



## NOTIFICATION

### for issuing a Public Announcement for submission of applications for using financial support from the Fifth Component under the Instrument for Pre-accession Aid for Rural Development from the European Union (IPARD Program 2007-2013)

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the Agency for Financial Support of the Agriculture and the Rural Development hereby notify all interested legal and natural persons that in December, 2009 shall publish the first Public Announcement for submission of applications for using financial support from the Fifth Component under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Aid for Rural Development from the European Union (IPARD Program 2007-2013, "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 83/2009, dated 03.07.2009) for the projected funds for **2007, 2008 and 2009**.

The objective of the IPARD Program 2007-2013 is to provide support, via adequate measures, to the agriculture and the rural development and improve the competition of the agriculture production and the agro-food sector via their harmonization to the European Union standards and achieve sustainable environmental and socio-economic development of the rural areas via increasing the economic activity and the employment opportunities.

The funds under the IPARD Program 2007-2013, projected for **2007, 2008 and 2009** in reference to the Public Announcement from December, 2009 shall be used for the following measures:

Measure 101 – Investments in agriculture holdings with the objective of their restructuring and upgrading to Community standards

Measure 103 – Investments in processing and marketing agriculture and fishery products with the objective of their restructuring and upgrading to Community standards, and

Measure 302 – Diversification and development of the rural economic activities

The projected funds from this Public Announcement are total amount of 24.320.000 EUR out of which 18.240.000 EUR (75%) are contributions from the EU and 6.080.000 EUR (25%) are contributions from the Budget of the Republic of Macedonia.

The rules for using the funds under the IPARD Program 2007—2013 assume signing of a Contract with the potential Beneficiaries, which are obliged to implement the approved investment. On-the-spot control and the supervision of the Contract implementation shall be performed by authorized persons from the relevant Institutions from the Republic of Macedonia and the European Union.

The method and the procedure for using the funds under the IPARD Program 2007-2013 are stipulated in the *Decree on the manner and the procedure for using financial support for rural development measures financed under the Fifth Component - Instrument for Pre-accession Aid for Rural Development from the European Union* (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no.112/2009 dated 09.09.2009)

The Public Announcement shall be valid from the day of publishing the Public Announcement in the daily newspapers.

More detail information on the type of investments, the criteria for obtaining financial support, the amount of the support per measures, the information for preparing and submission of applications as well as practical advices for the process of applying, the interested parties can obtain in the regional centers at the Agency for support of the agricultural development.

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