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Investments in agriculture and rural development in IPA (Western Balkans, Turkey)

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**Pre-accession assistance to agriculture and rural
development**

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EU Pre-Accession assistance



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- **IPA** is an **integrated** Pre-Accession Instrument to assist candidate and potential candidate countries (Phare, ISPA, SAPARD, CARDS, pre-accession assistance Turkey)
- Financial envelope allocated for the period 2007–2013: **10.2 billion €** (at 2004 prices)



IPA – Components & Beneficiary Countries



IPA: 5 components

1. Transition Assistance & Institution Building
2. Cross-Border Cooperation
3. Regional Development
4. Human Resources Development
5. Rural Development (IPARD)

Annex II: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia incl. Kosovo

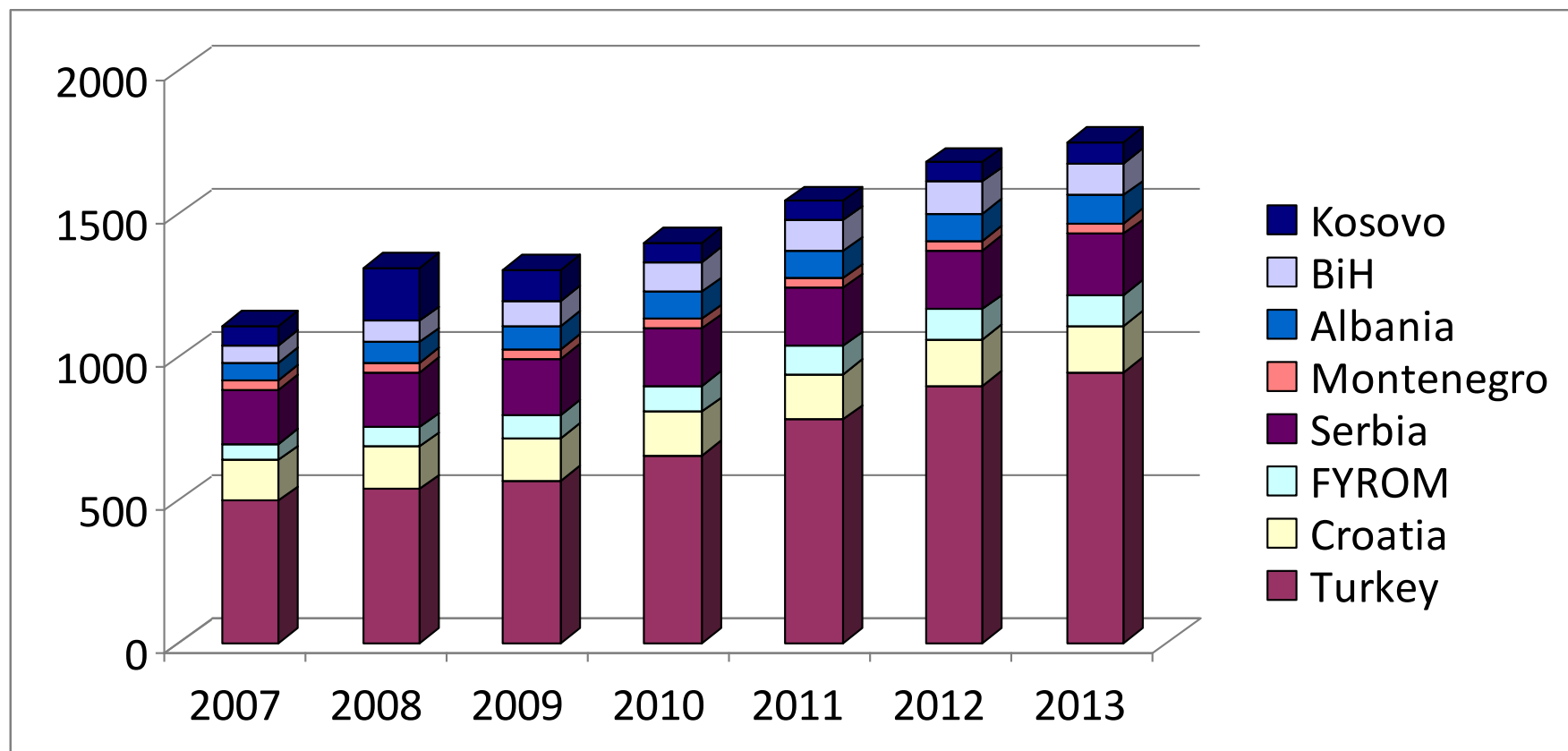
Annex I: Croatia, Turkey FYR of Macedonia

