



**The Government of the Republic of North Macedonia -
Agency for Financial Support of the Agriculture and Rural Development**

On the basis of article 9 paragraph 1 point (b) from the Law on ratification of the Sectoral Agreement signed by and between the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the Commission of the European Communities for stipulating provisions for management and implementation of the EU financial assistance to the R. Macedonia under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance in the policy areas for “Agriculture and Rural Development (IPARD) (Official Gazette of RM no.38/2016) on the basis of Part II Measure “Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products” point 11 of the Programme for allocation of funds from the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance for Rural Development of the European Union (IPARD 2014-2020) (Official Gazette no.177/2016) and on the basis of article 6 from the Decree on the manner and the procedure for allocation of the financial assistance for the rural development measures funded under the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 (Official Gazette of RM no.64/2016) and Article 4 from the Decree on amending the Decree on the manner and the procedure for allocation of the financial assistance for the rural development measures funded under the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 (Official Gazette of RM no.58 /of 19.03.2019)

The Agency for Financial Support of the Agriculture and the Rural Development

On 04.08.2023 hereby announces

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS No.01/2023

for submitting applications for allocation of funds under Measure 3 “**Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products**” from the IPARD Program 2014-2020

1. The Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development (hereinafter: The Agency) as the relevant institution and contracting authority for the implementation of the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance for Rural Development (IPARD) invites all interested natural and legal parties from the Republic of North Macedonia to submit applications for allocation of funds from the IPARD Program 2014-2020 for the following measure:

Measure 3. Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products

Under this Public Call are not eligible investments in construction works, i.e. construction, extension, upgrading or adaptation of buildings.

With regard to investments related to production of energy from renewable sources, the only acceptable investments are purchase, installation of equipment for production of

energy for its own needs. All other investments for production of energy from other renewable sources are not eligible.

For these investments, it is necessary to submit valid approval for installation of equipment for the production of energy from renewable sources when applying for financial support.

For investments in equipment related to some of the above-mentioned priority sectors, which also include construction activities, the costs of construction works are not an eligible cost. For these investments, in the process of application, the applicant is required to submit a valid construction permit for the facility where the equipment subject of the investment is planned to be installed, or confirmation from a relevant institution that the proposed investment does not require a construction permit.

The financial support for this Public Call is comprised of 75% funds by the European Union Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance for Rural Development (IPARD) according to the Financial Agreement 2014-2020 and 25% funds from the Budget of the Republic of North Macedonia.

2. The Financial resources per single application shall be awarded as a non-refundable financial support (grant) in the amount of:

2.1. 50% of the value of the total eligible expenditures for the investments under Measure “**Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products**”.

3. The deadline for submitting applications is 18 September, 2023.

Reference: The Contracts for financial support under this Public Call will be signed only after the approval of an additional 1 year for the implementation of the IPARD Program 2014-2020 by the European Commission i.e. by 31.12.2024.

The total financial support under this call is: 8.818.187,96 euros or 541.877.650,14 denars.

4. Forms and instructions:

The required forms of the “Application for allocation of funds for Measure 3 from the IPARD Program 2014-2020” as well as the “Guidelines for Beneficiaries of funds from the IPARD Program 2014-2020” that comprise all the information on the criteria, eligibility criteria for the projects and the funding conditions as well as any other information necessary for preparing an Application for allocation of funds under the IPARD Program 2014-2020, the Guideline for drafting the Business Plan/Technical Project Proposal and other useful information in electronic form can be downloaded from the Agency’s web address: www.ipardpa.gov.mk.

The printed forms of the application for allocation of funds from the IPARD Program 2014-2020 and Guideline for Beneficiaries of funds of the IPARD Program 2014-2020 can be obtained directly at the following address: **Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural development, Blvd. 3rd Makedonska Brigada No. 20, (Building of Makedonija Tabak, Bloc C), 1000 Skopje** and the nearest regional centers or the work units of the **National Extension Agency**, every working day from **8:30 to 16:30** (The list of regional centers or the work units of the National Extension Agency with contact details is published at the web address: www.ipardpa.gov.mk).

5. Submitting the application:

The Applicant shall fill out and submit an Application for allocation of funds from the IPARD Programme 2014-2020 for the Measure “Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products” and supporting documentation as defined in this Public Call.

The completed application for allocation of funds from the IPARD Program 2014-2020 and all documentation shall be submitted in a sealed envelope. The front of the envelope, in the upper left corner, should have an indication "DO NOT OPEN", for Public Call IPARD, number 01/2023 and indication of the measure for which the application is sent. The application can be sent via registered mail or in person to the Archive of the Agency.

Upon completion of the investment, the applicant is obliged to submit to the Agency a claim for payment within the deadline stipulated in the Contract for allocation of funds.

Claim for payment is a standardized form that the beneficiaries receive when signing the Contract for financial support. The Claim for payment will also be available at the Agency's premises and can be downloaded from the Agency's website

Note: For the purpose of performing the on-the-spot controls by the Agency, the applicant should have copies of the overall documentation submitted to the Agency.

More detail contact information can be obtained at: telephone (02) 3097-460 or the email address: ipardpa.info@ipardpa.gov.mk and the website: www.ipardpa.gov.mk.