

PRIOR NOTIFICATION

for issuing Public Call 02/2019 for submission of applications for allocation of funds from Measure 3 Investments in physical assets for processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products in the area of agriculture and rural development policies under the European Union Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPARD Program 2014-2020)

The Government of the Republic of North Macedonia and the Agency for Financial Support of the Agriculture and Rural Development hereby notify all interested legal persons that **in the second half of December 2019 shall be published Public Call** for submission of applications for allocation of funds from **Measure 3 Investments in physical assets for processing and marketing of fishery and agriculture products** under the European Union Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPARD Program 2014-2020).

The objective of the IPARD Program 2014-2020 is through adequate measures for support of the agriculture and rural development to provide improvement of the competitiveness of the agriculture production and the agro-food sector via their harmonization with the European Union standards and achieve sustainable environmental and socio-economic development in the rural areas via increasing the economic activity and the employment opportunities.

The funds under **Measure 3 Investments in physical assets for processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products** from the IPARD Program 2014 -2020 in reference to this Public Call in December 2019 supports the following types of investments:

- **Investments in physical assets for processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products**
 - Milk and dairy products
 - Meat and meat products (including eggs and poultry)
 - Fruit and vegetables (including potatoes, mushrooms and leguminous crops)
 - Cereal, milling and starch products
 - Vegetable and animal oil and fats
 - Grape must, wine and vinegar
 - Production of energy via plants for processing of vegetable and animal products from primary and secondary bio-mass, with exception of bio-mass from fishery products

The rules for allocation of funds under the IPARD Program 2014–2020 foresee prior signing of Contract between the potential Beneficiaries and the Agency for Financial Support of the Agriculture and Rural Development and implementation of the approved investment according previously agreed terms. On-the-spot control and the supervision of the Contract implementation shall be performed by authorized persons from the Agency for Financial Support of the Agriculture and Rural Development as well as relevant Institutions from the Republic of North Macedonia for managing, implementation and control of IPARD funds and the European Union.



The method and the procedure for allocation of funds under the IPARD Program 2014-2020 are stipulated in the Decree on the manner and the procedure for allocation of financial support for rural development measures funded under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance for Rural Development of the European Union).

The announcement shall be valid **45 days** from the date of publishing the Public Call in the daily newspapers.

NOTICE: The application which does not have all required documents at the moment of submitting the application shall be rejected by the Agency as incomplete. The necessary documentation for preparing and submitting applications, including the Guideline for Beneficiaries of funds under Measure 3 **Investments in physical assets for processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products** will be updated and announced on the Agency's web page before publishing of the Public Call.

The interested parties can obtain more detail information on the type of investments, the criteria for obtaining financial assistance, the aid intensity per measures at the Agency for Financial Support for Agriculture and Rural Development

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The interested agriculture producers can obtain free-of-charge information for the development and submission of applications as well as practical advices for the applying process at the regional centers of the Agency for Development of the Agriculture of RM (The contact list of the regional centers and appointed contact persons is published on the web pages of the relevant institutions.)