



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

On the basis of Annex A Clause bb paragraph 1 point b from the Law on ratification of the Framework Agreement for financial partnership signed by and between the Commission of the European Communities and the Republic of North Macedonia represented by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for stipulating the specific procedures for implementation of the EU financial assistance to the Republic of North Macedonia under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance IPA 3 (Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia no.235/22) and on the basis of the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 and article 6 from the Decree on the manner and the procedure for allocation of financial assistance for rural development measures funded under the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 (Official Gazette of RM no.88/23)

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

On 13.04.2024 hereby announces

Call for Applications No.01/2024
for submitting applications for allocation under the IPARD Program 2021-2027

PART I

1. The Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development (hereinafter: The Agency) as relevant institution and contracting authority for 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 2021-2027 for the following measures:

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

2. 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 IPARD Programme 2021-2027 and 25% funds from the Budget of the Republic of North Macedonia.
3. **The Financial resources per single application** shall be awarded as a non-refundable financial support (grant) in the amount of:
 - 3.1. 50% of the value of the total eligible expenditures for the investments under Measure 3 – **Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of fishery products.**
 - 3.2 The percentage shall be increased up to 60% for:
 - Investments in buildings to improve the energy efficiency (ex. Use of construction materials which reduce heat loss)

- Investments in buildings/equipment for production of bio-energy in case of processing products (raw materials) covered by Annex I to the Treaty (processing of animal or plant primary and secondary biomass);
- Investments in buildings/equipment for production of energy from other renewable energy sources to meet the own energy needs of processing enterprises;
- Investments in buildings/equipment for waste, water/sewerage treatment;
- Investments in productive use of waste materials – circular economy.
- Collective investments - Extra aid support under this measure is applicable to fruit and vegetable sector, wine sector, milk and dairy sector, as well as to collective investments for quality products with prospects to be registered as products with designation of origin and/or geographical indication.

The maximum level of aid for collective investments is 70%.

4. The deadline for submitting applications is 28.05.2024.

The total financial support under this Call for Measure 3 - Investment in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agriculture and fishery products is 14.013.333 euros or 863.781.846,00 denars.

5. Forms and instructions:

The required forms of the “Application for allocation of funds for Measure 3” – from the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 and the "Guidelines for Beneficiaries of funds for Measure 3 from the IPARD Programme 2021-2027 which comprises all information on the criteria, eligibility requirements 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 2021-2027, the Guidelines 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 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).

6. Submitting the application:

The Applicant shall fill out and submit an Application for allocation of funds for the individual measure, Business Plan or Technical Proposal developed according to the Guidelines for drafting the Business Plan/Technical Project Proposal and supporting documentation as specified in this Public Call.

The completed application for allocation of funds for the relevant measure along with the Business Plan/Technical Project Proposal and the overall 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 Programme 2021-2027 number 01/2024 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.

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, 070/229-434 (Sector for Project Approval) or the email address: ipardpa.info@ipardpa.gov.mk and the website: www.ipardpa.gov.mk.