

3rd MODIFICATION PROPOSALS TABLE FOR IPARD III PROGRAMME

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8	8.1.d (1)	115	(j) the purchase of agricultural production rights, animals, annual plants and their planting; 	(j) the purchase of agricultural production rights, animals, except for animals for rearing endangered breeds supported under the agri-environment-climate commitments, annual plants and their planting; (m) the purchase of combine harvesters and vehicles, except for specialised vehicles directly relevant for the objectives of a supported investment as provided in the IPARD III programme.
M1-INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS OF AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS				
8	8.3.1.8 Specific Eligibility Criteria	126		For dairy and red meat sectors, the provisions of the Regulation on Agricultural Production Planning N°32309, published in the Official Gazette of 14 September 2023, and of the 'Animal Production Planning Decision' of the Agricultural Production Planning Board will be applied. These provisions cover the establishment of new agricultural holdings and modernisation of existing agricultural holdings in Animal Production Planning regions. Based on those provisions, in provinces and districts with agricultural water restrictions determined in the above-mentioned Regulation and Decision, the establishment of new cattle breeding agricultural holdings in both milk and meat sectors is not allowed.
8	8.3.1.8 Specific Eligibility Criteria	127		For poultry meat production all sub-sectors, establishment of new agricultural holdings will be eligible in the provinces newly included in the scope of

			 • Poultry Meat Production (Only active existing agricultural holdings without increasing their capacity can apply)	support in IPARD III Programme Modernisation with or without an increase in capacity of existing agricultural holdings will be eligible in all provinces. • Poultry Meat Production (Only active existing agricultural holdings without increasing their capacity can apply)
8	8.3.1.10 Selection Criteria	131	1) The total amount of eligible expenditure; (15 points) -For milk, red meat and egg sector; • more than 400.000 EUR: 0 points • between 300.000 and 400.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 200.000 and 300.000 (included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 200.000 EUR: 15 points For broiler and turkey in poultry sector: • more than 200.000 EUR: 0 points • between 150.000 and 200.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 100.000 and 150.000 (included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 100.000 EUR: 15 points	1) The total amount of eligible expenditure; (15 points) -For milk and red meat sector • more than 500.000 EUR: 0 points • between 350.000 and 500.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 200.000 and 350.000 (included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 200.000 EUR: 15 points -For milk, red meat and egg sector; • more than 400.000 EUR: 0 points • between 300.000 and 400.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 200.000 and 300.000 (included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 200.000 EUR: 15 points -For broiler and turkey in poultry sector: • more than 300.000 EUR: 0 points • between 250.000 and 300.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 200.000 and 250.000 (included) EUR: 10 points

			-For the geese in poultry sector: • more than 100.000 EUR: 0 points • between 60.000 and 100.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 25.000 and 60.000 (included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 25.000 EUR: 15 points 2) If the applicant has an organic farming certificate in the applied sector (10 points) 3) If the applicant is the owner of investment implementation area (15 points) 4)- 5) If the applicant has not signed a contract under IPARD Program (20 points) 6) If the applicant or its legal representative (for legal entities) is woman (10 points) 7) If the applicant is a natural person or producer organization or the legal entities whose majority shareholder is a producer organization (20 points)	• equal or less than 200.000 EUR: 15 points -For the geese in poultry sector: • more than 100.000 EUR: 0 points • between 60.000 and 100.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 25.000 and 60.000 (included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 25.000 EUR: 15 points 2) If the applicant has an organic farming certificate in the applied sector (10 points) 3) If the applicant is the owner of investment implementation area (10 15 Points) 4) If the investment is to be implemented in the area within the Agricultural Production Planning regions, Or in the provinces newly included in the scope of support in IPARD III Programme and/or in S4 provinces* determined by AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (10 Points) 5) If the applicant has not signed a contract under IPARD Program (20 Points) 6) If the applicant or its legal representative (for legal entities) is woman (for legal entities provided that such legal representative holds at least 50% of the shares in that legal entity (except cooperatives and producer organizations) (10 Points) 7) If the applicant is a natural person or producer organization or the legal entities whose majority shareholder is a producer organization (20 points)
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			8) If the investment includes generation of renewable energy (10 points)	Status of the Applicant; (15 points) - If the applicant is a legal entity: 0 points - If the applicant is a natural person: 5 points - If the applicant is a producer organization or the legal entities whose majority shareholder (partnership share is more than 50%) is a producer organization: 10 points - If the applicant is a producer organization or the legal entities whose majority shareholder (partnership share is more than 50%) is a producer organization (with "First Degree Agricultural Purpose Organization Certificate"): 15 points 8) If the investment includes generation of renewable energy (10 points) <i>*S4 Provinces is the level where international support is needed. Provinces where the ratio of heavily damaged, collapsed and urgently demolished independent sections to the number of independent sections before the earthquake is greater than 20%.</i>
8	8.3.1.11. Aid Intensity and EU Contribution Rate	133	The minimum and maximum limits for total value of eligible investments per project are EUR 20 000 and EUR 500 000 (the upper limit for milk and red meat is EUR 750 000) the upper limit for poultry is EUR 250 000, the upper limit for geese farms is EUR 125000).	The minimum and maximum limits for total value of eligible investments per project are EUR 20 000 and EUR 500 000 (the upper limit for milk and red meat is EUR 750 000) the upper limit for poultry is EUR 250 375 000, the upper limit for geese farms is EUR 125 000).
M3-INVESTMENTS IN PHYSICAL ASSETS CONCERNING PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS				
8	8.3.2.8 Specific Eligibility Criteria	148	-	Investments should be in line with tea included under Council Regulation No 1308/2013, Annex I, Part XXIV: Other products. CN code 0902)
8	8.3.2.8 Specific Eligibility	148	Enterprise should meet the conditions foreseen by the	Enterprise should meet the conditions foreseen by the

	Criteria		Law No: 5957 “Regulating the Trade of Fruit and Vegetables and Other Products with Sufficient Supply and Demand Depth” and its subsequent modifications (except for the investments related to only drying and/or freezing).	Law No: 5957 “Regulating the Trade of Fruit and Vegetables and Other Products with Sufficient Supply and Demand Depth” and its subsequent modifications (except for the investments related to only drying and/or freezing and olive oil and table olive products)
8	8.3.2.9 Eligible Expenditure Common to all sectors	148	One refrigerated truck per project without curb weight limitation or maximum of 2 refrigerated trucks, each with a maximum curb weight of 8 tons per project or maximum of 3 refrigerated vehicles each with an curb weight of 3,5 tons per project. Total cooling capacity cannot exceed 90 m ³ per project.	One refrigerated truck per project without curb weight limitation or maximum of 2 refrigerated trucks, each with a maximum curb weight of 8 tons per project or maximum of 3 refrigerated vehicles each with an curb weight of 3,5 tons per project. Total cooling capacity cannot exceed 90 m³ per project.
8	8.3.2.9 Eligible expenditure Milk Processing	148	Investments for homogenization, pasteurization, packaging, cooling, and storing of milk and milk products, including refrigerated trucks and cooling equipment	Investments for homogenization, pasteurization, packaging, cooling, and storing of milk and milk products, including refrigerated trucks and cooling equipment
8	8.3.2.9 Eligible expenditure Meat Processing	149	Refrigerated trucks, cold storage and cooling equipment for cutting plants and/or processing enterprises.	Refrigerated trucks, cold storage and cooling equipment for cutting plants and/or processing enterprises.
8	8.3.2.9 Eligible expenditures Fruit& Vegetable Processing	149	Refrigerated trucks and cooling equipment.	Refrigerated trucks and cooling equipment.
8	8.3.2.9 Eligible expenditures	149	Purchasing of machinery and equipment for drying and roasting of nuts (Council Regulation No.1308/2013 Annex I, Part IX: Fruit and vegetables list).	Purchasing of machinery and equipment for drying and roasting of nuts (including peanuts) (Council Regulation No.1308/2013 Annex I, Part IX: Fruit and vegetables list).
8	8.3.2.9 Eligible expenditure Fish Processing	150	Machinery or equipment for cooling, including refrigerated trucks, processing, packaging and marketing of fishery products.	Machinery or equipment for cooling, including refrigerated trucks, processing, packaging and marketing of fishery products.