II. Policy framework



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IPA allocation per country (million €)





IPA- funds allocation in Candidate Countries (2007-13)

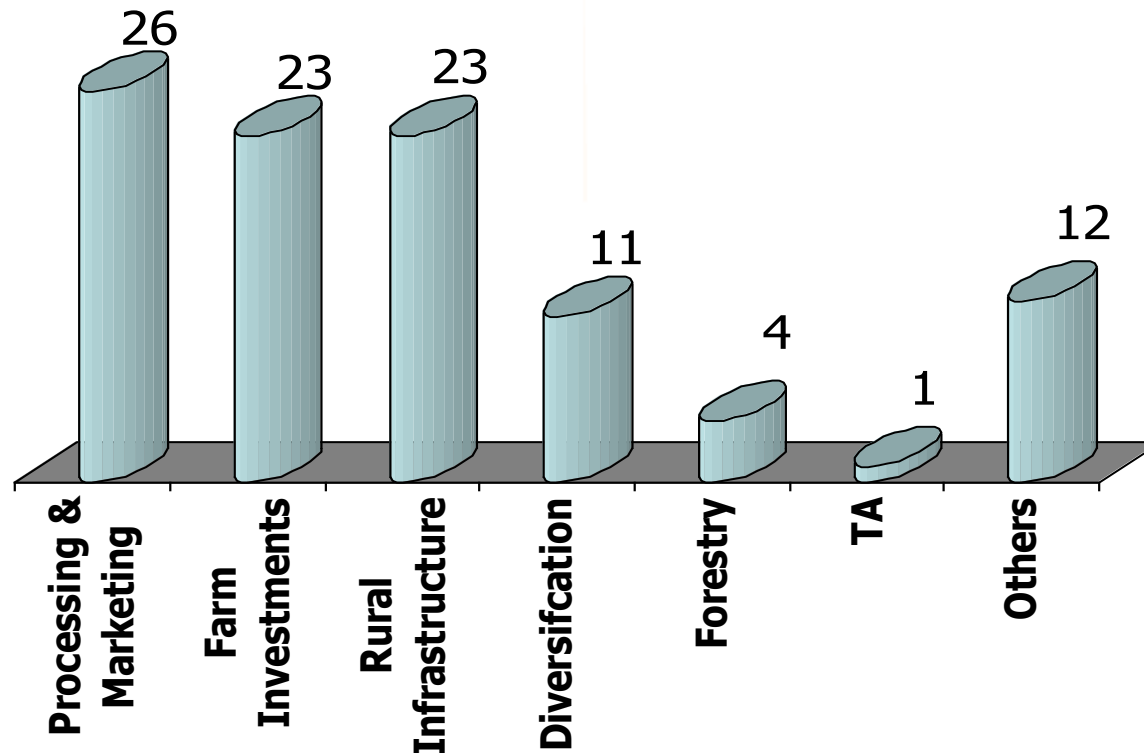
	Component I [€ Million]	Component V (IPARD) [€ Million]	Total [€ Million]
Croatia	299	184	1071
FYROM	251	87.5	612
Turkey	1664.5	876	4883
Total	2214.5	1147.5	6566

Lessons learnt from SAPARD/IPARD

- Preparation for implementation takes from 3 - 5 years
- Difficulties in focusing programmes on real needs
- Stronger focus under IPARD on the EU *acquis* related issues e.g. environmental, quality and health standards as well
- Less measures under IPARD (from 16 measures under SAPARD to 9 under IPARD).

