

## Assessment of IPARD pre-accession program support through IPARD-like program

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### Abstract

Albania has many obligations to fulfill in order to become a EU member state. With regards to the agricultural sector, one of the most important obligations the country has related is the improvement of standards in order to benefit from the community funds. In the case of Albania this will be the IPARD Program. So far, there has been no independent assessment of the efficiency of IPARD- Like funds (EU pilot program) and of the social and economic impact that these support measures have had on the country's rural development and the grants' beneficiaries. Such an assessment would be necessary not so much to judge what this money has provided and how it has been spent, but to have a more complete and thoroughly grounded basis for planning future support by the relevant institutions. With the support of IPA I, Albania has made significant progress in preparing for the implementation of IPARD. The structures responsible for managing IPARD have been set up and their capacities have been gradually developed. The IPA 2011 project, 'Support for Agriculture and Rural Development' included a pilot grant scheme whose IPARD-Like measures for investment in agriculture, processing and marketing supporting the dairy, meat, fruit and vegetable sectors aimed at modernizing and gradual approximation with EU standards. An important lesson from the IPARD-Like grant scheme was the fact that there was great demand for support.<sup>1</sup>

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