8	8.3.2.10 Selection Criteria	151	1) The total amount of eligible expenditure (15 Points); -For milk, meat and egg processing; • More than 1.500.000 EUR: 0 point • Between 1.000.000 and 1.500.000 EUR: 5 points • Between 500.000 and 1.000.000 EUR: 10 points • Equal or less than 500.000 EUR: 15 Points -Milk collection centers; • More than 600.000 EUR: 0 point • Between 400.000 and 600,000 EUR: 5 points • Between 200.000 and 400,000 EUR: 10 points • Equal or less than 200,000 EUR: 15 points -Fruit and vegetables; • More than 750.000 EUR: 0 point • Between 500.000 and 750.000 EUR: 5 points • Between 250.000 and 500,000 EUR: 10 points • Equal or less than 250,000 EUR: 15 points -Fish processing; • More than 1.000.000 EUR: 0 point • Between 750.000 and 1.000.000 EUR: 5 points • Between 500.000 and 750.000 EUR: 10 points • Equal or less than 500,000 EUR: 15points	1)The total amount of eligible expenditure (15 Points); -For milk, meat and egg processing; • More than 1.500.000 EUR: 0 point • Between 1.000.000 and 1.500.000 EUR (included) : 5 points • Between 500.000 and 1.000.000 EUR (included): 10 points • Equal or less than 500.000 EUR: 15 Points -Milk collection centers; • More than 600.000 EUR: 0 point • Between 400.000 and 600,000 EUR (included): 5 points • Between 200.000 and 400,000 EUR (included): 10 points • Equal or less than 200,000 EUR: 15 points -Fruit and vegetables; • More than 750.000 EUR: 0 point • Between 500.000 and 750.000 EUR (included): 5 points • Between 250.000 and 500,000 EUR (included) : 10 points • Equal or less than 250,000 EUR: 15 points -Fish processing; • More than 1.000.000 EUR: 0 point • Between 750.000 and 1.000.000 EUR (included) : 5 points • Between 500.000 and 750.000 EUR (included): 10 points • Equal or less than 500,000 EUR: 15 points
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			2)- 3) If the applicant has not signed a contract under IPARD Program (20 Points) 4) If the applicant has an organic farming certificate in the relevant sector (20 Points) 5) If the applicant (in case of natural person himself/herself, in legal entities the person who has the authority to represent and bind the legal person) is woman (10 Points) 6) If the applicant is a producer organisation or the legal entity whose majority shareholder is a producer organization (15 Points) 7) If the investment includes energy saving actions, renewable energy production, waste management (waste treatment, waste recovery/reuse), waste water treatment or the investment is circular economy-type (20 Points)	2) If the investment application area is in the provinces newly included in the scope of support in IPARD III Programme and/or in S4 provinces* determined by AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency) (10 Points) 3) If the applicant has not signed a contract under IPARD Program (20 points) 4) If the applicant has an organic farming certificate in the relevant sector (2010 points) 5) If the applicant (in case of natural person himself/herself, in case of legal entities the person who has the authority to represent and bind the legal entity and owns at least 50% of the shares in that legal entity) (except cooperatives and producer organizations) is woman (10 Points) 6) If the applicant is a producer organisation or the legal entity whose majority shareholder is a producer organization (15 Points) If the applicant is; (20 points) - a producer organization or the legal entities whose majority shareholder (partnership share is more than 50%) is a producer organization: 15 points - a producer organization or the legal entities whose majority shareholder (partnership share is more than 50%) is a producer organization (with "First Degree Agricultural Purpose Organization Certificate"): 20 points 7) If the investment includes energy saving actions, renewable energy production, waste management (waste treatment, waste recovery/reuse), waste water treatment or the investment is circular economy-type (15 Points)
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M4- AGRI-ENVIRONMENT-CLIMATE AND ORGANIC FARMING MEASURE				
8	8.3.3.9.1 Principles and methodology Table 64. Calculation of transaction costs for the AE	182	Current Table 64	Revised Table 64 (Annex 2)
8	8.3.3.9.2 Payments calculations	183	The figures used for the payments calculation might be updated every year following the data from the TURKSTAT concerning inflation rate in December of the year before the starting date of the annual application period. From the second year of the implementation, every year a premium level might be modified (indexed) depending on changes to official inflation rate as published by in the links below: Republic of Türkiye Central Bank: https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/ Turkish Statistical Institute: http://www.turkstat.gov.tr/UstMenu.do?metod=temelist	The figures used for the payments calculation might be updated every year in line with the data received regarding the latest inflation rate published by TURKSTAT before the start date of the annual application period. From the second year of the implementation Every year a premium level might be modified (indexed) depending on changes to official inflation rate as published by in the links below: Republic of Türkiye Central Bank: https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/ Turkish Statistical Institute: http://www.turkstat.gov.tr/UstMenu.do?metod=temelist
8	8.3.3.9.2 Payments calculations	183	Major agronomic assumptions for calculations of “management of soil cover and soil erosion control” sub-measure: Payments	Major agronomic assumptions for calculations of “management of soil cover and soil erosion control” sub-measure: Payments

			Level of support - For package 1: Annual payments of 4 742.1 TL /ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 300 TL advisory service used only in the first year) - For package 2: Annual payment of 3 844.74 TL /ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 300 TL advisory service used only in the first year) Major agronomic assumptions for calculations of “biodiversity-enhancing the Great Bustard population” sub-measure Payments Level of support - For the Package 1: Annual payments of 4 374.72 TL/ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 300 TL advisory service used only in the first year) - For the Package 2: Annual payments of 4 038.48 TL/ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 300 TL advisory service used only in the first year) - For the Package 3: Annual payments of 6 507.36 TL/ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 300 TL advisory service used only in the first year).	Level of support - For package 1: Annual payments of 4 742.1 TL /ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 3000 TL advisory service used only in the first year) - For package 2: Annual payment of 3 844.74 TL /ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 3000 TL advisory service used only in the first year) Major agronomic assumptions for calculations of “biodiversity-enhancing the Great Bustard population” sub-measure Payments Level of support - For the Package 1: Annual payments of 4 374.72 TL/ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 3000 TL advisory service used only in the first year) - For the Package 2: Annual payments of 4 038.48 TL/ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 3000 TL advisory service used only in the first year) - For the Package 3: Annual payments of 6 507.36 TL/ha + transaction costs of 45 TL/year (including 3000 TL advisory service used only in the first year).
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8	8.3.3.14 Administrative Procedure	185	In case of the applications concerning the areas with a lease contract, an annotation blocking the possible sales within 5-year implementation period shall be added to certificate of ownership.	In case of the applications concerning the areas with a lease contract, an annotation blocking the possible sales within 5 year implementation period shall be added to certificate of ownership.
M5- IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES - LEADER APPROACH				
3	3.5 Preparation and Implementation of Local Development Strategies – LEADER	45	In Türkiye, there are currently 50 LAGs established in 12 IPARD provinces. Implementation processes for Local Development Strategies (LDS) in these LAGs are covered by the budget of LEADER measure. A new process was launched to disseminate information about LEADER approach, to raise awareness in the local community of potential LAGs to be established and help prepare LDSs in additional 15 IPARD provinces, namely, Balıkesir, Burdur, Bursa, Çankırı, Elazığ, Erzincan, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, Karaman, Kütahya, Mardin, Muş, Uşak and Yozgat. It is planned to establish minimum 60 LAGS and prepare LDSs in these 15 IPARD provinces during this process.	In Türkiye, there are currently 50 LAGs established in 12 IPARD provinces. Implementation processes for Local Development Strategies (LDS) in these LAGs are covered by the budget of LEADER measure. A new process was launched to disseminate information about LEADER approach, to raise awareness in the local community of potential LAGs to be established and help prepare LDSs in additional 15 IPARD provinces, namely, Balıkesir, Burdur, Bursa, Çankırı, Elazığ, Erzincan, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, Karaman, Kütahya, Mardin, Muş, Uşak and Yozgat. It is planned to establish minimum 60 LAGS and prepare LDSs in these 15 IPARD provinces during this process. Within the scope of IPARD II Programme, 2 application call announcements were made for LEADER Approach. 49 Local Action Groups were established in 12 IPARD provinces (Ankara, Amasya, Çanakkale, Çorum, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Erzurum, Kastamonu, Manisa, Ordu, Ordu and Samsun, Şanlıurfa) within the scope of the 7th call for applications and in 14 IPARD provinces (Balıkesir, Burdur, Bursa, Çankırı, Elazığ, Erzincan, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, Karaman, Kütahya, Muş, Uşak and Yozgat) within the scope of the 12th call for applications. 51 Local Action Groups were found eligible for support. In the IPARD II programme, a total of 100 Local Action Groups (LAGs) were established at local level in 26 IPARD provinces (49 in the 1st phase and 51 in the 2nd phase) and the implementation processes of the Local Development Strategies of these groups were covered

