

# EU School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme



**Key facts & figures on implementation  
2015/2016 school year**



# Introduction

- Snapshot based on **Member States'** monitoring reports (30/11/2016) and **declarations of expenditure** (31/1/2017 ⇒ payments can still be made so budget execution may improve)
- **2015/2016 school year last but one** ⇒ new school fruit, vegetables and milk scheme from 2017/2018 school year under single legal framework for simpler & better implementation

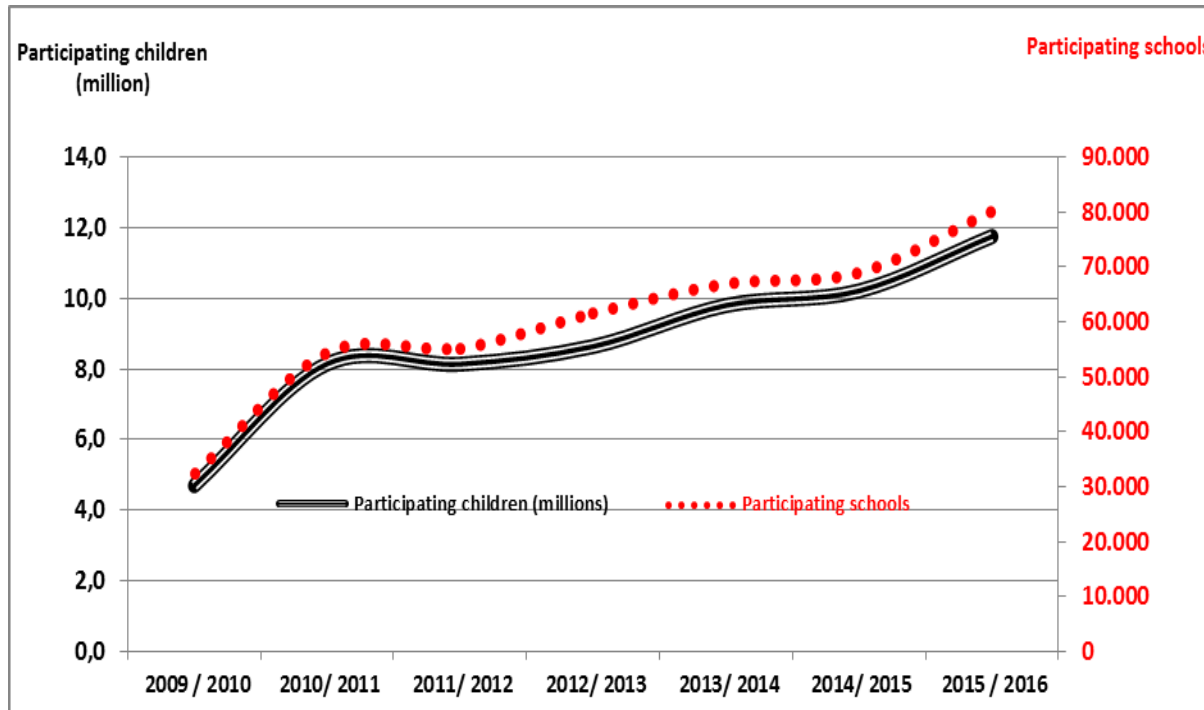
## In a nutshell ....

- **24 Member States** participated in the scheme
  - FI, SE, UK opted out
  - EL requested EU aid but did not finally participate due to problems with tenders
- **11,7 million children** in **79.903 schools**
- Main target group ⇒ children **aged 6-10** but wider target group in several Member States



