

# PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

## **I.1) Name and address Contracting Authority**

Official name: The Government of the Republic of Serbia, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU)

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### **II.1.1) Title:**

Support to IPARD Operating Structure (Managing Authority and IPARD Agency)

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description of the contract**

The purpose of this contract is to strengthen the institutional capacities of competent authorities within the Serbian Ministry in charge for Agriculture in order to implement the Rural Development component of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPARD II). The principal beneficiaries of the contract are Sector for Rural Development (IPARD Managing Authority) and Directorate for Agrarian Payments (IPARD Agency), but also Advisory services established throughout Serbia with the task of providing agricultural producers with information relevant for their work.

The expected outputs of this project are the following:

- Preparation of the Managing Authority regarding the procedures and all related documents for the implementation of IPARD II measures 4 and 5;
- Strengthening the professional capacity of relevant staff and setting the legal framework for the Rural Development Network and IPARD III;
- Preparation of the staff of the Directorate for Agrarian Payments (IPARD Agency) for the implementation of IPARD II measures 4 and 5 in accordance with EU requirements, including the preparation of all related documents for the implementation of IPARD II measures 4 and 5;
- Upgrade of RD IT solution for the implementation of IPARD II program;
- Supporting the IPARD Agency in updating written procedures (based on IT audit reports) and providing assistance in preparing for IPARD II e-accreditation.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: EUR 680.000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.2) Description**

N/A

### **II.2.3) Place performance**

Main site or place of performance: Republic of Serbia

### **II.2.5) Award Criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**

16 November 2020