CHOICE OF MEASURES IN SAPARD COUNTRIES

(% of EU contribution as in the programmes 2000-2006)



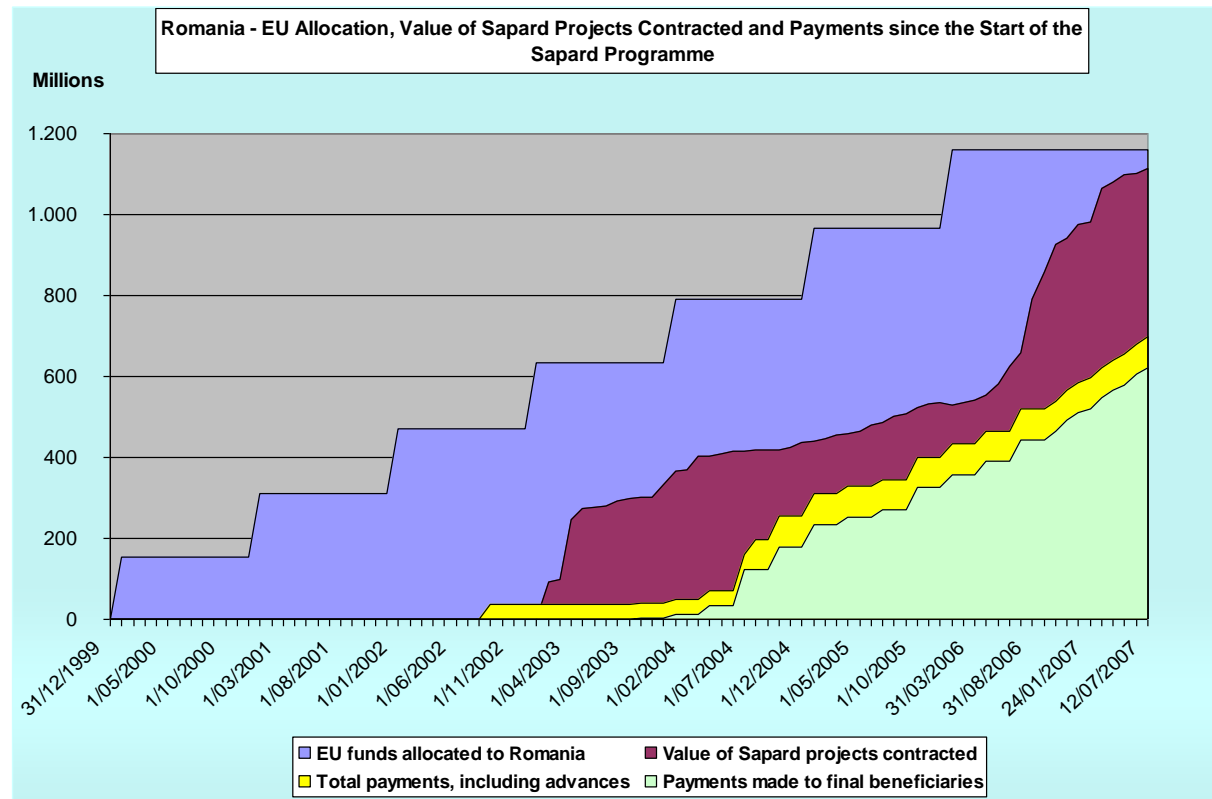


SAPARD experience



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Time lag in implementation





IPARD MEASURES

(concentration: 16 SAPARD, 9 IPARD)



Axis 1: Improving market efficiency and implementation of Community standards

- 1 Investments in agricultural holdings** to restructure and upgrade to the EU standards (*construction/reconstruction of buildings, storage facilities, production facilities, stables for animals, milking and cooling equipment etc.*);
- 2 Investments in processing and marketing of agriculture** and fishery products to restructure and upgrade to the EU standards (*e.g. purchase of new machinery and equipment*);
- 3 Supporting the setting up of producer groups** (*flat-rate aid for first five years following recognition calculated based on annual marketed production*);