				from the LEADER Measure budget.
8	8.3.4.3 Rationale	184	During the 2014-2020 IPARD II period, efforts were intensified, and LEADER was expanded to include the provinces of Ankara, Amasya, Çanakkale, Denizli, Diyarbakir, Erzurum, Kastamonu, Manisa, Ordu and Samsun. With the letter of the Commission dated 20.02.2019, it was specified that “Türkiye’s application for the delegation of authority to execute the budget for the LEADER measure has been approved and the process may be initiated once the revised Financing Agreement enters into force” and thus, the LEADER measure was accredited. In Türkiye, there are currently 49 LAG, which were established at the local level in 12 IPARD provinces and which signed a contract in 2020. The implementation of LDS by the LAGs continues with funds provided by the LEADER budget. With the aim of expanding the LEADER approach, a new project has been initiated in order to provide information about the LEADER approach, to facilitate the preparation of LDSs in an attempt to create motivation and raise local awareness regarding the potential LAGs to be established in 15 further IPARD provinces (Balıkesir, Burdur, Bursa, Çankiri, Elazığ, Erzincan, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, Karaman, Kütahya, Mardin, Muş, Uşak and Yozgat). Within the scope of this new project, there are 49 LAGs established at local level in 14 IPARD provinces, and signed contracts in 2022 and 2023. The implementation of LDS	During the 2014 2020 IPARD II period, efforts were intensified, and LEADER was expanded to include the provinces of Ankara, Amasya, Çanakkale, Denizli, Diyarbakir, Erzurum, Kastamonu, Manisa, Ordu and Samsun. With the letter of the Commission dated 20.02.2019, it was specified that “Türkiye’s application for the delegation of authority to execute the budget for the LEADER measure has been approved and the process may be initiated once the revised Financing Agreement enters into force” and thus, the LEADER measure was accredited. In Türkiye, there are currently 49 LAG, which were established at the local level in 12 IPARD provinces and which signed a contract in 2020. The implementation of LDS by the LAGs continues with funds provided by the LEADER budget. With the aim of expanding the LEADER approach, a new project has been initiated in order to provide information about the LEADER approach, to facilitate the preparation of LDSs in an attempt to create motivation and raise local awareness regarding the potential LAGs to be established in 15 further IPARD provinces (Balıkesir, Burdur, Bursa, Çankiri, Elazığ, Erzincan, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, Karaman, Kütahya, Mardin, Muş, Uşak and Yozgat). Within the scope of this new project, there are 49 LAGs established at local level in 14 IPARD provinces, and signed contracts in 2022 and 2023. The implementation of LDS

			by LAGs continues with funds provided by the LEADER budget.	by LAGs continues with funds provided by the LEADER budget. Within the scope of IPARD II Programme, 2 application call announcements were made for LEADER Approach. 49 Local Action Groups were established in 12 IPARD provinces (Ankara, Amasya, Çanakkale, Çorum, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Erzurum, Kastamonu, Manisa, Ordu, Ordu and Samsun, Şanlıurfa) within the scope of the 7th call for applications and in 14 IPARD provinces (Balıkesir, Burdur, Bursa, Çankırı, Elazığ, Erzincan, Giresun, Hatay, Isparta, Karaman, Kütahya, Muş, Uşak and Yozgat) within the scope of the 12th call for applications. 51 Local Action Groups were found eligible for support. In the IPARD II programme, a total of 100 Local Action Groups (LAGs) were established at local level in 26 IPARD provinces (49 in the 1st phase and 51 in the 2nd phase) and the implementation processes of the Local Development Strategies of these groups were covered from the LEADER Measure budget.
8	8.3.4.7.1 Acquisition of skills, animating the inhabitants of LAG territories	188	 Networking, participation in national and international seminars, workshops, meetings, study visits, including events of national and the European Network for Rural Development.	 Networking, participation in national and international seminars, workshops, meetings, study visits, including events of national and the European Network for Rural Development Common Agricultural Policy networks.
8	8.3.4.8 Procedure for selecting Local Action Groups	189	The Evaluation Committee consists of representatives from the Managing Authority and other relevant rural actors and NGOs dealing with rural development, defined in the annex of Leader Procedure.	The Evaluation Committee consists of representatives from the Managing Authority and other relevant rural actors and NGOs dealing with rural development, defined in the annex of Leader Procedure. The Evaluation Committee consists of institutions and organisations, unions, NGOs and academics related to rural development as defined in the annex of LEADER Procedure.

			The Members of the Evaluation Committee will be appointed by the Minister or the relevant Deputy Minister on the proposal of the Managing Authority.	The Members of the Evaluation Committee will be appointed by the Minister or the relevant Deputy Minister on the proposal of the Managing Authority. Following the calls for applications, applicants may receive the total maximum score is 100 points. The minimum score – at least 40 points – is to ensure sufficient quality of the candidates for LAGs and of the Local Development Strategy. The list of selected and non-selected applicants based on the ranking and in line with the financial resources available will be prepared by the Managing Authority.
8	8.3.4.9 Selection Criteria	190	The following selection criteria can be used: Detailed scoring sheet is annexed (Annex X) to the IPARD programme.	The following selection criteria can be used: Selection criteria can be used as follows: Detailed scoring sheet is annexed (Annex X) to the IPARD programme.
8	8.3.4.10 Aid intensity and EU contribution rate	190	Aid intensity, expressed as the share of public support in the eligible expenditures amounts up to 100%, where the EU contribution rate is 90%. The budget allocations for LDS according to LAG category are as below: Maximum total annual amount to be allocated; - For small LAGs 100.000 € - For medium LAGs 120.000 € - For Large LAGs 140.000 € Of which: Maximum annual amount allocated for recurring cost for small LAGs 30.000 € Maximum annual amount allocated for recurring cost for medium LAGs 35.000 € Maximum	 The LAGs are divided into three different categories: Small LAGs are composed of only one district and has less than 30 000 population. Medium LAGs are; - composed of only one district which have 30

			annual amount allocated for recurring cost for Large LAGs 40.000 € Maximum amount per each LAG to be allocated for the purchase of assets for the whole period of LDS. 30.000 € Contracted LAGs may receive an advance to start-up activities from the national funding, but this in no case is considered as costs incurred to be reimbursed by the Commission via IPARD. 	000 population or more; - composed of two/three districts and less than 30 000 population. Large LAGs are; - composed of two/three districts and have 30 000 population or more. - composed of more than three districts. All LAGs must comply with the eligibility criteria on territory and requirements for the LAG area covered by the LDS.
9	9. NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK	226	9. NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK In the programming period 2014-2020, Türkiye established the National Rural Development Network in order to ensure sharing of information and coordination among the stakeholders regarding rural development policies and practices. The network was launched in 2017, at an introductory meeting held by the Managing Authority to cover the whole national territory, within the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Agricultural Reform. The “Common Agricultural Policy Network for the networking of various organizations, administrations, advisors, researchers, other innovation actors working in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development”, as provided for in the regulation on support for CAP Strategic Plan, will provide a structure for the concept of the IPARD III National rural development network. The national CAP networks will be part of the European network for the CAP (European CAP network). Such network, which differs according to the administrative structure chosen by the EU member state or other relevant country / state, has the following purposes:	TÜRKİYE’S COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY NETWORK In the programming period 2014-2020, Türkiye established the National Rural Development Network in order to ensure sharing of information and coordination among the stakeholders regarding rural development policies and practices. The network was launched in 2017, at an introductory meeting held by the Managing Authority to cover the whole national territory, within the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Agricultural Reform. The “Common Agricultural Policy Network for the networking of various organizations, administrations, advisors, researchers, other innovation actors working in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development”, as provided for in the regulation on support for CAP Strategic Plan, will provide a structure for the concept of the IPARD III National rural development network.

