



UAP - CURRENT SITUATION

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LEGAL BASIS (1)

NATIONAL

- Law on Agriculture and Rural Development
- Law on General Administrative procedure
- Law on Budget
- Draft IPARD Programme 2012-2013
- National Programme for Rural Development 2011-2013

EU

- IPA Framework Regulation (EC) 1085/2006
- IPA Implementing Regulation (EC) 718/2007
- Framework Agreement
- Sectoral Agreement





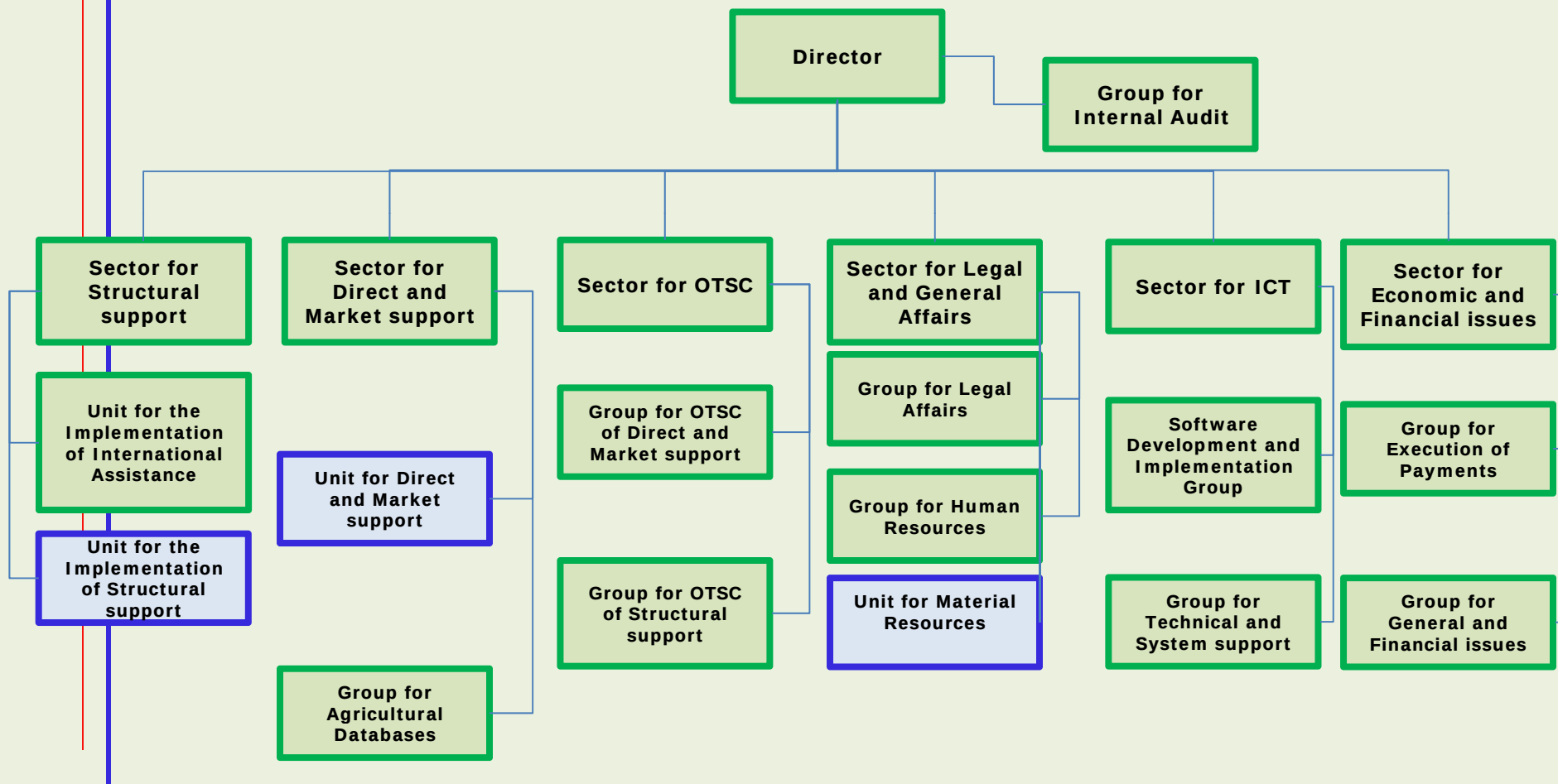
LEGAL BASIS (2) - CHANGES

- Law on Agriculture and Rural Development – amendments to the law (IA tasks, control, procedure)
- Decree on Decentralized Management of the IPA V Component
- Government Conclusion on appointment of the IPARD structures
- Memorandum of Understanding NAO – IA has been drafted
- Memorandum of Understanding IA – MA has been drafted as well



