**Annex I**

Milestones, targets and related indicators – non-repayable support

| **#** | **Related measure (reform or investment)** | **M/T** | **Name** | **Qualitative indicators (for milestones)** | **Quantitative indicators (for targets)** | | | | **Date for completion** | | | **Responsibility for reporting and implementation** | **Further specification (if necessary)** | | **Verification mechanism** | | | **Possible early warning indicators** | **On-the-spot checks** | **Relevant common indicators** | **Comment** |
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| **Unit** | **Base-line** | **Goal** | **Q** | | **Year** |  | |  | **A. Evidence provided** | | **B. Detailed justification** | **C. Contribution to achievement of the objectives (link)** |  |  |  |  |
| 131 | C6.R1: Updating the strategic framework of the agricultural sector | Milestone | Adoption of the National Action Programme contributing to the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy 2030 | Adoption by the Council of Ministers |  |  |  | Q4 | | 2023 | Ministry of Agriculture | | The action programme shall also cover measures aimed at increasing the share of organic farming, in line with target 132 in the CID annex | 1. Copy of the adopted National Action Programme contributing to the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy 2030, as well as a link/links to the website/websites where the two documents can be accessed 2. Copy of the decision of the Council of Ministers adopting the Action Programme (if relevant) 3. [If relevant, copy of the publication in the State Gazette] 4. Reference to the dedicated mechanism for monitoring and reporting on Action Programme’s implementation 5. Explanatory report demonstrating that the strategy and the recommendations made therein cover the objectives listed in the description of the milestone and in other parts of the CID annex and how the measures and actions foreseen in the Action Plan address the objectives of the Strategy | | Institution/s: Ministry of Agriculture  What: Adoption of the National Action Programme contributing to the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy 2030  How: entry into force (evidenced by a, b, c), reporting (d, e)  Why: The National Action Programme contributing to the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy 2030 shall set out a framework for the management and protection of the environment and natural resources in the field of agriculture. The programme shall aim at promoting green investment, sustainable management of natural resources (water, soil, air), adaptation to and mitigation of climate change. The Action Programme shall be accompanied by the establishment of a dedicated mechanism for monitoring and reporting on its implementation. [provide references to the plan that acknowledge these objectives]  When: specify the dates of development and entry into force | The objective of the measure is to adapt the strategic framework of the Bulgarian agricultural sector to make it compatible with the country’s commitments stemming from the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the European Green Deal.  The measure consists of adopting the National Action Programme contributing to the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy 2030 aimed at promoting green investment, sustainable management of natural resources (water, soil, air), adaptation to and mitigation of climate change. The programme shall set out a framework for the management and protection of the environment and natural resources in the field of agriculture. | - | None | - | - |
| 132 | C6.R1: Updating the strategic framework of the agricultural sector | Target | Increase in the share of organic farming which embraces the green and digital transition |  | % (Percentage) | 2.3 | 5 | Q2 | | 2026 | Ministry of Agriculture | |  | 1. Copy of the Eurostat organic farming statistics to be issued in 2026, proving that the percentage of organic area in total utilised agricultural area in hectares increased to 5% in 2025 | | Institution/s: Ministry of Agriculture  What: Increase in the share of organic farming which embraces the green and digital transition  How: reporting (a)  Why: The National Action Programme contributing to the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy 2030 shall incentivise farmers to adapt their practices and lead to an increase of the share of organic farming. The percentage of organic area in total utilised agricultural area in hectares shall increase from 2.3% in 2019 to 5% in 2025 based on Eurostat organic farming statistics to be issued in 2026. [provide references to the plan that acknowledge these objectives]  When: as a result of milestone 131 | As above | Delays in milestone 131 | None | - | - |
| 133 | C6.I1: Fund to promote the technological and ecological transition of agriculture | Milestone | Award of grant agreements for support under the Fund to promote the technological and ecological transition of agriculture | Communication of awards by the Ministry of Agriculture |  |  |  | Q3 | | 2023 | Ministry of Agriculture | |  | 1. Copy of and link to the official communication of awards of the grant agreements under the four strands of the Fund in line with the description from the CID annex 2. Extracts from the evaluation reports or grant agreements of selected projects proving alignment with the description of the milestone and of the description of the investment in the CID, including compliance with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01), as specified in the CID Annex | | Institution/s: Ministry of Agriculture  What: Award of grant agreements for support under the Fund to promote the technological and ecological transition of agriculture  How: contracting (a), reporting (b)  Why: Communication of the awards of grant agreements under the four strands of the Fund: - technological and environmental modernisation - preparation centres for marketing and storage of fruit and vegetables - construction/reconstruction and equipment of establishments for the rearing and evaluation of male breeding animals, including the harvesting of biological material from them; - efficient water management on agricultural holdings. The grant agreements shall comply with eligibility criteria under the respective calls for proposals that ensure that the selected projects comply with the Do No Significant Harm Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) through the use of an exclusion list and the requirement of compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation. The strand on the efficient water management on agricultural holdings shall only provide support to investments, which ensure that the impact on the water bodies is such that they are expected to retain good status after the investments taking into account the future projections of climate change impact in a range of scenarios. [provide references to the plan that acknowledge these objectives]  When: specify the dates of selection and award | The objective of the measure is to contribute to addressing the issues that hamper the competitiveness and sustainability of the Bulgarian agricultural sector and to accelerate the sector’s adaptation to climate change, the greening of its production and its digital transformation.  The measure consists of setting up a Fund for promoting the technological and ecological transition of agriculture. The Fund shall provide support to farmers for the implementation of activities ensuring the protection of the environment and climate change mitigation, introducing innovative production and digital technologies, agricultural production and organisation technologies, the automation of work processes, the shortening of supply chains and the conservation of genetic resources. The Fund shall promote investments in four strands: 1) technological and environmental modernisation; 2) preparation centres for marketing and storage of fruit and vegetables; 3) construction/reconstruction and equipment of holdings for the rearing and evaluation of male breeding animals, including the harvesting of biological material from them and 4) effective water management on farms. | Delays in launching the calls | None | - | - |