			▪ Increase the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of rural development, ▪ Improve the quality of implementation of rural development programme, ▪ Inform the broader public and potential recipients on rural development policy and funding opportunities, ▪ Support the monitoring and evaluation capacities of all stakeholders; ▪ Contribute to the dissemination of CAP Strategic Plans results; ▪ Continue efforts to ensure that innovation is developed and applied in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas.	The national CAP networks will be part of the European network for the CAP (European CAP network). Such network, which differs according to the administrative structure chosen by the EU member state or other relevant country / state, has the following purposes: ▪ Increase the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of rural development, ▪ Improve the quality of implementation of rural development programme, ▪ Inform the broader public and potential recipients on rural development policy and funding opportunities, ▪ Support the monitoring and evaluation capacities of all stakeholders; ▪ Contribute to the dissemination of CAP Strategic Plans results; ▪ Continue efforts to ensure that innovation is developed and applied in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas. The European Union new Common Agricultural Policy (2023-27) entered into force on 1 January 2023, to enable the agricultural sector to cope with both local and global challenges. With the CAP, the EU aims to transition to a Smart, Sustainable, Competitive, Resilient and Diversified agricultural sector to ensure long-term food security. In this context, the European Commission has established the EU CAP network, replacing the Networks for Rural Development (ENRD) and the European Partnership for Innovation (EIP-AGRI), in order to support and guide all aspects of the CAP
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				strategic plans coming into force. The national CAP networks will be part of the European CAP network. The national networks may differ in terms of the administrative structure chosen by the EU member state or other relevant country / state, but they all have the common objectives: *To support the design and implementation of Common Agricultural Policy strategic plans, innovation and knowledge exchange, including EIP-AGRI, and the monitoring and evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy, *To increase stakeholder involvement in the realisation of agriculture, forestry and rural development across the European Union, *Improving the quality of implementation of the rural development programme, *To inform a wider public and potential beneficiaries about rural development policy and financing opportunities, *Providing networking and exchange opportunities; enabling knowledge sharing and skills development, including good practices and funding opportunities *To Promote the exchange of information, *To Strengthen AKIS approaches *Contributing to the dissemination of CAP Strategic Plans and their results, *To Continue efforts to ensure the development and application of innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas.
9	9. NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK	226	<u>National Rural Network (NRN) Membership Structure</u> NRN supports the effective implementation of rural development programs by facilitating information exchange, trust and cooperation between the stakeholders. Access to the network is open to all stakeholders interested in rural development issues. A list of NRN members will be available for access on the website of NRN. NRN is composed of the organizations and	<u>National Rural Network (NRN) Membership Structure</u> NRN supports the effective implementation of rural development programs by facilitating information exchange, trust and cooperation between the stakeholders. Access to the network is open to all stakeholders interested in rural development issues. A list of NRN members will be available for access on

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9	9. NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK	226	<u>National Rural Network Monitoring and Steering Committee</u> The national rural network monitoring and steering committee is an entity responsible for the decision-making process that establishes the general strategy of the	<u>National Rural Network Monitoring and Steering Committee</u> The national rural network monitoring and steering committee is an entity responsible for the decision-making process that establishes the general strategy of

			national rural development network in Türkiye. It corresponds to a committee created by selecting, on the basis of Turkish NUTS level 2-Units for Territorial Statistics, a representation of NRN members.	the national rural development network in Türkiye. It corresponds to a committee created by selecting, on the basis of Turkish NUTS level 2 Units for Territorial Statistics, a representation of NRN members. The Steering Committee is composed of senior representatives of public institutions and organisations, non-governmental organisations and the private sector, representing regional or local authorities active in the field of agriculture and rural development. It provides the strategic framework and guidance for the Türkiye's CAP network work. The Central Coordination Office is the central structure that fulfils the CAP network tasks of the General Directorate of Agricultural Reform and to which 26 Regional Coordination Offices in 26 provinces are affiliated. It implements network activities and processes and is responsible for the overall functioning of the network. The 26 Regional Coordination Offices is a structure located in the 26 central provinces and is made of representatives of governorships, provincial directorates of agriculture and forestry, ARDSI, development agencies and other relevant institutions and organizations. The responsibilities of the regional coordination offices complement the tasks and responsibilities of the Central Coordination Office. The 26 Regional Coordination Offices allows a broader involvement of regional stakeholders in the network's activities. 26 Region Centre Provinces are: Ankara, Afyonkarahisar, Antalya, Balıkesir, Bursa, Elazığ, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Karabük, Kars, Kastamonu, Kayseri, Kocaeli, Konya, Mersin,
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				Muğla, Nevşehir, Samsun, Şanlıurfa, Şırnak, Tekirdağ, Trabzon, Van. The Monitoring and Evaluation Committee is a committee responsible for the decision-making process that determines the overall strategy of the agricultural and rural development network in Türkiye. The Monitoring and Evaluation Committee is a committee consisting of a total of 312 representatives in 26 regions (12 representatives from each region). The committee meets in 26 regional provinces (with the participation of other affiliated provinces) and at the national level. Representatives show a balanced distribution between public institutions, NGOs, cooperatives, academics, farmers, LAG and the private sector. The Committee, which is organised nationally and regionally, consists of a total of 312 members, 12 representatives from 26 regions. Thematic Groups are working groups that identify and develop strategic issues (thematic priorities) in line with the overall objective of the EU CAP. Standing Sub-Committees that will work in specific thematic branches related to the objectives and tasks of the CAP network in Türkiye Türkiye's agricultural policy network members: stakeholder organisations and individuals with an interest in agriculture, forestry and rural development. EIP AGRI is a Research Innovation and Knowledge Sharing Network.
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9	9. NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK	227	<u>National Rural Network Support Unit (NSU)</u> The support unit is responsible for facilitating the works of NRN and brings into action the activities and processes. The central NSU works in collaboration with the regional representatives. Responsibilities of the regional NSUs are similar to those of the central structure, ensuring representation of the network at local and county levels. <u>Activities of National Rural Network Support Unit</u> ▪ Contribution to the development of agricultural policy, ▪ Preparation of rural development programme period, ▪ National rural development network meetings, regional meetings, ▪ Information development and training studies, thematic meetings, ▪ Collection and dissemination of good project samples, ▪ Facilitation of network and cooperation among LAGs, ▪ Participation in networks like fairs, festivals and local cultural activities, ▪ Communication, publicity and monitoring activities, ▪ Cooperation with European Rural Development Network; representation of Türkiye. <u>Funding of the National Rural Network Activities:</u> The network is funded by the technical assistance of rural development programme. <u>Activities undertaken:</u> Studies have been conducted with the participation of domestic and foreign experts since 2018 and they can be summarized as follows: ▪ By organizing workshops, structure of NRN have been discussed and thematic groups have been established. ▪ Thematic groups include short supply chain, medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP), LEADER approach, rural tourism, rural entrepreneurship and innovation,	<u>National Rural Network Support Unit (NSU)</u> The support unit is responsible for facilitating the works of NRN and brings into action the activities and processes. The central NSU works in collaboration with the regional representatives. Responsibilities of the regional NSUs are similar to those of the central structure, ensuring representation of the network at local and county levels. <u>Activities of National Rural Network Support Unit</u> ▪ Contribution to the development of agricultural policy, ▪ Preparation of rural development programme period, ▪ National rural development network meetings, regional meetings, ▪ Information development and training studies, thematic meetings, ▪ Collection and dissemination of good project samples, ▪ Facilitation of network and cooperation among LAGs, ▪ Participation in networks like fairs, festivals and local cultural activities, ▪ Communication, publicity and monitoring activities, ▪ Cooperation with European Rural Development Network; representation of Türkiye. <u>Funding of the National Rural Network Activities:</u> The network is funded by the technical assistance of rural development programme. <u>Activities undertaken:</u>
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			supporting of small farmers, definition of rural areas and development of IPARD Programme. ▪ Regional meetings have been held in Ankara, Balıkesir, Isparta, Manisa, Mardin, Muş, Samsun and Şanlıurfa, with a view to ensure publicity of NRN and participation in the network. ▪Awareness-raising meetings have been held in Ankara Nallıhan, Samsun, Isparta and Mardin for women cooperatives. ▪ Local representatives of NRN have been elected. A total of 84 NRN representatives have been trained at the Provincial Coordination Units of Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution (ARDSI) and Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry in 42 IPARD provinces. ▪ A widely attended online annual national rural development network meeting and UKAFEST have been organized. ▪ A road map has been created with Gulanta Project developed on the medicinal and aromatic plants sector. Within the framework of Gulanta, a distillation unit has been built for the Lavender Scented Village Women Cooperatives in Kuyucak and trainings have been delivered on subjects like trade, branding. Gulanta has been introduced during the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, Phytovision congresses and European rural network event.	Studies have been conducted with the participation of domestic and foreign experts since 2018 and they can be summarized as follows: ▪ By organizing workshops, structure of NRN have been discussed and thematic groups have been established. ▪ Thematic groups include short supply chain, medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP), LEADER approach, rural tourism, rural entrepreneurship and innovation, supporting of small farmers, definition of rural areas and development of IPARD Programme. ▪ Regional meetings have been held in Ankara, Balıkesir, Isparta, Manisa, Mardin, Muş, Samsun and Şanlıurfa, with a view to ensure publicity of NRN and participation in the network. ▪Awareness raising meetings have been held in Ankara Nallıhan, Samsun, Isparta and Mardin for women cooperatives. ▪ Local representatives of NRN have been elected. A total of 84 NRN representatives have been trained at the Provincial Coordination Units of Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution (ARDSI) and Provincial Directorates of Agriculture and Forestry in 42 IPARD provinces. ▪ A widely attended online annual national rural development network meeting and UKAFEST have been organized. ▪ A road map has been created with Gulanta Project developed on the medicinal and aromatic plants sector. Within the framework of Gulanta, a distillation unit has been built for the Lavender Scented Village Women Cooperatives in Kuyucak and trainings have been delivered on subjects like trade, branding. Gulanta has been introduced during the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, Phytovision congresses and European rural network event. <u>Stakeholders and Activities</u> The EU CAP network consists of stakeholders active in the field of agriculture and rural development. It
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				supports the effective implementation of rural development programmes by facilitating information exchange, trust and cooperation between stakeholders. Access to the network is open to all stakeholders interested in rural development issues. The CAP network includes all relevant public institutions and organisations, chambers and professional associations, the private sector, cooperatives, local authorities, farmers, foresters, producers, rural enterprises, entrepreneurs, evaluators, advisory services, innovation support services and local action groups. Türkiye's CAP network consists of stakeholders operating in the field of agriculture and rural development. One of the important functions of the Türkiye's CAP network is to ensure that agriculture, forestry and rural development policies are adopted by all relevant stakeholders operating in rural areas and to encourage their participation in defining agricultural and rural development strategies and their implementation. In this respect, the main tasks are:
9	9. NATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK	228	▪ Information about the conducted activities has been shared by establishing a website (www.uka.org.tr). ▪ Practices in the EU member states have been taken into consideration, participation of experts from those countries has been enabled and study visits have been organized to observe certain practices on site. ▪ Network and cooperation among LAGs have been facilitated. ▪ Collection and dissemination of good project samples have been ensured. <u>Future activities:</u> ▪ Thematic Group works,	▪ Information about the conducted activities has been shared by establishing a website (www.uka.org.tr). ▪ Practices in the EU member states have been taken into consideration, participation of experts from those countries has been enabled and study visits have been organized to observe certain practices on site. ▪ Network and cooperation among LAGs have been facilitated. ▪ Collection and dissemination of good project samples have been ensured. <u>Future activities:</u> ▪ Thematic Group works,