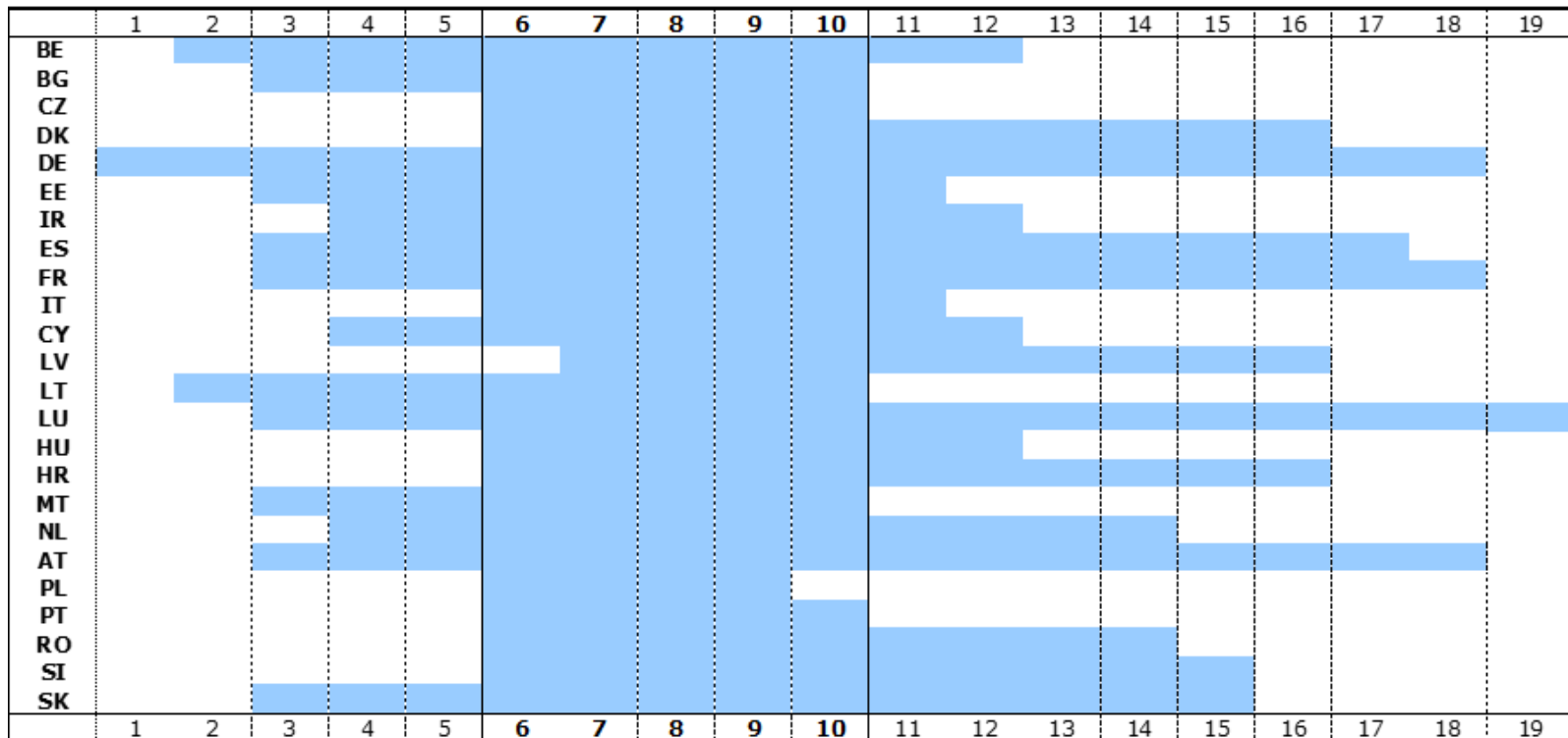
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# Increase in beneficiaries



# Who was targeted?

Target group (age of participating schoolchildren)



## What did schoolchildren get and when?

- **Fresh** fruit and vegetables ⇒ **92%** of products supplied under the scheme
- **Apples, bananas, grapes, melons, oranges, pears & carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes** supplied in most Member States under the scheme
- Choice of products ⇒ **variety** and **seasonality**
- Often priority to **local** products
- **Frequency** ⇒ from **once a week** to **daily**
- **Duration** ⇒ from some **weeks** to **school year**



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# When did schoolchildren get fruit/vegetables?

	Frequency						Duration
	once a week	twice a week	three times a week	four times a week or more	daily	other	weeks
BE							30-37
BG							20
CZ							39
DK							40
DE							30-44
EE							35
IE							3-4
ES							1-27
FR							36
IT							18
CY							6
LV							15
LT							31
LX	primary				secondary		34/31
HU							22-31
HR							35
MT							32
NL							21
AT							1-40
PL							20
PT							30
RO							28
SI							38
SK							40

