of 13.125.155 € EU funds have been concluded. Of these, 113 have been implemented so far and 3.006.319 € EU funds have been paid.

Types of agricultural production concerned by the investments in measure 1²:

Type of production	Submitted Applications (A)	Contracted Applications (B)	% (B/A)	Contracted EU part	Paid applications (C)	% (C/A)	Paid EU part
Vineyards	104	16	15%	721.126	7	7%	102.478
Orchards	174	68	39%	2.182.257	13	7%	208.109
Vegetables (glasshouses included)	52	23	44%	883.039	6	11%	73.809
Cereals	1.079	217	20%	4.935.276	79	7%	1.850.845
Industrial crops	35	7	20%	212.045	3	9%	68.758
Forage crops	59	16	27%	525.883	2	3%	54.079
Milk production	46	12	26%	1.325.719	1	2%	171.011
Meat production	28	3	11%	732.957	1	4%	247.723
Eggs production	5	3	60%	832.247	0	0%	0
Aquaculture	6	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Other Annex 1 of the Treaty products	2	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
ON-farm processing	25	6	24%	774.606	1	4%	229.507
Renewable energy production	1	0	0%	0	0	0%	0

² Data presented in the table are with cutoff date June 2025

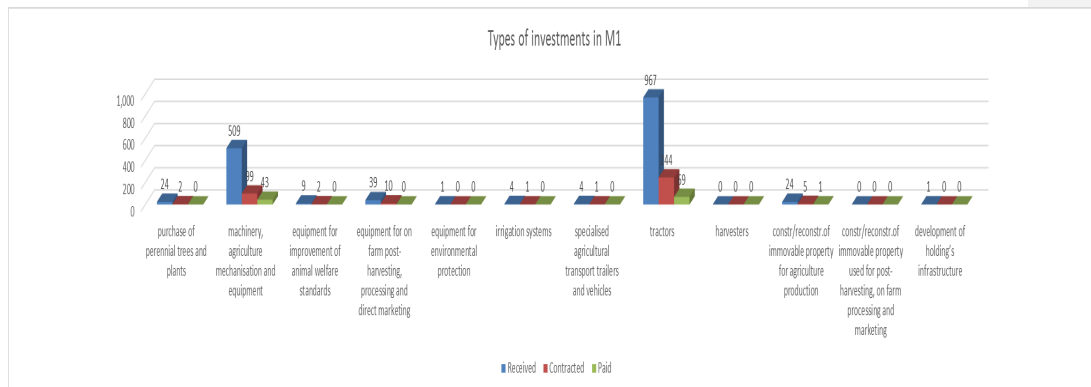




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Greatest interest and utilization of IPARD support for the types of investment activities in measure 1 is primarily for the purchase of equipment and machinery. Smaller, yet significant interest is shown for types of investments in equipment for on-farm post-harvest processing and direct marketing and construction/reconstruction of immovable property for agricultural production.



b. Implementation of Measure 3

Since the start of implementation of the Programme (September 2023), only one public call was announced for this measure (01/2024 in April 2024). Due to the high interest of applicants, although the budget for the measures is higher than in previous public calls, a ranking procedure had to be applied. The process of approval of applications on this call is still open. The approval rate reaches 31%³ at the moment of preparation of this information.

Out of 116 submitted applications, 36 have been contracted (5.540.161 € EU funds) and 8 have been implemented and paid by November 2025 - distributing 750.311 € EU funds to the beneficiaries.

Types of agricultural production concerned by the investments in measure 3⁴:

Type of production	Submitted Applications (A)	Contracted Applications (B)	% (B/A)	Contracted EU part	Paid applications (C)	% (C/A)	Paid EU part
Milk processing	4	2	50%	83.803	0	0%	0
Meat processing	11	3	27%	133.294	0	0%	0
F&W processing	31	6	19%	1.573.457	0	0%	0
Cereals milling	14	3	21%	967.740	0	0%	0
Oils and fats	2	1	50%	33.957	0	0%	0
Wineries	15	2	13%	213.372	0	0%	0
Livestock feed	2	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Other Annex 1 Treaty products	35	7	20%	387.043	0	0%	0

Regarding the types of activities and eligible costs financed through this measure, the IPARD Managing Authority is not able to conduct an adequate analysis of the situation since the data received from the Agency for monitoring such indicators are insufficient.

³ Approval rate on previous IPARD II Programme M3 public calls: 54% - 01/2017, 60% - 01/2018, 80% - 02/2019, 66% - 01/2022 and 67% - 01/2023.