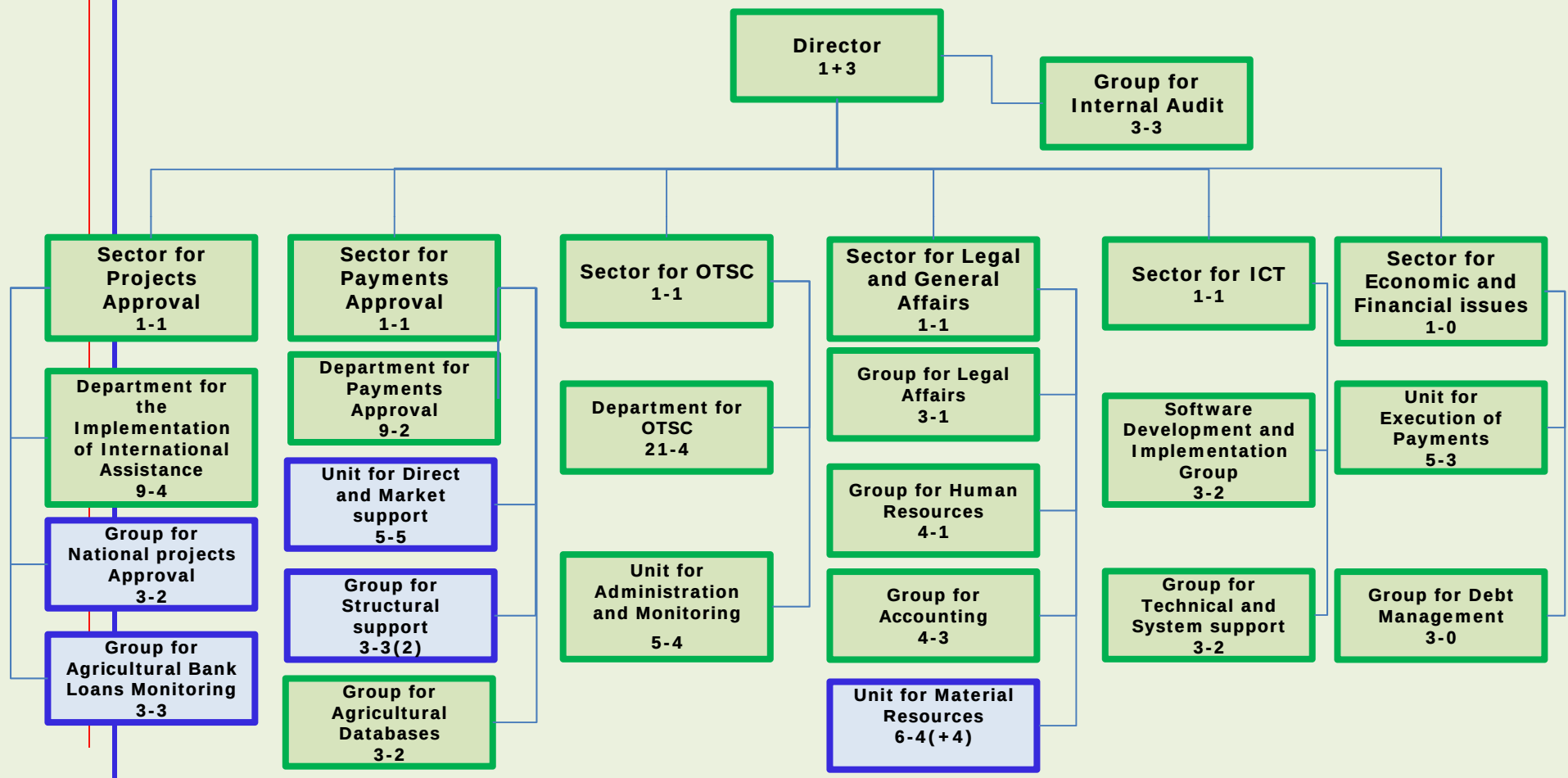


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