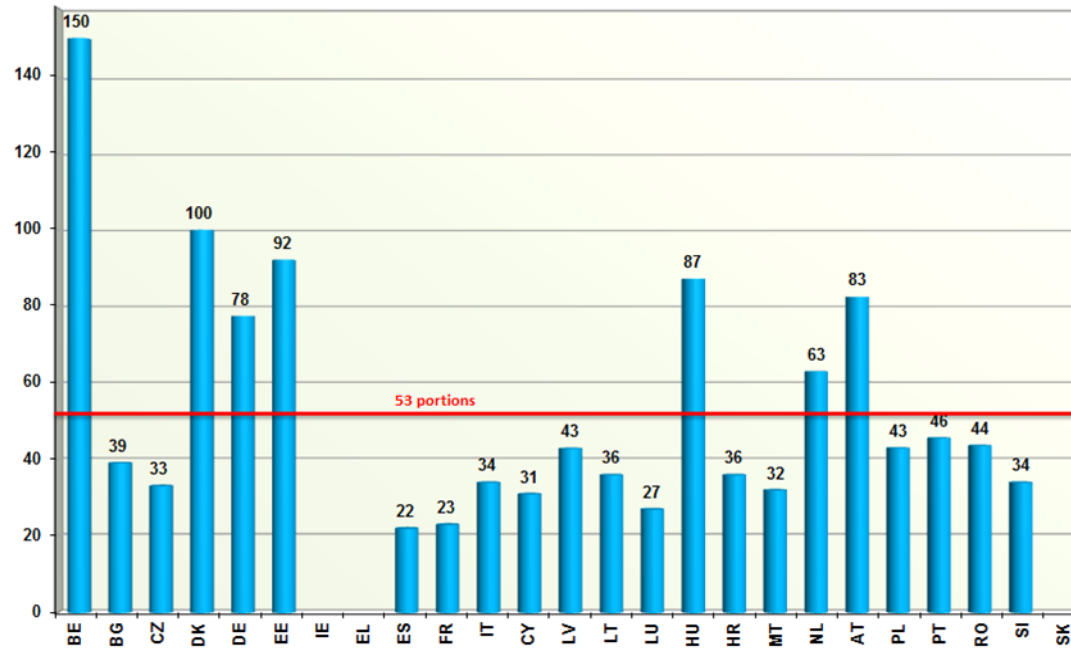
## What did schoolchildren get and when?

- **Morning** and/or **morning break** in most Member States and, in some, also during lunch and/or afternoon (AT, LU, NL, SK)
- **53 portions** per schoolchild on average but no uniform definition of portion
- **Average** portion  $\Rightarrow$  **135 grams** with wide variation across Member States (from 66 to 218 grams)
- **Average cost** of portion  $\Rightarrow$  **EUR 0,33** with wide variation (from EUR 0,05 to 1,17)



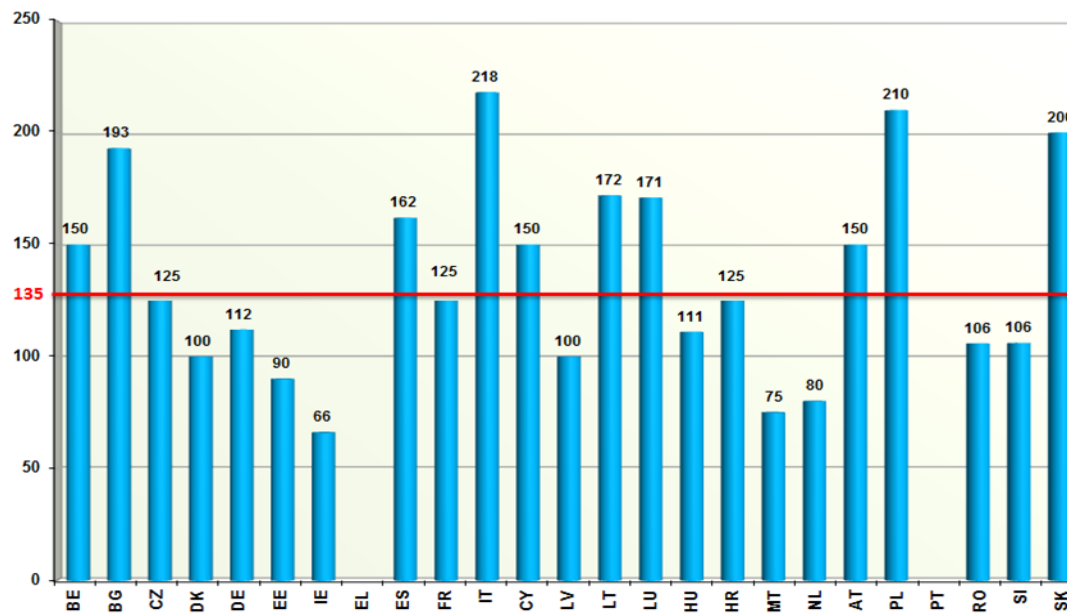
# How many portions of fruit/vegetables did schoolchildren get?

