



AGENCIJA ZA PLAĆANJA U POLJOPRIVREDI, RIBARSTVU I RURALNOM RAZVOJU

IPARD AGENCY IN CROATIA

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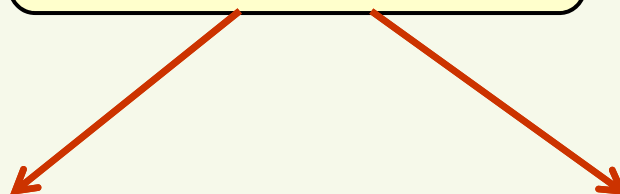
- **Until 2009:** a directorate within Ministry of Agriculture (MAFRD):
Directorate for Market and Structural Support in Agriculture (DMSSA)
 - implementation of national support schemes in agriculture and RD and
 - implementation of the EU pre-accession programmes (SAPARD/IPARD Agency)
(SAPARD/IPARD Managing Authority-> MAFRD-Directorate for RD
SAPARD/IPARD Competent Authority-> Ministry of Finance (NAO and NF))



- **Since 2009:** an independent institution:
Paying Agency for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development (PAAFRD)
 - continued with implementation of the national and EU pre-accession programmes and preparations for implementation of programmes and payments of support financed under the EU post-accession funds (EAGF, EAFRD, EFF)
 - PAAFRD established by the Government (Act on the Establishment of PAAFRD passed by the Parliament in March 2009 and the agency registered as an independent legal entity in December 2009)



MAIN TASKS



Ministry of Agriculture (MAFRD)

(legislation)

programming and preparation of
legal basis for implementation
(Regulations, Ordinances, etc.)

Paying Agency (PA / PAAFRD)

(implementation)

of national support measures and Pre-accession
Programmes for Agriculture and Rural
Development and implementation of measures of
the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) from the day
of RoC accession to the EU



PAAFRD-Central level

-1 central PAAFRD office (HQ) in Zagreb

(290 posts in systematization, 265 currently staffed)

(Out of 265 persons working at HQ, 134 of them work on EU pre-accession programmes)