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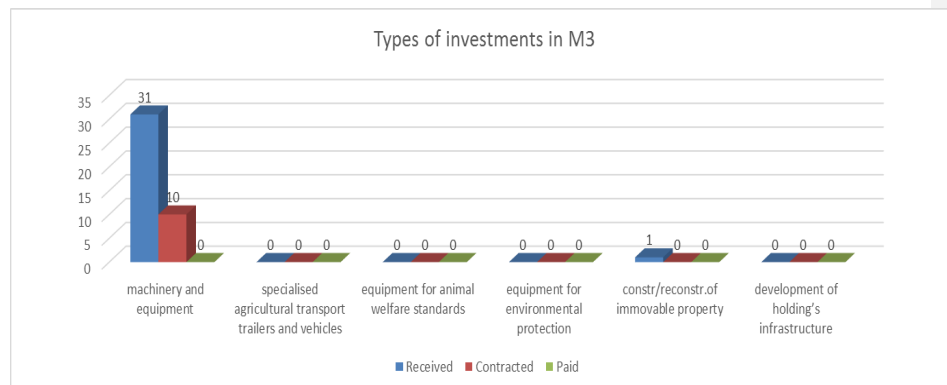




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For more than 80 applications the main type of investment is unknown and, as such, are reported to the IPARD Managing Authority. In this respect, improvements in the system for collection and delivery of information for implementation of the Programme in the Agency is needed.



c. Implementation of Measure 7

Two public calls were published for this measure. On the first public call (01/2023), the IPARD Agency approved 48 applications (EU contribution of 7.860.711 €). The approval rate reached 19 %. The number of paid applications on this call reached 24 (EU contribution of 1.726.254 €).

Approval of applications submitted on the second public call is still ongoing. By November 2025, 8 applications are contracted (EU contribution of 436.990 €) and 1 application is paid (EU contribution of 98.329 €).

Types of agricultural production concerned by the investments in measure 7⁵:

Type of production	Submitted Applications (A)	Contracted Applications (B)	% (B/A)	Contracted EU part	Paid applications (C)	% (C/A)	Paid EU part
Cultivation of mushrooms and truffles	2	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Horticulture	3	1	33%	18.698	1		18.667
Seeds and seedlings materials	2	1	50%	373.694	0	0%	0
Animal breeding	3	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Bee keeping	51	2	4%	15.391	0	0%	0
Herbs, spices, aromatic crops	5	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Processing of mushrooms and truffles	3	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Processing of herbs, aromatic, spices	3	1	33%	209.577	0	0%	0
Production of beverages	12	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Food for pets	94	20	21%	2.927.016	8	9%	583.966
Craft activities	23	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Repair and maintenance services	6	1	0%	312.190	0	0%	0

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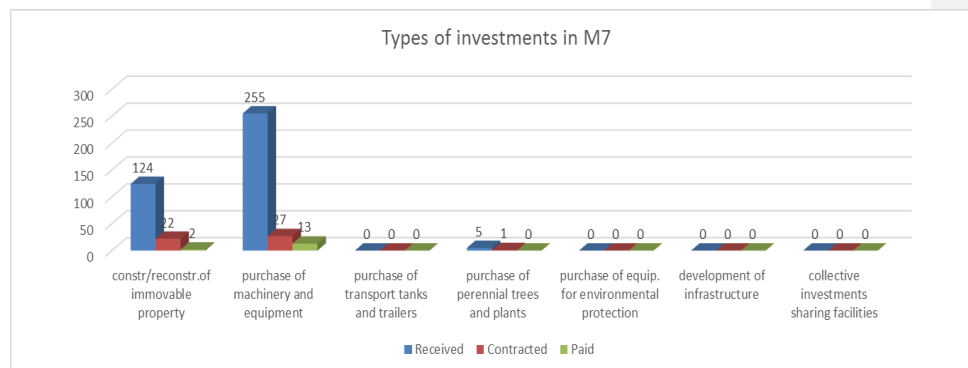


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Landscape services	14	2	14%	67.077	2		63.727
Residential nursing services	3	2	67%	855.583	0	0%	0
Cinema, local broadcasting	1	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Veterinary services	13	1	8%	10.801	0	0%	0
Repair of agri mechanization services	2	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Rental of agri mechanization services	16	4	25%	478.357	1	6%	104.701
Tourist accommodation	68	9	13%	1.615.428	3	4%	357.254
Catering services	30	3	10%	486.161	0	0%	0
Combined services (accommodation and catering)	23	3	13%	585.981	0	0%	0
Tasting rooms/selling points	2	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Seminars and trainings	2	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Recreational activities	2	0	0%	0	0	0%	0
Production of energy (solar, wind, water)	2	0	0%	0	0	0%	0

In this measure interest prevails in investing in the construction and reconstruction of operational facilities for the corresponding economic activities and investments in specialized equipment for processing.



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