

ANNEX I

Structure and content of a national strategy for sustainable operational programmes as referred to in Article 2

1. Duration of the national strategy

To be indicated by the Member State.

2. Analysis of the situation in terms of strengths and weaknesses and potential for development, the strategy chosen to meet them and the justification of the priorities chosen as referred to in Article 36(2)(a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

2.1. Analysis of the situation

Description of the current situation of the fruit and vegetable sector using quantified data, highlighting strengths and weaknesses, disparities, needs and gaps and potential for development on the basis of the relevant common baseline indicators set out in point 5 of Annex II and of other additional indicators, if applicable. This description shall concern at least:

- the performances of the fruit and vegetables sector: strengths and weaknesses of the sector, competitiveness and the potential for development of the producer organisations;
- the environmental effects (impacts, pressures and benefits) of the fruit and vegetables production, including key trends.

2.2. The strategy chosen to meet strengths and weaknesses

Description of the key areas where intervention is expected to bring the maximum value added:

- relevance of the objectives set for the operational programmes, of the expected results and the extent to which they can be realistically achieved;
- internal coherence of the strategy, existence of mutually reinforcing interactions and possible conflicts or contradictions between the operational objectives of different actions selected;
- complementarity and consistency of the actions selected with other national or regional actions, and with activities supported through Union funds, in particular with the rural development and promotion programmes;
- expected results and impact compared to the baseline situation and their contribution to Union objectives.

2.3. Impact from the previous national strategy (where applicable)

Description of results and impact of operational programmes implemented in the recent past.

3. Objectives of operational programmes and performance indicators as referred to in Article 36(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

Description of the types of actions selected as eligible for support (non-exhaustive list), the objectives pursued, the verifiable targets and the indicators that allow the progress towards achievement of the objectives, efficiency and effectiveness to be assessed.

3.1. Requirements concerning all or several types of actions

Member States shall ensure that all the actions included in the national strategy and in the national framework are verifiable and controllable. Where the assessment during the implementation of the operational programmes reveals that the requirements of verifiability and controllability are not met, the actions concerned shall be adjusted accordingly or deleted.

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Where support is granted on the basis of standard flat rates or scales of unit costs, Member States shall ensure that the relevant calculations are adequate and accurate and established in advance on the basis of a fair, equitable and verifiable calculation. Environmental actions shall comply with the requirements set out in Article 33(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Member States shall adopt safeguards, provisions and checks for ensuring that actions selected as eligible for support are not also supported by other relevant instruments of the common agricultural policy, in particular by rural development and promotion programmes or other national or regional schemes.

Effective safeguards in place pursuant to Article 33(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, to protect the environment from possible increased pressures coming from investments supported under operational programmes, and eligibility criteria adopted pursuant to Article 36(1) of that Regulation, for ensuring that investments on individual holdings supported under operational programmes respect the objectives set out in Article 191 TFEU and in the seventh Union environment action programme.

3.2. Specific information required for types of actions aimed at the attainment of the objectives set out or referred to in Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 (to be filled only for the types of actions selected)

3.2.1. Acquisition of fixed assets

- types of investments eligible for support,
- other forms of acquisition eligible for support, e.g. renting, leasing,
- details on eligibility conditions for support.

3.2.2. Other actions

- description of the types of actions eligible for support,
- details on eligibility conditions for support.

4. Designation of competent authorities and responsible bodies

Designation by the Member State of the national authority responsible for the management, monitoring and evaluation of the national strategy.

5. A description of the monitoring and evaluation systems

The performance indicators set out by the national strategy shall comprise the common performance indicators provided for in Article 4 and listed in Annex II. Where deemed appropriate, the national strategy shall specify additional indicators reflecting national or regional needs, conditions and objectives specific to the national operational programmes.

5.1. Assessment of the operational programmes and reporting obligations for producer organisations as referred to in Article 36(2)(d) and (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

Description of the monitoring and evaluation requirements and procedures in relation to operational programmes, including the reporting obligations for producer organisations.

5.2. Monitoring and evaluation of the national strategy

Description of the monitoring and evaluation requirements and procedures in relation to the national strategy.