

# School Fruit Scheme – state of play

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#### **SFS State of Play**

- <u>Present</u>: current SFS implementation before CAP
   2020 changes
- <u>As of 2014/2015</u>: CAP 2020 implementation with higher budget, accompanying measures
- Future: new proposal adopted on January 30th





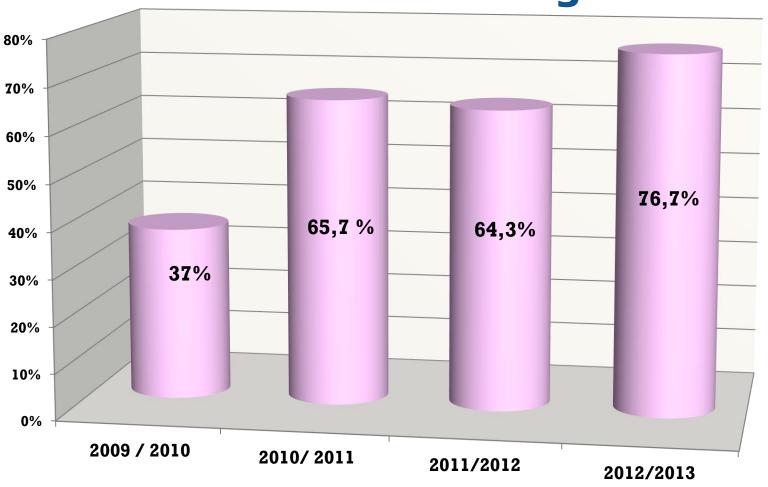
## **Current SFS implementation**

- 2013/2014 school year underway, 25 MS participating (including Croatia), still based on the €90 million budget and 50/75% co-financing rates
- <u>2012/2013</u>: major improvements in the use of budget and implementation figures





# The SFS at EU level – EU budget use in %

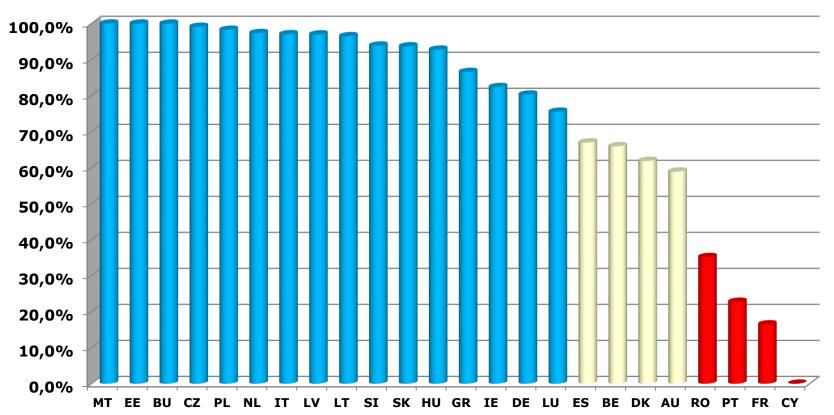






#### The SFS at EU level – budget use

2012/2013 per Member State in %







#### The SFS stakeholders' meeting

- Scheduled for May 2014
- Will focus on the implementation: logistics, distribution, difficulties encountered by MS/ schools/ suppliers...
- Any ideas/points for discussion?





#### The SFS in 2014/2015

- 150 Mio€ instead of 90 Mio€
- Co-financing rates 75-90% instead of 50-75% in less developed regions
- Accompanying measures eligible to the EU aid





#### The SFS in 2014/2015

- National strategies and aid requests to be submitted by 30
   April 2014
- Commission's decision on final allocations by 30 June
   2014
- **Delegated act on accompanying measures** (eligible costs and the maximum financing limit): discussed with MS, now in internal Commission procedure
- New indicative allocations: based on €150 mio budget and higher co-financing rates favourable opinion in ManCom on 18/2, adoption procedure under way (scheduled for 10/3)





## **Indicative allocations from 2014/2015**

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## The future: what's happening now?

- New legislative proposal adopted on 30 January
  2014
- Takes into the account major points emphasised in the public consultation: simplification, reduction of administrative burden, stronger educational measures for SMS, separate budgets for F&V and milk
- All documents available on the website:
   <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/school-scheme/legislative-proposal/index">http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/school-scheme/legislative-proposal/index</a> en.htm





## New proposal: key elements

- The new scheme would operate under a joint framework
- The regular distribution would be focused on **fresh fruit and vegetables** (including bananas) and drinking milk
- New educational measures that could occasionally include in thematic activities a **wider variety of agricultural products**, such as for example yoghurt, honey or olive oil.
- The **supporting educational measures** would be a key instrument in helping to bring about sustained changes in children's eating habits.
- The new scheme would operate within the budget for the school schemes under CAP 2020, consisting of two separate envelopes of € 150 million for fruit and vegetables and € 80 million for milk, with a possibility of limited transfers between them.





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