Axis 2: preparatory actions for agri-environment and LEADER

- 4 Preparation to implement actions designed to improve the environment and the countryside** (*pilots, annual payments income foregone, organic farming, reduction /better use of fertilisers, diversification of crop-rotations etc.*);

- 5 **Preparation of local private-public partnerships** to implement local development strategies (*local development strategies, running costs Local Action groups, cooperation projects*);

Axis 3: Development of the rural economy

- 6 Improvement and development of **rural infrastructure** (*water and energy supply, waste management, local access to ICT, local access to roads, fire protection infrastructure*);
- 7 **Development and diversification** of rural economic activities (*focus: small/micro enterprise/crafts/rural tourism: alternative productions like medical and spice herbs, mushrooms, providing services to farmers*);
- 8 **Training** (*persons engaged in the agricultural, food and forestry sectors*)

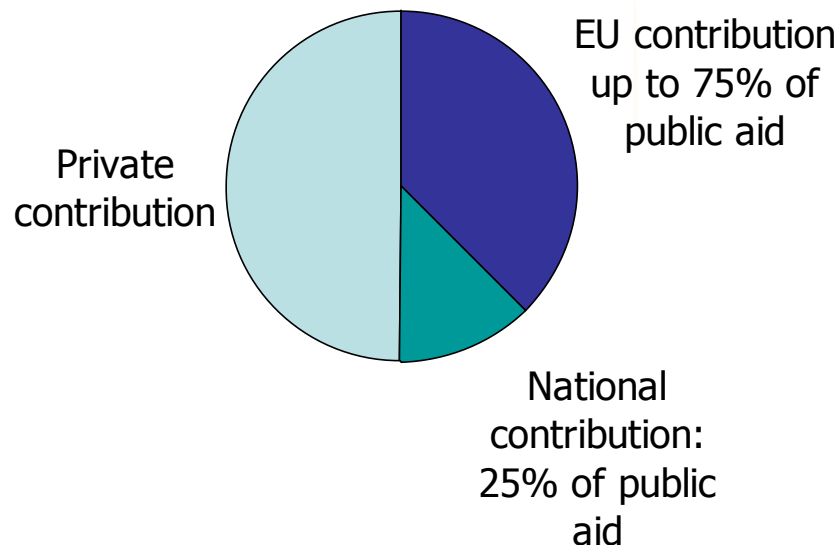
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- 9 **Technical assistance** is implemented for the above mentioned priorities and measures, including studies to assist with the updating, monitoring and evaluation of the IPARD Programme, information and publicity campaigns, visits and seminars, establishment of national rural network