			▪ Annual Regional Rural Development Networking meetings, ▪ LEADER Networking activities, ▪ Developing the capacity of stakeholders on collective investments, ▪ Pilot projects for developing short value chains, ▪ Networking and innovation support activities among the agricultural consultants, ▪ Rewarding rural development initiatives and projects, ▪ International cooperation activities, ▪ Monitoring and steering committee meetings, ▪ Monitoring and evaluation activities.	▪ Annual Regional Rural Development Networking meetings, ▪ LEADER Networking activities, ▪ Developing the capacity of stakeholders on collective investments, ▪ Pilot projects for developing short value chains, ▪ Networking and innovation support activities among the agricultural consultants, ▪ Rewarding rural development initiatives and projects, ▪ International cooperation activities, ▪ Monitoring and steering committee meetings, ▪ Monitoring and evaluation activities. *Contributing to the development of agriculture and rural development policy, *Designing and implementing national, regional and local strategies, *Establishing an innovation and knowledge exchange network, including EIP-AGRI, *Supporting monitoring and evaluation, *Preparing the rural development programme period, *Organising national and regional monitoring and evaluation committees, *Knowledge development and training activities, thematic meetings, *LEADER Networking, partnership and cooperation activities, *Capacity building and co-operation of stakeholders on collective investments, *Compilation and dissemination of good project
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			examples, *Rewarding rural development initiatives and projects, *Organising fairs, festivals and local cultural activities, *Networking activities among agricultural advisors, *Communication and promotion activities, *International co-operation activities, *Representation of Türkiye in co-operation with the European Common Agricultural Policy Network. The list of Türkiye's agricultural policy network members is available on the network website is available online: https://uka.tarimorman.gov.tr.
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M6-INVESTMENTS IN RURAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

3	3.4.Rural Economy and Quality of Life Rural Infrastructure	43-44	Rural infrastructure investments in Turkey focus on priority issues such as roads, water, energy, drainage, access to internet, sports and recreation in general. In addition, the following issues are also covered by infrastructure: education technologies, communication infrastructure, transportation infrastructure investments, trade infrastructure, monitoring infrastructure related to sustainable use of natural resources, infrastructure for access to finance, health services infrastructure, social infrastructure in the form of village halls, mobile houses or vehicles for nomadic communities and issues related to protection of villages against attacks by wild animals.	Rural infrastructure investments in Turkey focus on priority issues such as roads, water, energy, drainage, access to internet, sports and recreation in general. In addition, the following issues are also covered by infrastructure: education technologies, communication infrastructure, transportation infrastructure investments, trade infrastructure, monitoring infrastructure related to sustainable use of natural resources, infrastructure for access to finance, health services infrastructure, social infrastructure in the form of village halls, mobile houses or vehicles for nomadic communities and issues related to protection of villages against attacks by wild animals.
8	8.1. Requirements concerning all or several measures b. Eligible expenditure	110	4. General costs linked to collective projects that could additionally include studies, marketing and development of the products concerned and animation costs (all to be specified in the List of Eligible Expenditure (LEE)) and general costs linked to expenditure referred to in points (2) and (3), such as architects', engineers' and other consultation fees and feasibility	4. General costs linked to collective projects that could additionally include studies, marketing and development of the products concerned and animation costs (all to be specified in the List of Eligible Expenditure (LEE)) and general costs linked to expenditure referred to in points (2) and (3), such as architects',engineers' and other consultation fees and feasibility studies, shall be eligible (excluding consultancy services regarding the process of