Average consumption per schoolchild (number of portions)



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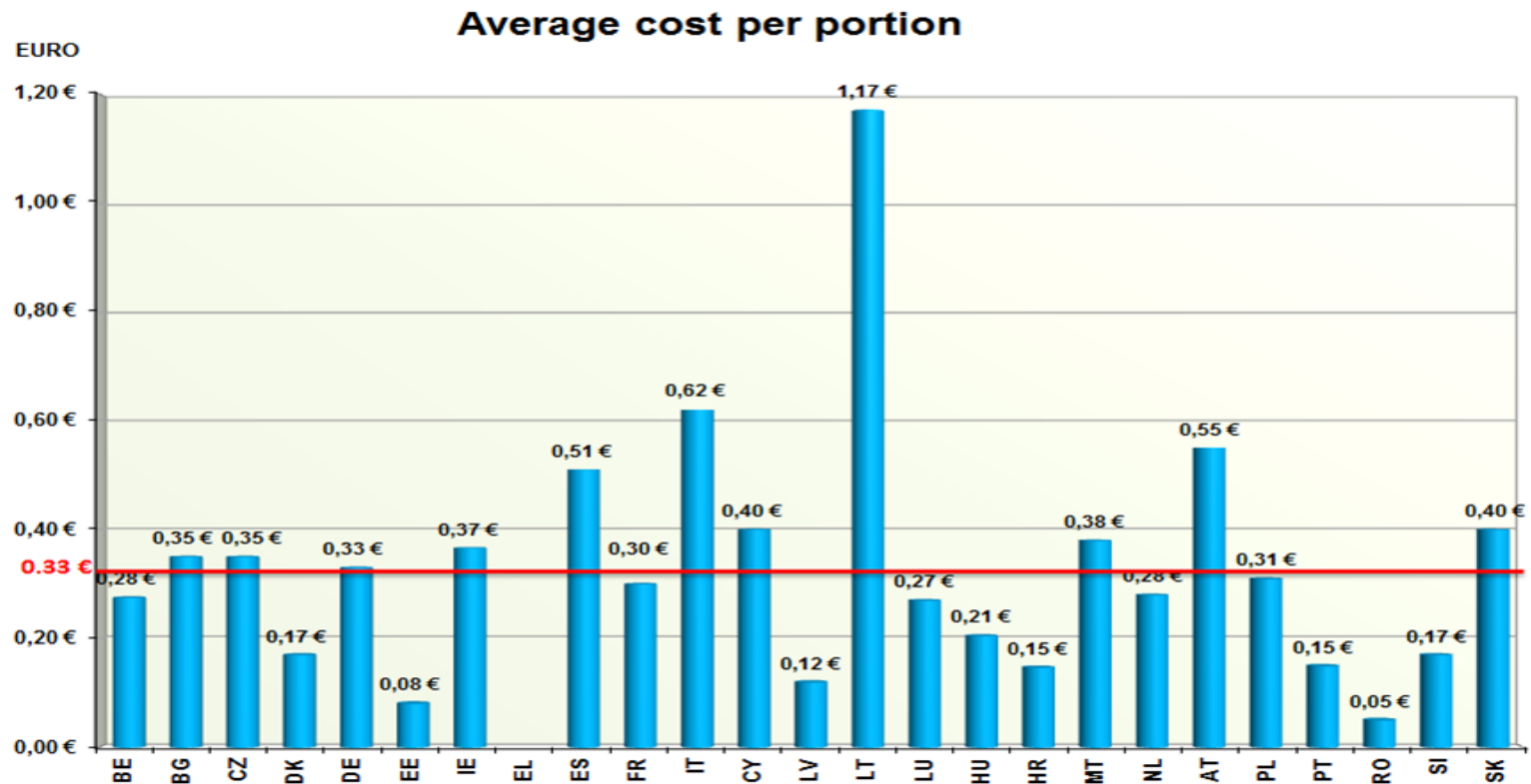
Average weight of portion per schoolchild (grams)





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# How much did a portion of fruit/vegetables for schoolchildren cost?