PAAFRD-Regional (County) level

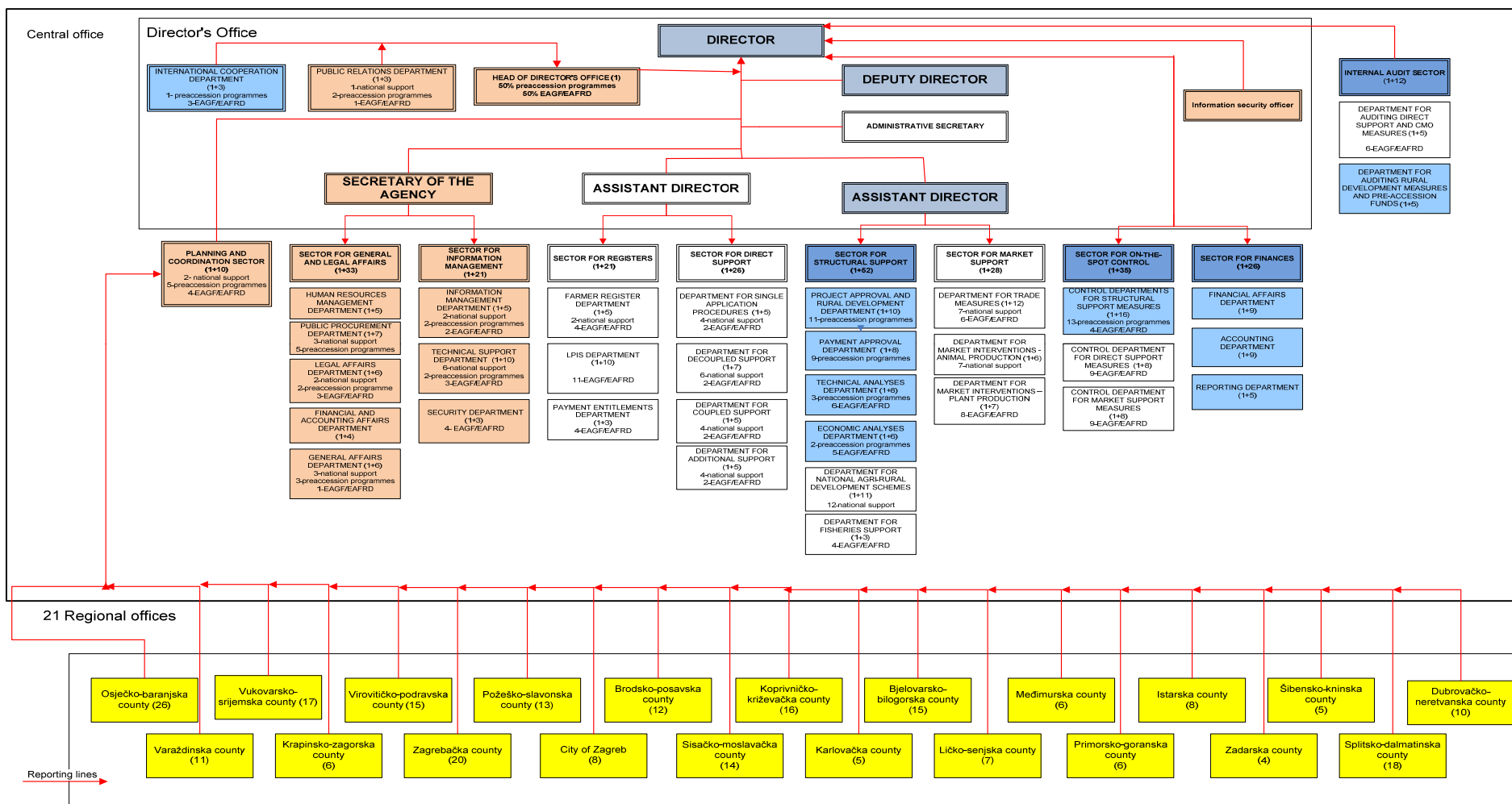
-21 regional offices (one in each county)

(242 posts in systematization, 235 currently staffed)

PAAFRD (*March 2011*):

in total **532 work-posts / 467 employees**

PAYING AGENCY FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT





IPARD PROGRAMME

(Pre-accession Assistance)



Priority 1:

- 101. Investments in agricultural holdings to restructure and to upgrade to Community standards**
- 103. Investments in the processing and marketing of agricultural and fisheries products to restructure those activities and to upgrade them to Community standards**

- The EC Conferral Decision was granted on 30 November 2009

Priority 2:

- 201. Actions to improve the environment and the countryside**
- 202. Preparation and implementation of local rural development strategies**

Priority 3:

- 301. Improvement and development of rural infrastructure**
- 302. Diversification and development of rural economic activities**

