

PRIOR NOTIFICATION

for issuing Public Call 02/2012 for submission of applications for allocation of funds from Component V under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance of the European Union (IPARD Program 2007-2013)

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the Agency for Financial Support of the Agriculture and Rural Development hereby notify all interested legal and natural persons that **in the second half of September 2012 shall be published** Public Call for submission of applications for allocation of funds from Component V under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance of the European Union (IPARD Program 2007-2013, "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no. 83/2009, dated 03.07.2009).

The objective of the IPARD Program 2007-2013 is to provide through adequate measures for support of the agriculture and rural development 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 of the rural areas via increasing the economic activity and the employment opportunities.

The funds under the IPARD Program 2007-2013 in reference to this Public Call for submission of applications for allocation of funds to be published in September 2012 relate to the following measures:

Measure 101 – Investments in agriculture holdings for their restructuring and upgrading to the Community standards

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

Measure 302 – Diversification and development of the rural economic activities

The rules for allocation of funds under the IPARD Program 2007—2013 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 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 2007-2013 are stipulated in the Decree on the manner and the procedure for using financial support for rural development measures funded under Component V - Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance for Rural Development of the European Union ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" no.33 dated 08.03.2012)

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

NOTICE: The necessary documentation for preparing and submitting applications, including the Guideline for Beneficiaries of funds from the IPARD Program 2007-2013 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:

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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.)

