



Support for skills and cooperation under IPARD III

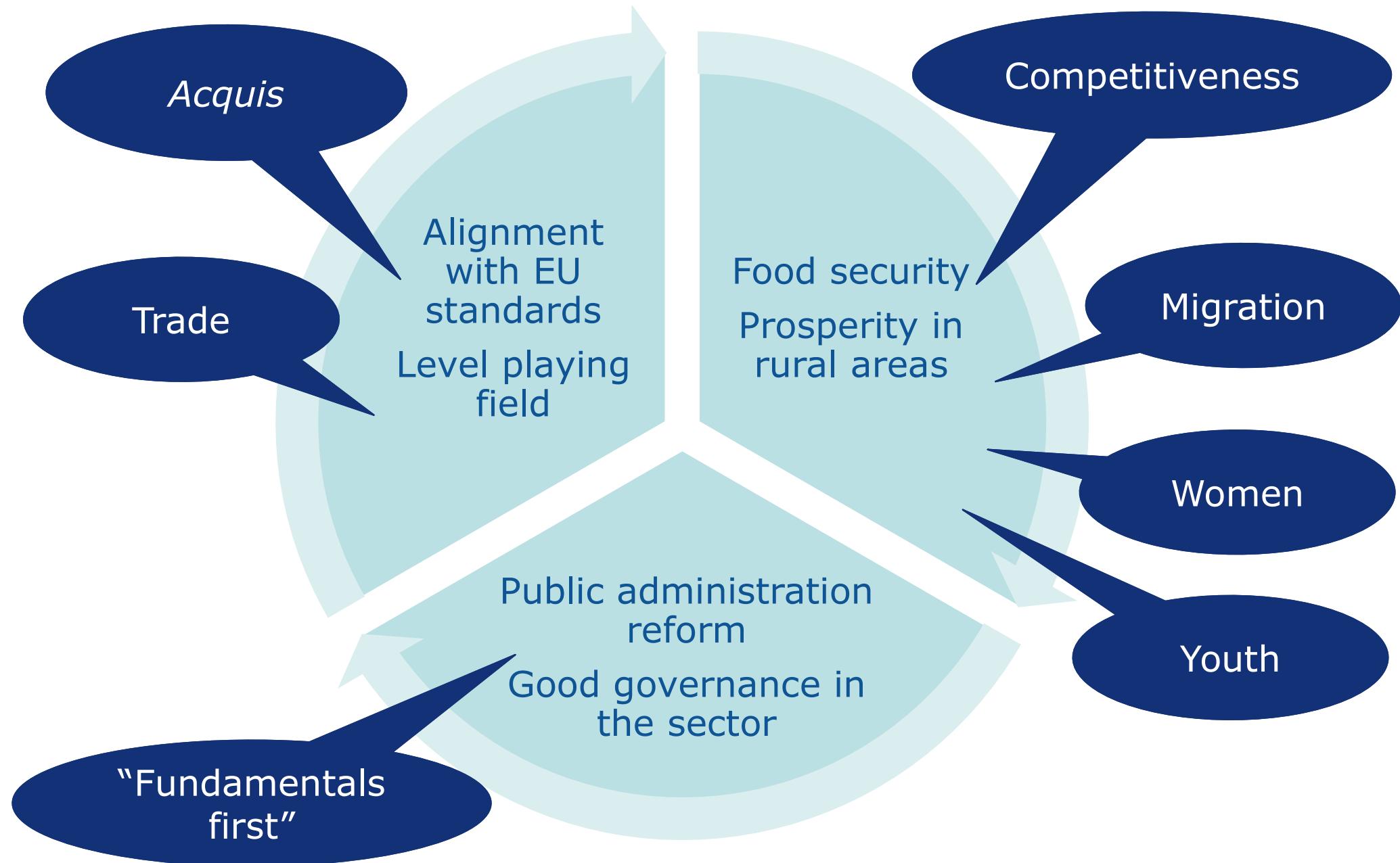
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What is IPARD?

- **I**nstrument for **P**re-accession **A**sistance for **R**ural **D**evelopment (**IPARD**) focuses on rural areas and the agri-food sectors of countries in the process of joining the EU.
- Part of the instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA).
- Available in Albania (112 MEUR (budget for 2021-2027)), Montenegro (63 MEUR), North Macedonia (97 MEUR), Serbia (288 MEUR), Turkiye (430 MEUR).

1€ of IPARD = multiple objectives





Specific objectives of IPARD

- Effectiveness of public administration, good governance;
- Alignment with EU rules, standards, policies, practices;
- Strengthen economic and social cohesion, youth, investment in private sector development, SMEs, agriculture and RD;
- Environmental protection, resilience to climate change.



IPARD III measures - I

M1-Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings

M2-Support for the setting up of producer groups

M3-Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products

M4-Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure



IPARD III measures - II

M5-Implementation of local development strategies
- LEADER approach

M6-Investments in rural public infrastructure

M7-Farm diversification and business development

M8-Improvement of skills and competences

M9-Technical assistance



IPARD III measures - III

M10-Advisory services

M11-Establishment and protection of forests

M12-Financial instruments

M13-Promotion of cooperation for innovation and knowledge transfer



Improvement of skills and competences

- Precondition - Existing Training strategy
- Support to organisers, trainers
- Examples of Supported activities:
 - Training and workshops
 - Demonstration projects - Practical sessions to illustrate a new technology; Use of new machinery
 - Short-term farm and forest management exchanges and farm and forest visits



Advisory services

- Support to public authorities or body, which will provide advice free of charge to farmers, forest holders and microenterprises in rural areas
- Examples of Supported activities:
 - One-to-one advice on preparation of applications for the IPARD programme
 - Group advisory
 - Advisory services in clearly defined areas



Promotion of cooperation for innovation and knowledge transfer

- Support to the IP Operational Groups comprising at least three actors from different stakeholder groups operating in agriculture, forestry, aquaculture or food processing
- Examples of Supported activities:
 - Running costs of the IP Operational Group
 - Cost related to joint capacity building activities (joint training/advice provision/workshops)
 - Direct costs of a project/s linked to the implementation of a plan
 - Costs of promotional activities



Information sources

- Albania - <http://www.ipard.gov.al/>
- Montenegro – <https://ipard.gov.me>
- North Macedonia – <https://ipard.gov.mk/>
- Serbia - <http://www.minpolj.gov.rs/>



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