

Progress with preparation for IPARD III



What is IPARD?

- IPARD = EU Pre-accession Assistance for Rural Development
- Part of Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA), managed by NEAR
- Aims at making their agricultural sector and rural areas more sustainable, aligning them with the EU's common agricultural policy
- Total budget (IPARD II) ~**EUR 1.1 billion** (~10% of IPA), managed by AGRI via indirect management
- Funding allocated per country on the basis of adopted country specific IPARD Programmes for entrusted measures

Geographic scope of IPARD

IPARD I - Turkey, North Macedonia, **Croatia**

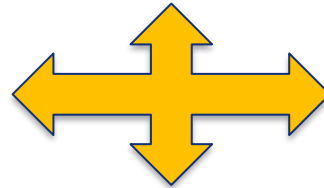
IPARD II & IPARD III - Turkey, North Macedonia, **Albania, Montenegro, Serbia**

Potential IPARD beneficiaries – Kosovo*, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Implementing IPARD: a balancing act

Designated
funds reaching
beneficiaries

Ensuring the EU
tax-payers'
money is well
spent



Increasing
compliance
with EU
standards

Building-up
institutional
capacities in
the countries

Challenges to agriculture in the region

- Small and fragmented farms
- Low efficiency in farming
- Basic processing capacity
- Low level of technical knowledge and technological development
- Lack of investments
- Poor R&D capability
- Out-migration from rural areas
- Lack of cooperation and trust due to the past
- Environment and climate - low political priority

Entrustment of budget implementation tasks

Upcoming entrustment request

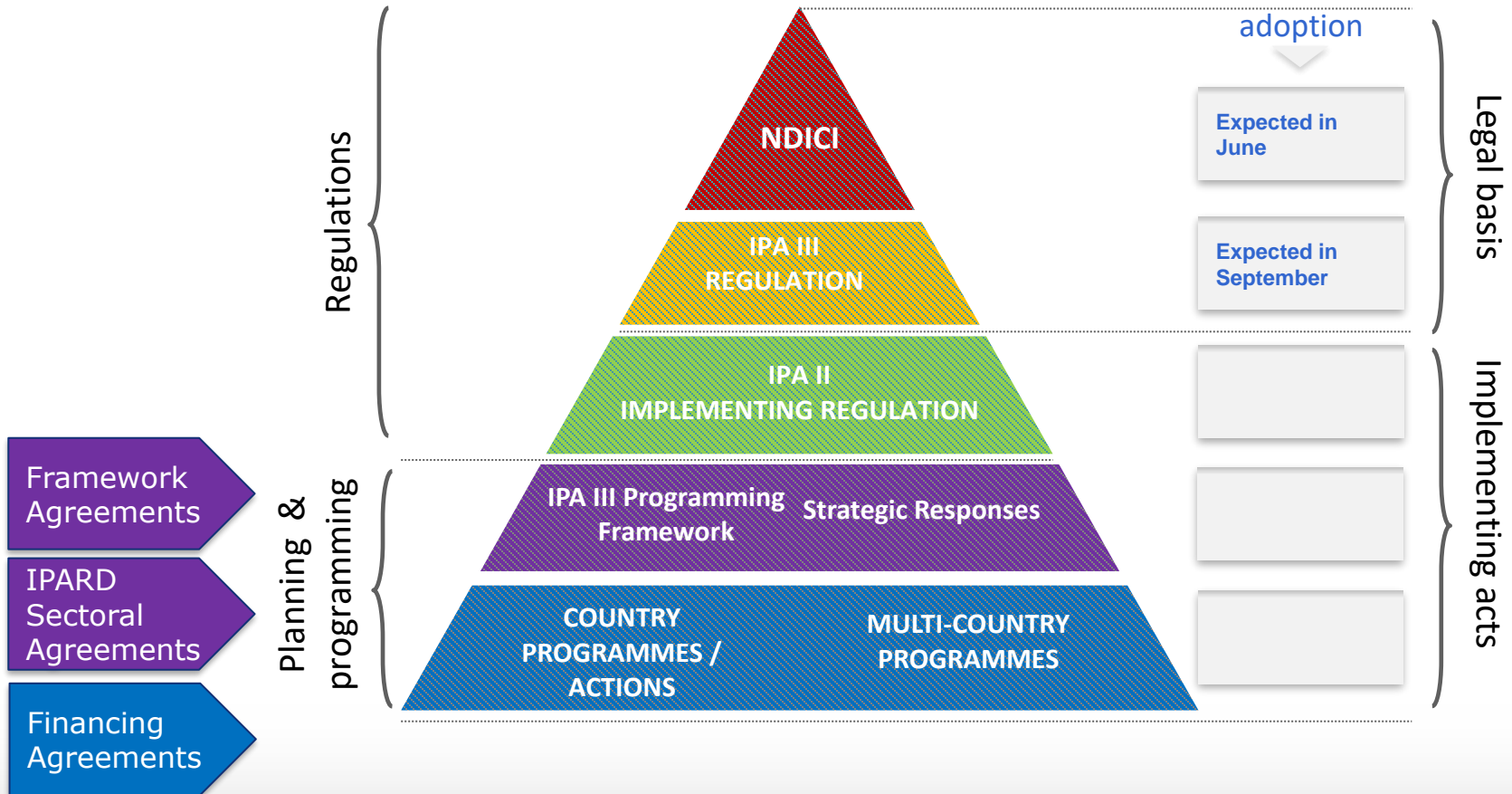
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No	Measures
1	Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings
3	Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products
4	Agri-environment- climate and organic farming measure
5	Implementation of local development strategies – LEADER approach
6	Investments in Rural Public Infrastructure
7	Farm diversification and business development
9	Technical assistance
Budget (in million EUR)	

AL	ME	MK	RS	TR
71	39	60	175	601

IPA/IPARD III architecture



IPARD III – in the process

- IPA III Regulation – in the process of adoption
- Budget – similar to IPARD II
- Next:
 - ✓ **IPA Implementing Regulation,**
 - ✓ **Programming Framework,**
 - ✓ **Framework and Sectoral Agreements**
 - ✓ **Financing Agreement**

IPARD III - done

- Drafted Guidance documents, revised and agreed measure fiches
- Link to Green Agenda for the WB, e.g.,
 - ✓ **Manure and waste management, organic farming, modernisation of assets and farming methods, sustainable use of natural resources**
- Two new measures proposed:
 - ✓ **Financial instruments and**
 - ✓ **Innovation and knowledge transfer**

IPARD III – List of measures (I)

M1-Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings (5+0)

M2-Support for the setting up of producer groups (0)

M3-Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products (5+0)

M4-Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure (1+4)

M5-Implementation of local development strategies - LEADER approach (1+4)

M6-Investments in rural public infrastructure (0+5)

IPARD III – List of measures (II)

M7-Farm diversification and business development (5+0)

M8-Improvement of skills and competences (0)

M9-Technical assistance (4+1)

M10-Advisory services (0+3)

M11-Establishment and protection of forests (0+3)

M12-Financial instruments (0)

M13-Promotion of cooperation for innovation and knowledge transfer (0)

What is next?

- Drafting and public consultation on IPARD III Programmes, Ex-ante assessment
- Submission of draft IPARD III Programmes to the European Commission – second half of September 2021
- Adoption of IPARD III Programmes – December 2021
- Start of IPARD III implementation - 2022

Thank you!

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