			studies, shall be eligible up to a ceiling of 10% of the costs referred to in those points (2) and (3) under the following conditions:	preparation of application for the M6 measure) up to a ceiling of 10% of the costs referred to in those points (2) and (3) under the following conditions.
8	8.3.5.3 Rationale	194	In order to ensure conditions for sustainable development of rural areas, access to the performing communication technologies must be provided. This is a necessary condition for improving rural areas' livelihood, quality of life and for creating job opportunities. According to the OECD data for 2020, Turkey ranks 103rd among 175 countries in the general ranking of internet speed and the rate of households accessing the internet via broadband (ADSL, cable internet, fiber, etc.) is 50.8%. These investments should be made by the public and this ratio must be substantially increased.	In order to ensure conditions for sustainable development of rural areas, access to the performing communication technologies must be provided. This is a necessary condition for improving rural areas' livelihood, quality of life and for creating job opportunities. According to the OECD data for 2020, Turkey ranks 103rd among 175 countries in the general ranking of internet speed and the rate of households accessing the internet via broadband (ADSL, cable internet, fiber, etc.) is 50.8%. These investments should be made by the public and this ratio must be substantially increased.
8	8.3.5.4.1 Specific Objectives	195	 To support information and communication systems improvement to enhance living standards for rural populations	 To support information and communication systems improvement to enhance living standards for rural populations
8	8.3.5.7 Common eligibility criteria	196	▪ The project must concern infrastructure needed for the development of rural areas including community roads, local access to roads of particular importance for the local economic development, access to farm and forestland, energy supply, waste and water management, local access to information and communication technology points etc. 	▪ The project must concern infrastructure needed for the development of rural areas including community roads, local access to roads of particular importance for the local economic development, access to farm and forestland, energy supply, waste and water management, local access to information and communication technology points.
8	8.3.5.7 Common eligibility criteria	196	All projects must be procured in accordance with the rules for external aid of the Commission contained in the Financial Regulation. • If the total eligible expenditure amount is less than EUR 300 000, recipients shall participate	All procurement of projects must be procured in accordance with the rules for external aid of the Commission contained in the Financial Regulation. • If the total eligible expenditure amount is less than EUR 300 000, Supervision service and

			themselves in tender in accordance with the P.R.A.G. rules. If the total eligible expenditure amount is equal to or more than EUR 300 000, public procurement shall be done on behalf of the recipient by a centralized competent public authority.	visibility procurements shall be done by, recipients shall participate themselves in tender in accordance with the P.R.A.G. rules. - If the total eligible expenditure amount is equal to or more than EUR 300 000, public procurement shall be done on behalf of the recipient by a centralized competent public authority. - All supply and work procurements shall be done on behalf of recipients by a centralized competent public authority (CFCU) in accordance with PRAG rules.
8	8.3.5.8 Specific eligibility criteria	197	Roads; ☐ roads linking community infrastructure to main roads, village bypasses, village roads, public access roads to farms, farmlands and forestry, etc. (On-farm roads are part of the assistance granted to farm holdings, therefore should not be eligible under this measure), Water Management; ☐ village sewage plants, sewerage systems, water supply systems.	Roads; ☐ roads linking community infrastructure to main roads, village bypasses, village roads, public access roads to farms, farmlands and forestry, etc. (On farm roads are part of the assistance granted to farm holdings, therefore should not be eligible under this measure), - Construction of community roads in rural areas with concrete keystone and concrete roads. Water Management; ☐ village sewage plants, sewerage systems, water supply systems. - Construction of Package Type Drinking Water Treatment Facilities, Water Tanks, Pumping Stations, fixed equipment of these immovable facilities and installation of solar energy facilities to meet the needs of these water management facilities. - Establishment of instant monitoring system (Sca da system) in order to prevent loss-leakage in drinking water networks, supply of

			Waste Management; ☐ waste collection points and waste recycling plants, and where necessary dumping sites fulfilling all environmental requirements. Information and Communication Systems; ☐ local access to information and communication technologies and the development of fast and ultra-fast broadband. Energy Supply and Energy Efficiency: ☐ Energy supply to farms and villages and construction	flowmeters and acoustic recorders. Waste Management; ☐ waste collection points and waste recycling plants, and where necessary dumping sites fulfilling all environmental requirements. ▪ Construction of solid waste transfer stations, fixed equipment of these immovable facilities and establishment of solar energy facilities to meet the needs of these facilities. ▪ Garbage trucks, making part of the waste management system, for transporting waste to/from the solid waste transfer facility. Information and Communication Systems; ☐ local access to information and communication technologies and the development of fast and ultra fast broadband. Energy Supply and Energy Efficiency: ☐ Energy supply to farms and villages and construction of renewable energy plants and installation to the extent that the projects are implemented by a public entity. ☐ If the investment aims to produce electricity from renewable energy sources, connection to the national grid is compulsory and the following requirements should be met: o The recipient shall submit a document / certificate given by authorised institution (electricity distribution companies, organised industrial zones, Turkish Electricity Transmission Company, etc.) confirming availability of connection to grid with the application package.
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8	8.3.5.9. Eligible expenditure 8.3.5.9.1. Eligible expenditure titles For all kind of investment types	197	General costs linked to investment-related expenditure such as architects', engineers' and other consultation fees (including preparation of the procurement works), feasibility studies, shall be eligible up to a ceiling of 10% of the investment costs. Specific lower ceilings on individual items can be established according to the type of the investment Visibility costs.	General costs linked to investment related expenditure such as architects', engineers' and other consultation fees (including preparation of the procurement works), feasibility studies, shall be eligible up to a ceiling of 10% of the investment costs. Specific lower ceilings on individual items can be established according to the type of the investment, Visibility costs (up to 2.500 EUR).
8	8.3.5.9. Eligible expenditure	197	-	For construction investments; -Supervision cost will be eligible up to a ceiling of 10% of the construction work cost in accordance with the

	8.3.5.9.1. Eligible expenditure titles For all kind of investment types			rules provided in section 8.1 of this Programme.
8	8.3.5.9.1 Eligible expenditure titles	198	<i>Specific for each type;</i> Roads, including: - Construction/reconstruction/modernization of existing municipal roads and bridges (e.g., roads linking settlements to main roads, between settlements connections, public access roads to businesses, farms, tourism facilities, buildings or outdoor areas of local cultural, traditional or natural importance, agriculture land, forests, etc.); - Construction of agricultural road (only access to farm and forestland) network. Water management, including: - Construction/re-construction/modernization of the water supply system, installations and related facilities (e.g., purification, filtration, etc.); - Construction/re-construction/modernization of the sewage system, installations and related facilities (e.g., treatment of waste water discharge, etc.); - Purchase of new machinery and equipment if it is an integrated part of the water management project; - IT hardware / software, including data recording and monitoring systems if it is an integrated part of the project.	<i>Specific for each type;</i> Roads, including: - Construction/reconstruction/modernization of existing municipal roads and bridges (e.g., roads linking settlements to main roads, between settlements connections, public access roads to businesses, farms, tourism facilities, buildings or outdoor areas of local cultural, traditional or natural importance, agriculture land, forests, etc.); - Construction of agricultural road (only access to farm and forestland) network. - Construction of community roads in rural areas with concrete keystone and concrete roads. Water management, including: - Construction/re-construction/modernization of the water supply system, installations and related facilities (e.g., purification, filtration, etc.); - Construction/re-construction/modernization of the sewage system, installations and related facilities (e.g., treatment of waste water discharge, etc.); - Purchase of new machinery and equipment if it is an integrated part of the water management project; - IT hardware / software, including data recording and