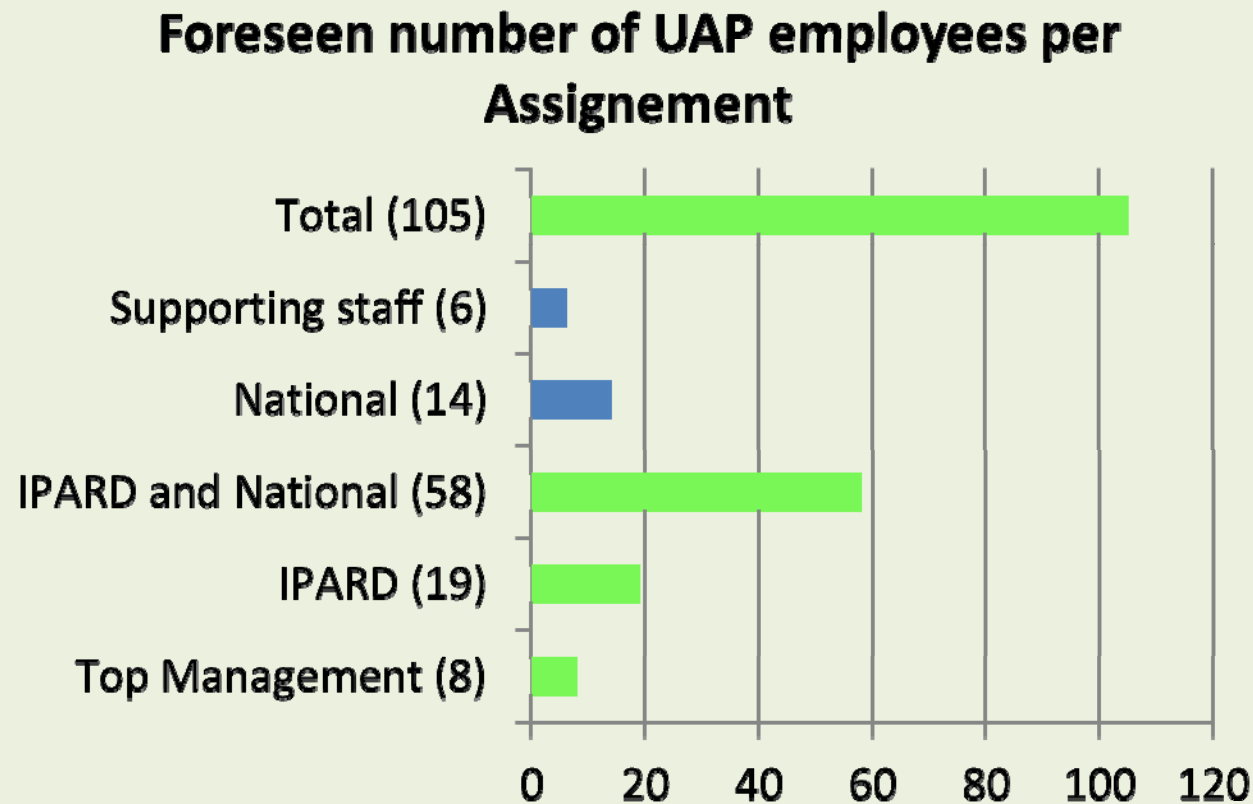