| 134 | C6.I1: Fund to promote the technological and ecological transition of agriculture | Target | Number of supported project beneficiaries through the Fund |  | Number | 0 | 636 | Q4 | | 2025 | Ministry of Agriculture | |  | 1. The list of projects supported by the fund, including a description of the projects, their beneficiaries and the official references to the certificates of project completion issued in accordance with the national legislation when applicable/other documents proving the investment 2. Report by an independent engineer endorsed by the responsible authority, providing justification that projects supporting efficient water management in agricultural holdings are compliant with the DNSH conditions specified in the description of the investment in the CID annex | | Institution/s: Ministry of Agriculture  What: Number of supported project beneficiaries through the Fund  How: contracting (a), reporting (b)  Why: The fund shall aim to support a minimum number of 636 project beneficiaries. The awarded grant agreements project beneficiaries shall pursue the objectives of the Fund and shall comply with the DNSH requirements set out in milestone 133. [provide references to the plan that acknowledge these objectives]  When: after award of grant agreements and completion of works | As above | Delays in the award of the grant agreements | Yes, sample-based | 6 and 9 (enterprises), 14 (youth) | - |
| 135 | C6.I2: Digitalisation of processes from farm to fork | Milestone | Award of the contracts for 1) software solutions for the electronic information system for the agriculture sector and 2) the communication network of field and rain sensors | Communication of awards by the Ministry of Agriculture |  |  |  | Q4 | | 2023 | Ministry of Agriculture | |  | 1. Copies of the two contracts concluded in line with the description provided in the CID annex 2. Technical specifications for 1) the development of software solutions to facilitate the integration of administration information systems into a Single Platform for automated data exchange between administration and farmers and 2) the establishment of a communication network of field and rain sensors to provide information on soil moisture, air and soil temperature and rainfall, in line with the description in the CID annex | | Institution/s: Ministry of Agriculture  What: Award of the contracts for 1) software solutions for the electronic information system for the agriculture sector and 2) the communication network of field and rain sensors  How: contracting (a, b)  Why: The two contracts shall provide for: 1) the development of software solutions to facilitate the integration of administration information systems into a Single Platform for automated data exchange between administration and farmers and 2) the establishment of a communication network of field and rain sensors to provide information on soil moisture, air and soil temperature and rainfall. The Platform developed under contract 1 shall include the following modules enabling 1) the use of plant protection products and fertilisers by digitising logbooks for their use; 2) control of the use of antimicrobial veterinary medicinal products; 3) traceability from primary production to final consumption; 4) online training, including content of training modules and advice to farmers. [provide references to the plan that acknowledge these objectives]  When: specify the dates of selection and award | The objective of the measure is to facilitate the automated data exchange between the administration and farmers with a view to ensuring a more efficient and uniform flow of data and avoiding the need for maintaining redundant document formats.  The measure consists of setting up a centralised electronic agricultural information system with several modules enabling: 1) the use of plant protection products and fertilisers by digitising logbooks for their use; 2) control of the use of antimicrobial veterinary medicinal products; 3) traceability from primary production to final consumption on the basis of a unique identifier to inform consumers and stimulate the production of quality and affordable food; 4) online training, including content of training modules and advice to farmers. The measure also includes the setting up of a communication network of field and rain sensors to provide information on soil moisture, air and soil temperature and rainfall. | Delays in the launching of the calls | None | - | - |
| 136 | C6.I2: Digitalisation of processes from farm to fork | Milestone | Completion and delivery of fully operational 1) electronic agricultural information system and 2) communication network of field and rain sensors | Issuance of the taking over certificates by the contracting authority confirming that the electronic agricultural information system and the communication network of field and rain sensors are fully operational. |  |  |  | Q4 | | 2025 | Ministry of Agriculture | |  | 1. Certificates of work completion signed by the contractor and the competent authority issued in accordance with the national legislation demonstrating that the electronic agricultural information system and the communication network of field and rain sensors are fully operational 2. Report by an independent engineer endorsed by the relevant ministry, including justification that the technical specifications of the information system and communication network are aligned with the description of the milestone and of the investment in the CID annex | | Institution/s: Ministry of Agriculture  What: Completion and delivery of fully operational 1) electronic agricultural information system and 2) communication network of field and rain sensors  How: contracting (a), reporting (b)  Why: The electronic agricultural information system and the communication network of field and rain sensors shall include the modules and functionalities set out in milestone 136. [provide references to the plan that acknowledge these objectives]  When: after award of contracts and completion of works | As above | Delays in the award of the contracts | None | - | - |