			Waste management, including: - Construction/re-construction/modernization of infrastructure for waste management (e.g., waste recycling plants, waste collection points, where necessary dumping sites fulfilling environmental requirements etc.); - Construction/re-construction/modernization of biogas plants; - Purchase and installation of biogas plant machinery and equipment, waste collection machinery and equipment (e.g., containers, transport trailers and vehicles) and machinery and equipment used for dumping sites and/or waste collection points; - IT hardware / software, including data recording and monitoring systems if it is an integrated part of the project.	monitoring systems if it is an integrated part of the project. - Construction of Package Type Drinking Water Treatment Facilities, Water Tanks, Pumping Stations, fixed equipment of these immovable facilities and installation of solar energy facilities to meet the needs of these facilities. - Establishment of instant monitoring system (Scada system) in order to prevent loss-leakage in drinking water networks, supply of flowmeters and acoustic recorders. Waste management, including: Construction/re-construction/modernization of infrastructure for waste management (e.g., waste recycling plants, waste collection points, where necessary dumping sites fulfilling environmental requirements etc.); Construction/re-construction/modernization of biogas plants; Purchase and installation of biogas plant machinery and equipment, waste collection machinery and equipment (e.g., containers, transport trailers and vehicles) and machinery and equipment used for dumping sites and/or waste collection points; IT hardware / software, including data recording and monitoring systems if it is an integrated part of the project. - Construction of solid waste transfer stations, fixed equipment of these immovable facilities and establishment of solar energy facilities to meet the needs of these facilities. - Garbage trucks, making part of the waste management system, for transporting waste to/from the solid waste transfer facility
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			Information and Communication Systems, including: ▪ Construction or modernization of telephone, cablecast and internet infrastructure (min 30 Mbps capacity) services, ▪ Purchase of machinery and equipment for information and communication systems if it is an integrated part of the project Energy supply and energy efficiency, including: ▪ Construction or modernization and equipping of renewable energy plants and public distribution installations (bio-fuels, energy, heat) from renewables for wastewater treatment plants; ▪ Construction or modernization of renewable energy installations for supplying electricity to public buildings and/or buildings which are used for provision of community services (as well as education and health); and for supplying electricity to lighten streets in rural areas; ▪ Construction or modernization of renewable energy plants for heating of public buildings and/or villages and individual residence in rural areas; ▪ Investments for improvement of energy efficiency in municipal and other buildings used for provision of community services (as well as education and health); ▪ Purchase of new machinery and equipment if it is an integrated part of the project; ▪ IT hardware / software, including data recording and monitoring systems if it is an integrated part of the project.	Information and Communication Systems, including: ▪ Construction or modernization of telephone, cablecast and internet infrastructure (min 30 Mbps capacity) services, ▪ Purchase of machinery and equipment for information and communication systems if it is an integrated part of the project Energy supply and energy efficiency, including: ▪ Construction or modernization and equipping of renewable energy plants and public distribution installations (bio fuels, energy, heat) from renewables for wastewater treatment plants; ▪ Construction or modernization of renewable energy installations for supplying electricity to public buildings and/or buildings which are used for provision of community services (as well as education and health); and for supplying electricity to lighten streets in rural areas; ▪ Construction or modernization of renewable energy plants for heating of public buildings and/or villages and individual residence in rural areas; ▪ Investments for improvement of energy efficiency in municipal and other buildings used for provision of community services (as well as education and health); ▪ Purchase of new machinery and equipment if it is an integrated part of the project; ▪ IT hardware / software, including data recording and monitoring systems if it is an integrated part of the project. • Installation of solar energy systems.
8	8.3.5.9.2. Demarcation of	199	As a demarcation criterion, it is determined that the total	As a demarcation criterion, it is determined that the total

	assistance		maximum eligible expenditure limit of the investment should be EUR 1 500 000 and the investment should be made exclusively in rural areas.	maximum eligible expenditure limit of the investment should be EUR 1 500 000 3.000.000 and the investment should be made exclusively in rural areas.
8	8.3.5.9.3. Selection criteria Table 69. Selection criteria and scoring table	199	1)If the applicant has not signed a contract under IPARD programme at all (25 Points) 2)If the applicant is a village administration or county municipality or district municipality with a population of less than 10.000 habitants (15 Points) 3)If the investment is in mountainous areas (15 Points)	1) If the applicant has not signed a contract under IPARD programme at all (25 Points) If the investment area (40 points)*** • is in S4 Provinces* determined by AFAD (40 Points) • is in S3 Provinces** determined by AFAD (except for metropolitan municipalities provinces) (30 Points) • is in provinces and districts with agricultural water restrictions determined by the Ministry and if the investment is applied for one of the eligible expenditure water management and waste management (except for metropolitan municipalities provinces) (20 Points) • If the investment area is in the newly included provinces in IPARD III Programme (except for metropolitan municipalities provinces) (10 Points) 2) If the applicant is a village administration or county municipality or district municipality with a population of less than 10.000 habitants(15 Points) If the applicant is (20 Points) • the Special Provincial Administration (20 Points) • a village administration or municipality with a population of less than 20.000 habitants (15 Points) • municipality with a population of more than 20.000 habitants (10 Points) 3) If the investment is in mountainous areas (15 Points) If the eligible expenditure amount is (20 points):

			4) If the investment concerns, water and/or sewerage management or waste recycling facilities (25 Points) 5) If the eligible expenditure amount is less than 1 000 000 EUR (20 Points)	• more than 1.500.000 EUR: 20 points • between 300.000 and 1.500.000 (included) EUR: 10 points 4) If the investment concerns, water and/or sewerage management or waste recycling facilities (25 points) If the investment is on (20 Points) • solar energy sector (20 Points) • water or waste recycling sectors (10 Points) 5) If the eligible expenditure amount is less than 1 000 000 EUR (20 Points) <i>* S4 Provinces is the level where international support is needed. Provinces where the ratio of heavily damaged, collapsed and urgently demolished independent sections to the number of independent sections before the earthquake is greater than 20%.</i> <i>**S3 Provinces is the level where support is needed at the national level</i> <i>*** The application is evaluated on the basis of the sub-criterion with the highest score.</i>
8	8.3.5.10. Aid intensity and EU-contribution rate	199	Eligible expenditure amount per investment is limited between EUR 15 000 and EUR 1 500 000.	Eligible expenditure amount per investment is limited between EUR 15.000 and EUR 1.500.000-3.000.000
8	8.3.5.13. Administrative Procedure	201	All projects must be procured in accordance with the rules for external aid of the Commission contained in the Financial Regulation. ☐ If the total eligible expenditure amount is less than EUR 300 000, recipients shall participate themselves in tender in accordance with the P.R.A.G. rules. ☐ If the total eligible expenditure amount is equal	All procurement of projects must be procured in accordance with the rules for external aid of the Commission contained in the Financial Regulation. ☐ If the total eligible expenditure amount is less than EUR 300 000, Supervision service and visibility procurements shall be done by recipients participate themselves in tender in accordance with the P.R.A.G. rules.

			to or more than EUR 300 000, public procurement shall be done on behalf of the recipient by a centralized competent public authority.	☐ If the total eligible expenditure amount is equal to or more than EUR 300 000, • All supply and work- public procurement shall be done on behalf of the recipient by a centralized competent public authority (CFCU) in accordance with PRAG Rules.
8	8.3.5.13. Administrative Procedure	201	If these checks are positive, ARDSI shall select the applicants according to selection criteria and allocated budget and a memorandum of understanding (MoU) shall be signed between ARDSI and selected applicants.	If these checks are positive, ARDSI shall select the applicants according to selection criteria and allocated budget and a memorandum of understanding (MoU) protocol shall be signed between ARDSI and selected applicants.
10	10.3. Complementarity of IPARD Measures with national policy and the Demarcation Criteria between them 3. Social and Physical Infrastructure Development of Rural Settlements	231	Measures created for the “rural settlements” strategic objective target improving villages’ accessibility by ensuring a transportation network, ensuring access to drinking water and a proper, waste management, providing access to information technologies and ensuring connectivity, and promoting the use of renewable energy sources.	Measures created for the “rural settlements” strategic objective target improving villages’ accessibility by ensuring a transportation network, ensuring access to drinking water and a proper, waste management, providing access to information technologies and ensuring connectivity, and promoting the use of renewable energy sources.