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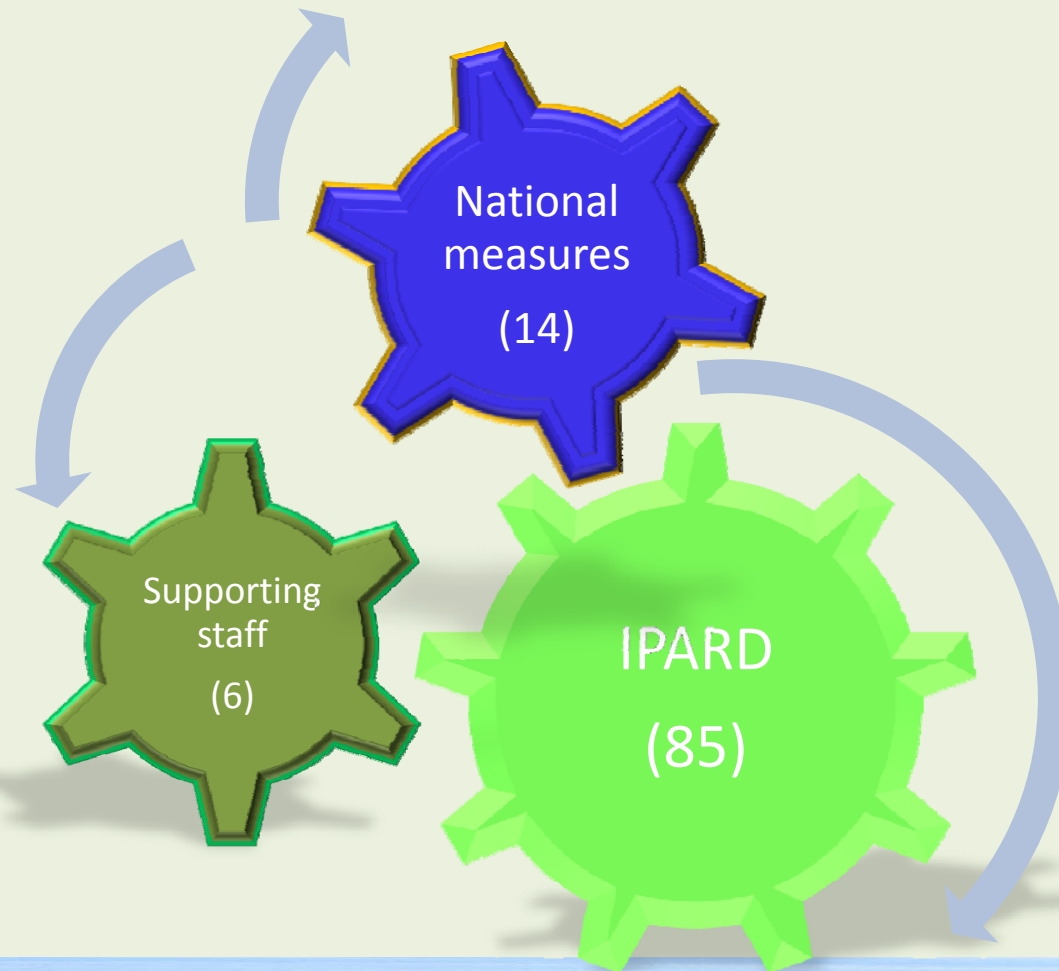