- Approval of EC granted 17th of March 2011,

Measure 501: Technical assistance



IPARD CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS – for M101 & M103

call	Number of received appl.	Amount of investment(€)	Requested support(€)	Approved appl.	Approved investment (€)	Approved support (€)	% approved/requested money	% approved support	utilization
1st 101 and 103	37	20.347.146,52	10.379.458,07	18	9.457.502,09	4.876.812,21	46,99%	48,65%	
2nd 101 and 103	13	7.913.935,66	4.024.221,61	10	5.834.364,37	2.924.002,83	72,66%	76,92%	
3rd 101 and 103	26	13.866.183,50	6.795.153,96	16	10.487.982,60	5.479.508,31	80,64%	61,54%	
4th 101 and 103	44	26.275.020,41	11.822.149,58	36	21.347.527,48	10.809.221,65	91,43%	81,82%	
5th 101 and 103	40	25.616.191,95	13.177.645,98	24	17.944.431,64	9.119.000,18	69,20%	60,00%	
total	160	94.018.478,03	46.198.629,19	104	65.071.808,18	33.208.545,18	72,18%	65,79%	30,52%
<i>6th 101 and 103</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>45.922.064,54</i>	<i>22.069.985,31</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>34.601.315,52</i>	<i>17.051.941,78</i>	<i>77,26%</i>	<i>67,21%</i>	
<i>estimated after 6th call</i>	<i>221</i>	<i>139.940.542,57</i>	<i>68.268.614,49</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>99.673.123,70</i>	<i>50.260.486,96</i>	<i>73,03%</i>	<i>66,02%</i>	<i>46,19%</i>
1st 302	28	3.263.572,58	1.635.624,49	18	2.346.875,96	1.173.429,60	71,74%	64,29%	
total	28	3.263.572,58	1.635.624,49	18	2.346.875,96	1.173.429,60	71,74%	64,29%	9,40%
<i>2nd 302</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>3.899.818,53</i>	<i>1.973.597,92</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>3.027.700,62</i>	<i>1.465.026,36</i>	<i>74,23%</i>	<i>75,00%</i>	
<i>estimated after 2nd call</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>7.163.391,11</i>	<i>3.609.222,41</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>5.374.576,58</i>	<i>2.638.455,96</i>	<i>72,99%</i>	<i>69,64%</i>	<i>21,14%</i>
1st 301	67	37.527.087,14	37.527.087,14	13	8.626.208,36	8.626.208,36	22,99%	19,40%	
2nd 301	46	25.092.027,83	25.092.027,83	32	16.721.889,39	16.721.889,39	66,64%	69,57%	
total	113	62.619.114,97	62.619.114,97	45	25.348.097,75	25.348.097,75	40,48%	39,82%	67,70%
GRAND TOTAL	390	209.723.048,65	134.496.951,87	167	92.766.781,89	59.730.072,53	54,08%	55,48%	37,63%
<i>ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>209.723.048,65</i>	<i>134.496.951,87</i>	<i>229</i>	<i>130.395.798,03</i>	<i>78.247.040,67</i>	<i>58,18%</i>	<i>58,72%</i>	<i>49,29%</i>



CROATIAN EXPERIENCE IN IPARD IMPLEMENTATION

- **ADVANTAGES**
- Acquiring of knowledge about functioning of EU funds for beneficiaries and administration;
- Preparation of fundamentals for building of functional agency for post-accession period;
- Enhancement of investments in agricultural and processing sector;
- Building of human resources in the Agency and Ministry (try to keep them in the system as much as possible);
- Introduction of order and discipline in whole sector;



CROATIAN EXPERIENCE IN IPARD IMPLEMENTATION

- **ADVANTAGES**
- Rising awareness about environment, animal welfare, occupational safety, plant protection, public and animal health among beneficiaries;
- Improving of coordination between different bodies in state administration;
- Significant financial help to agricultural sector in economic crisis;
- Improvement of work with introduction of written procedures.



CROATIAN EXPERIENCE IN IPARD IMPLEMENTATION

- DISADVANTAGES
- Adoption IPARD-February 2008
- Self-assessment-June 2008
- National Accreditation-October 2008
- Conferral of management(M 101 AND 103)-November 2009
- Conferral of management (M 301 AND 302)-March 2011
- Conferral for M-202 and 501 not granted yet.
- Such timeline caused loss of significant amount of money, by implementing n+3 rule.
- Gap between national accreditation and conferral was twice bigger than for SAPARD.



CROATIAN EXPERIENCE IN IPARD IMPLEMENTATION

- DISADVANTAGES
- Controls which include 3 or more OTSC on 100% sample make a huge burden for administration;
- Controls on the spot are so heavy that there is need of spending 3 days for one single control in case of construction;
- Excessive administrative controls, time-consuming, causing losing of focus;
- Very costly system in place (estimation 3-3500€ is spent per project);
- Long procedure of different approvals from the side of EC services.



Main things to think about for implementation of IPARD after 2014

- To have main documents in place ASAP (at least in draft version) in order to start with preparation of procedures on time;
- To have the RDP with criteria arising from real needs of sector, enabling the Agency to create adequate control-list;
- Optimization of n+3 rule calculation (to be counted from the moment of accreditation);
- If the above mentioned is not possible, to avoid flat rates of allocations for first two years;
- To enhance the process of accreditation;
- To align approach of national and DG AGRI audits.



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time just expired!

Thank you for your attention!