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8	8.3.6.7.4 Specific Eligibility Criteria	21	Investment must be located in rural areas except for investments undertaken by farmer (understood as natural persons who do not have economic activity other than agriculture) or a member of a farm household. The size of the open area should be maximum 4 ha (except medicinal and aromatic plants, fodder plants, seedlings and saplings), and the greenhouse size and mushroom/micelle production area should be maximum 2 ha. For new establishments these criteria should be met by the time of a final payment claim.	Investment must be located in rural areas except for investments undertaken by farmer (understood as natural persons who do not have economic activity other than agriculture) or a member of a farm household. In case of investment regarding production in the indoor crop production unit, investment must be located in rural areas with no exception. The size of the open area should be maximum 4 ha (except medicinal and aromatic plants, fodder plants, seedlings and saplings), and the greenhouse size and mushroom/micelle production area the area of the indoor crop production unit should be maximum 2 ha. For new establishments these criteria should be met by the time of a final payment claim.
8	8.3.6.7.4 Specific Eligibility Criteria	214	The capacity of the investment in freshwater should be between 10 and 200 tonnes / year by the time of final	The capacity of the investment in freshwater should be between 10 and 200 300 tonnes / year by the time of

			payment claim. The capacity of the investment in saltwater should be between 150-500 tonnes/year.	final payment claim. The capacity of the investment in saltwater should be between 150-500 750 tonnes/year. As an exception, according to the directive on the application principles of the aquaculture regulation, the minimum capacity limit for aquaculture in net cages should be 500 tons/year in the sea and 50 tons/year in inland waters.
8	8.3.6.7.4 Specific Eligibility Criteria	211	Renewable energy investment with a capacity up to 5 MW (for photovoltaic solar power system and concentrated solar power system investments up to 300 kWe) (for micro- cogeneration investments up to 100 kWe) shall be supported.	Renewable energy investment with a capacity up to 5 MW (for photovoltaic solar power system and concentrated solar power system investments up to 300 kWe-600kWe) (for micro- cogeneration investments up to 100 kWe) shall be supported.
8	8.3.6.7.4 Specific Eligibility Criteria	214	<u>Machinery Parks</u> - Investments under this activity have to be in a rural area regardless of the status of the recipient. - Facilities where agricultural machinery can be supplied to the use of farmers in need and where farmers' existing agricultural machinery is repaired and maintained are eligible. - The applicant should be a producer organisation.	<u>Machinery Parks</u> - Investments under this activity have to be in a rural area regardless of the status of the recipient. - Facilities where agricultural machinery can be supplied to the use of farmers in need and where farmers' existing agricultural machinery is repaired and maintained are eligible. - The applicant should be a producer organization. - Only cooperatives established under law number 1163 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and which have been operating for at least three years prior to the application date are eligible.

8	8.3.6.9 Selection Criteria	215	1)- 2)Investments including renewable energy production and technologies (10 points)	1)The total amount of eligible expenditure; (15 points) - For open field crop production and honey and other products • more than 25.000 EUR: 0 points • between 20.000 and 25.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 15.000 and 20.000 (included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 15.000 EUR: 15 points - For rural tourism and recreational activities and diversification of plant production and processing and packaging of plant products sector • more than 400.000 EUR: 0 points • between 325.000 and 400.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 250.000 and 325.000 (included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 250.000 EUR: 15 points -For processing and packaging of honey and other bee products, crafts and artisanal added value product enterprises, aquaculture, machinery parks and renewable energy sector • more than 400.000 EUR: 0 points • between 300.000 and 400.000 (included) EUR: 5 points • between 200.000 and 300.000(included) EUR: 10 points • equal or less than 200.000 EUR: 15 points 2)Investments including renewable energy production and technologies (excluding renewable energy sector) or If the consumption facility for the renewable energy sector 302-7 is located in rural areas (10 points) 3)Investments in mountainous areas or forestry villages (10 points)
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			3) Investments in mountainous areas or forestry villages (15 points) 4) Women as an applicant (15 points) 5) Young farmer as an applicant (15 points) 6) Producer organization as an applicant (15 points) 7) Projects implemented under a local rural development strategy (10 points) 8) If the applicant has not signed a contract under IPARD Program before (20 points) 9)-	4) Women as an applicant If the applicant or its legal representative (for legal entities) is woman (for legal entities provided that such legal representative holds at least 50% of the shares in the legal entity) (except cooperatives and producer organizations) (15 10 points) 5) Young farmer as an applicant If the applicant or its legal representative (for legal entities) (provided that such legal representative holds at least 50 % of the shares in the entity) is a person below 40 years of age when the application is submitted (except cooperatives and producer organisations) (15 10 points) 6) Producer organization as an applicant (15 points) If the applicant is; (10 points) - a producer organization or the legal entities whose majority shareholder (partnership share is more than 50%) is a producer organization: (5 points) - a producer organization or the legal entities whose majority shareholder (partnership share is more than 50%) is a producer organization (with "First Degree Agricultural Purpose Organization Certificate"): (10 points) 7) Projects implemented under a local rural development strategy (10-5 points) 8) If the applicant has not signed a contract under IPARD Program before (20 points) 9) If the investment application area is in the provinces newly included in the scope of support in the IPARD III Programme and/or S4 provinces* determined by AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency) (10 Points)
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8	8.3.6.10 Aid intensity and EU contribution rate	216	The amount of public aid is up to 60% of the total eligible cost. It can be increased up to 70% for: ☐ investments made by young farmers or	The amount of public aid is up to 60% of the total eligible cost. It can be increased up to 70% for: ☐ investments made by young farmers the applicant or its legal representative (for legal entities) who is a person below 40 years of age when the application is submitted or
8	8.3.6.10 Aid intensity and EU contribution rate	214	15% of annual budget of Measure M7 is allocated to open area plant production sub-sector and cannot exceed this amount.	15 17% of annual budget of Measure M7 is allocated to open area plant production and production of honey and other bee products sub-sectors and cannot exceed this amount.
8	8.3.6.13 Administrative Procedure	218	-	In case of investments in “Rural Tourism and Recreational Activities” sector, regardless of the amount of eligible expenditure, the request of payment shall be made only in one installment following the completion of investment.
8	8.3.1.11 Aid intensity and EU contribution rate 8.3.2.11 Aid intensity and EU contribution rate 8.3.5.10. Aid intensity and EU-contribution rate 8.3.6.10. Aid intensity and EU contribution rate	133-134 153-154 199	The EU co-financing rate is 75% of the public aid The EU co-financing rate is 75% of the public aid The EU co-financing rate is 75% of the public aid	The EU co-financing rate is 50% of the public aid The EU co-financing rate is 50% of the public aid The EU co-financing rate is 50% of the public aid

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15	15.1. Actions foreseen to inform potential recipients, professional organizations, economic, social and environmental partners, bodies involved in promoting equality between men and women and NGOs about possibilities offered by the programme and rules of gaining access to funding.	304	Publicity activities are conducted in accordance with the Articles andof the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement, as well as Articles and And of IPARD Sectoral Agreement, to target general public and recipients for the purposes of: According to the (legal references), operating structures are responsible for organising the publication of the list of the recipients, the names of the operations and the amount of EU funding allocated to operations. Distribution of publicity instruments will be based on the following principles:	Publicity activities are conducted in accordance with the Articles 22 and 24 of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement, as well as Articles 31 and 32 and Annex 8 of IPARD Sectoral Agreement, to target general public and recipients for the purposes of: According to the Sectoral Agreement, operating structures are responsible for organising the publication of the list of the recipients, the names of the operations and the amount of EU funding allocated to operations. Distribution of publicity instruments will be based on the following principles:
15	15.2. Actions foreseen to inform the recipients of the EU contribution	306	ARDSI shall be responsible for the publication of the list of the recipients, the names of the operations and the amount of EU funding allocated to operations in accordance with the Article..... of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement. ARDSI shall ensure that adequate publicity, with a clear reference to EU co-financing, is done about the availability of support and that the recipient is informed that acceptance of funding means an automatic inclusion of the recipient's name in the published list of IPARD III support recipients.	ARDSI shall be responsible for the publication of the list of the recipients, the names of the operations and the amount of EU funding allocated to operations in accordance with the Article 23 of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement. ARDSI shall ensure that adequate publicity, with a clear reference to EU co-financing, is done about the availability of support and that the recipient is informed that acceptance of funding means an automatic inclusion of the recipient's name in the published list of IPARD III support recipients.
15	15.4. Actions to inform the general public about the	307	The visibility of the IPA assistance programmes and their impact on the citizens is essential to ensure public	The visibility of the IPA assistance programmes and their impact on the citizens is essential to ensure public

	role of EU in the programmes and the results thereof		awareness about EU role, actions and assistance under the IPARD programme and to create a consistent image of the IPARD measures in accordance with Article of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement.	awareness about EU role, actions and assistance under the IPARD programme and to create a consistent image of the IPARD measures in accordance with Article 23 of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement.
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