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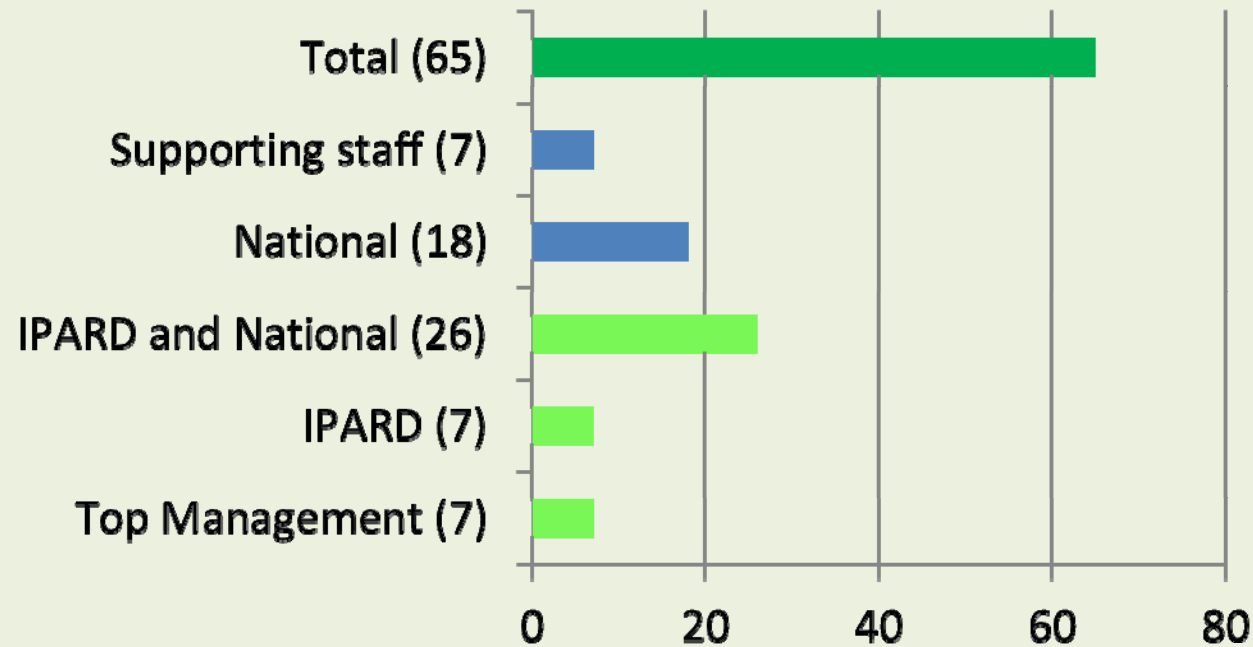
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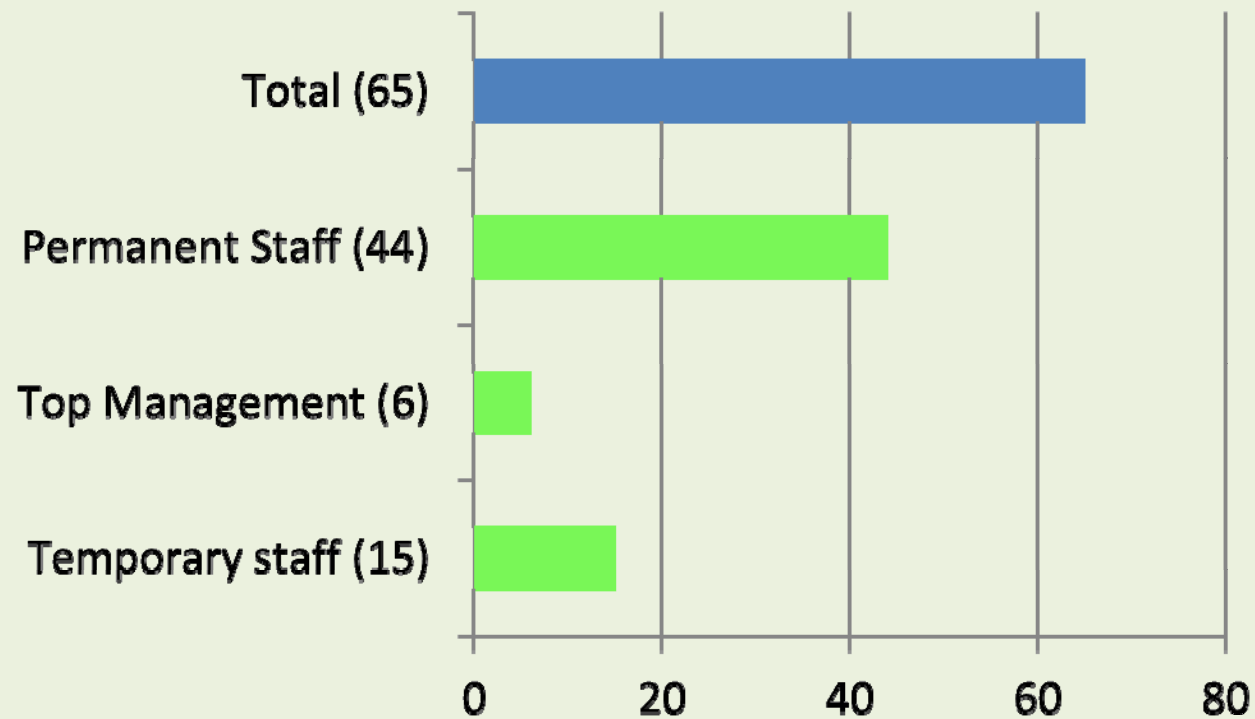
Current number of UAP employees per Assignment