Co-financing principle

SAPARD = IPARD



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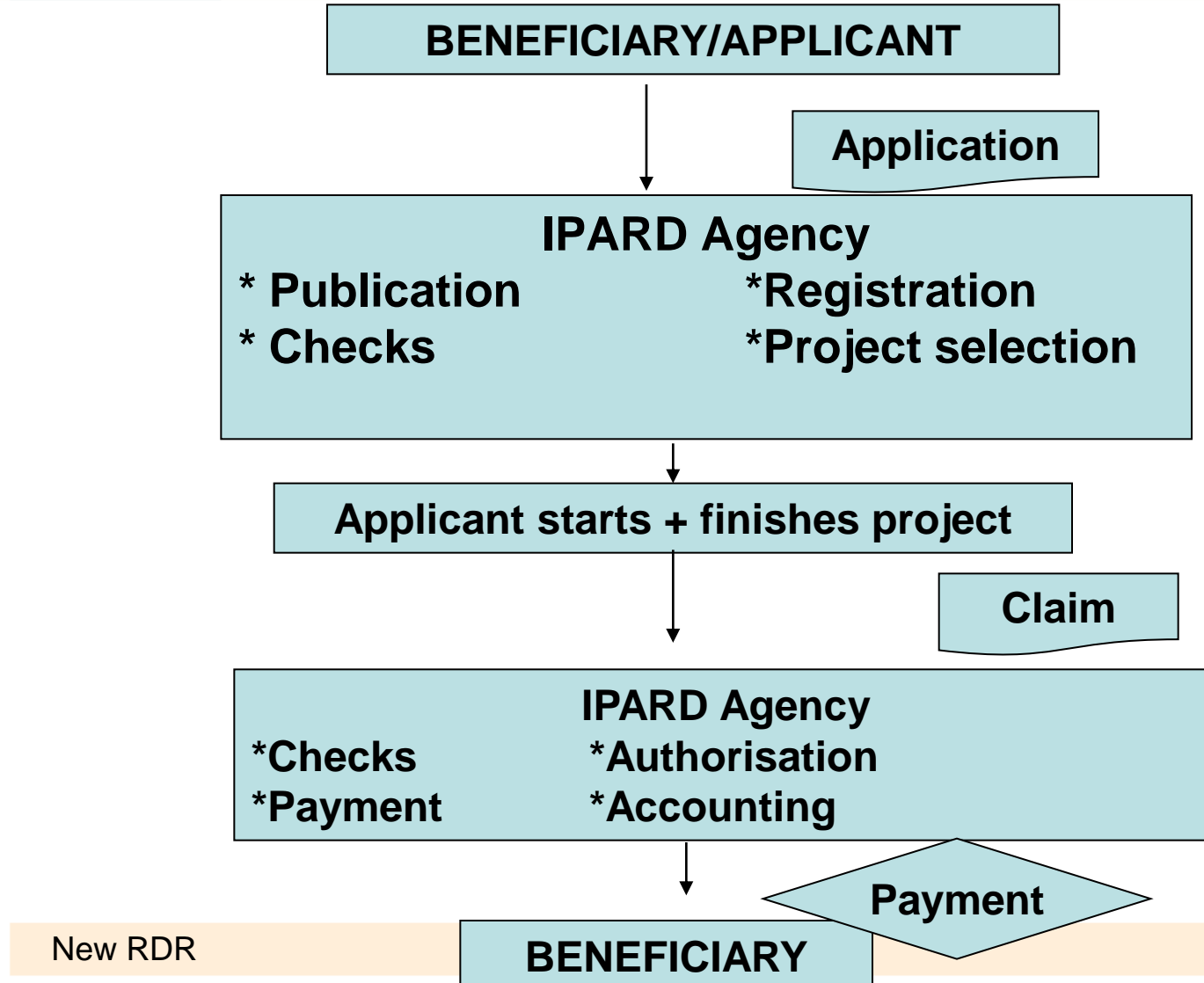
**Public aid up to
50% of total
eligible costs
of the investment**