ORGANIZATION (5)

Current number of UAP employees





ORGANIZATION (6) – STATE OF PLAY

- Increase of staff from 70 to 105 adopted by Government on 8th December 2011
- Additional 35 used to staff IPARD work posts
- Three calls for jobs launched so far:
 - March 2011 (17 employees)
 - July 2011 (7 employees)
 - January 2012 (23 employees)





TASKS (1)

- Selecting and checking operations in accordance with the criteria, mechanisms and rules applicable to the national rules regulating assistance
- Calls a public concurs for allocation of assistance
- Making calls for applications and publicising terms and conditions for eligibility
- Checking of applications for approval of projects against terms and eligibility conditions, and compliance with the, where appropriate, public procurement provisions;
- Laying down contractual obligations between the Directorate and the final beneficiaries
- Decides upon the right to assistance;
- Making payments to, and recovery from, the final beneficiary in case beneficiary fails to meet the contractual obligation





TASKS (2)

- Execution of administrative and on-the-spot checks of contractual obligations fulfillment, ensuring that the products or services have been delivered in accordance with the contract concluded;
- Establishes and keeps accounting records of contractual obligations and payments;
- Implements international assistance to agricultural policy in the Republic of Serbia;
- Manages the Farm Register;
- Conducts an independent internal audit;
- Submits reports and analyses to the Minister;
- Performs other activities in compliance with this Law.





TASKS – NEW (1)

- Making calls for applications related to IPARD and publicising terms and conditions for eligibility;
- Selecting and checking operations in accordance with the criteria and mechanisms applicable to the IPARD Programme, and complying with the relevant Community and national rules;
- Checking of applications for approval of projects against terms and eligibility conditions, and compliance of applications with the concluded Agreements and, where appropriate, public procurement provisions;
- Conclusion of contract regulating rights and obligations with final beneficiaries including information on possible sanctions in the case of failure to fulfill contractual obligations;
- Arranging for the implementation of grant schemes and the ensuing contracting;
- Making payments to, and recovery from, the final beneficiary;
- Carrying out on-the spot checks prior to approval of project, following project approval and after final payment, within 5 years;





TASKS – NEW (2)

- Carrying out checks to ensure that the expenditure declared has actually been incurred in accordance with applicable rules, the products or services have been delivered in accordance with the approval decision, and the payment requests by the final beneficiary are correct;
- Follow-up action to ensure progress of projects being implemented;
- Reporting of progress of measures being implemented against indicators;
- Ensuring that the final beneficiary is made aware of the Community contribution to the project;
- Ensuring irregularity reporting;
- Ensuring that the NAO, the National Fund and the Managing Authority receive all information necessary for them to perform their tasks.





DELEGATED TASKS

- There won't be any delegated task
- OTSC function will be fully taken over by UAP
- Regional Offices
- Business plans evaluation – software integrated
- Main Office – remains service provided to UAP from the Directorate for Common Affairs of the Government





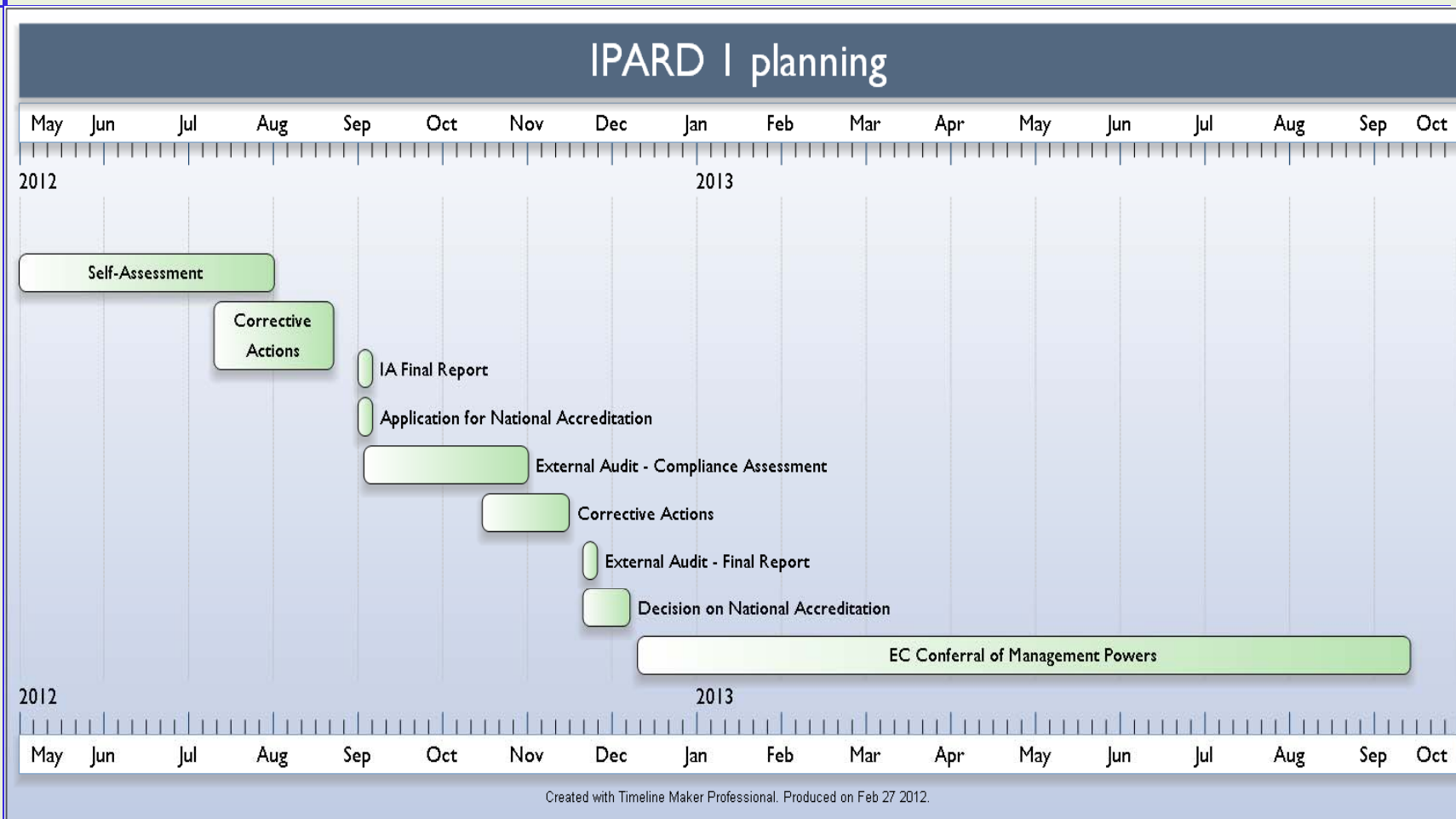
DONE SO FAR

- Procedures in the process of finalisation
- Recruitment on going
- Legal basis in process of finalisation
- Software will be set by May 2012 (tendering procedure finished, contract signed)
- Preparation for self-assessment have been started (questionnaires, Internal Audit Group preparations, trainings).





ACCREDITATION TIMETABLE





ACCREDITATION TIMETABLE + ASSISTANCE





KEY ISSUES

- Insufficient number of Staff
- Lack of Trainings
- Software not finalised
- Procedures still not finalised





FORESEEN SOLUTIONS

- New employment foreseen/ongoing
- Intensifying Twinning missions, NAO horizontal trainings, external experts (STAR)
- Contract signed, in next four months software will be ready for use
- IPA 2012, TW light





Thank you for attention