IPARD: Contracting and Payment



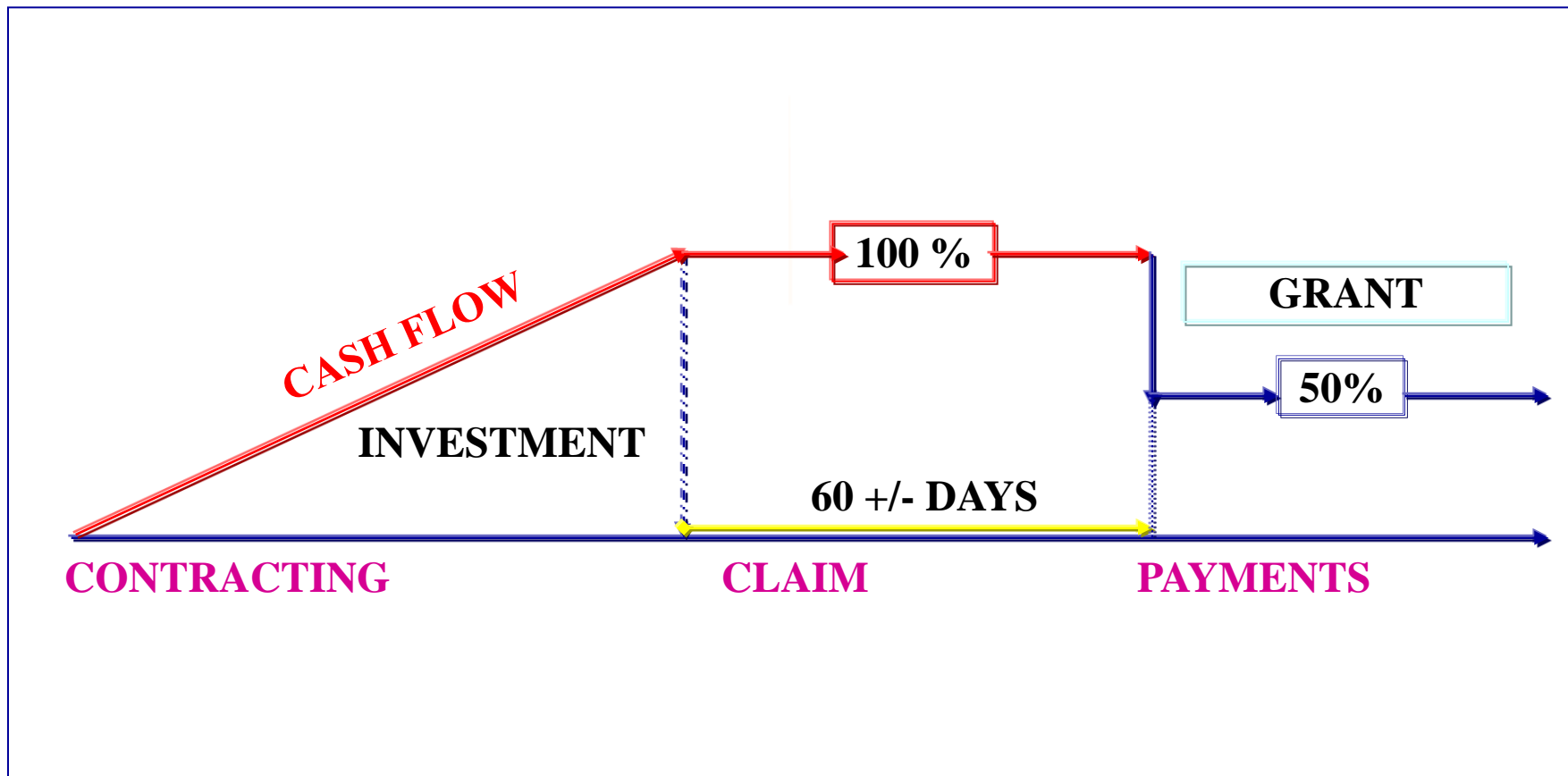
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Beneficiary Cash flow

SAPARD = IPARD



I. During IPARD preparation phase:

Assistance for **capacity-building** to set up the IPARD management, financial and control system and the IPARD Managing Authority and Agency in particular:

- Twinning
- Services,
- Supplies,
- Sometimes use of Framework Contracts

Tendering under decentralised management with ex-ante control: ECD, procurement notices on Europaid webpage

Contracting opportunities



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I. During IPARD preparation phase: Specific *support to IPARD programming*

Mainly TA/services under IPA Component I:

- Agricultural sector analysis (meat, fruit, vegetable, fish etc.),
- Ex-ante evaluation,
- Setting up the ongoing evaluation system etc.
- Training programmes e.g. for extension services
- Sometimes use of Framework Contracts

Tendering under decentralised management with ex-ante control: ECD, procurement notices on Europaid webpage

II. IPARD implementation:

- under TA: typically studies, organisation of publicity and communication campaigns, extension services etc., PRAG, fully decentralised system without ex-ante control, procurement notice Europaid
- under rural infrastructure: bigger infrastructure procurement by municipalities, PRAG, fully decentralised system, procurement notice Europaid

II. IPARD implementation:

“Private” procurement under all other IPARD measures:

- three offers
- Local publication of calls
- small projects

Mostly « local procurement », local markets where IPARD beneficiaries seek construction, supplies (e.g. machinery), services.



Europeaid webpage for procurement notices:
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1224846858672&do=publi.welcome&userlanguage=en>

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