## What educational measures were carried out?

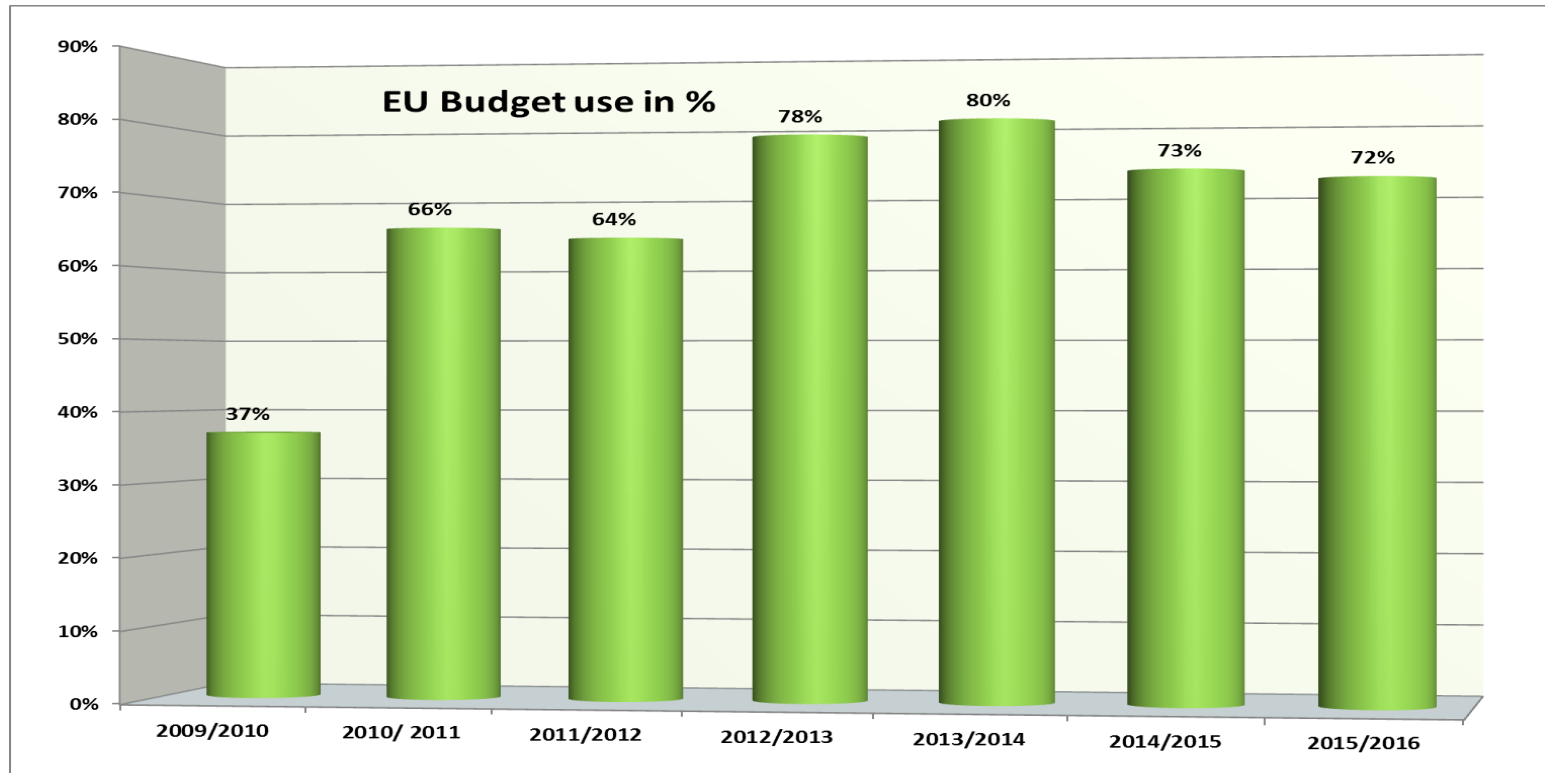
1. Activities linked to agriculture  $\Rightarrow$  farm/farmers' markets visits, school gardens...
2. Learning activities  $\Rightarrow$  pedagogical kits, cooking classes/competitions, tasting sessions, theme days, seminars, teachers' training...
3. Other activities  $\Rightarrow$  games, competitions, programmes (e.g. Food Dudes, with role models, in IE), creation of video clips...

# Who was involved in the scheme?

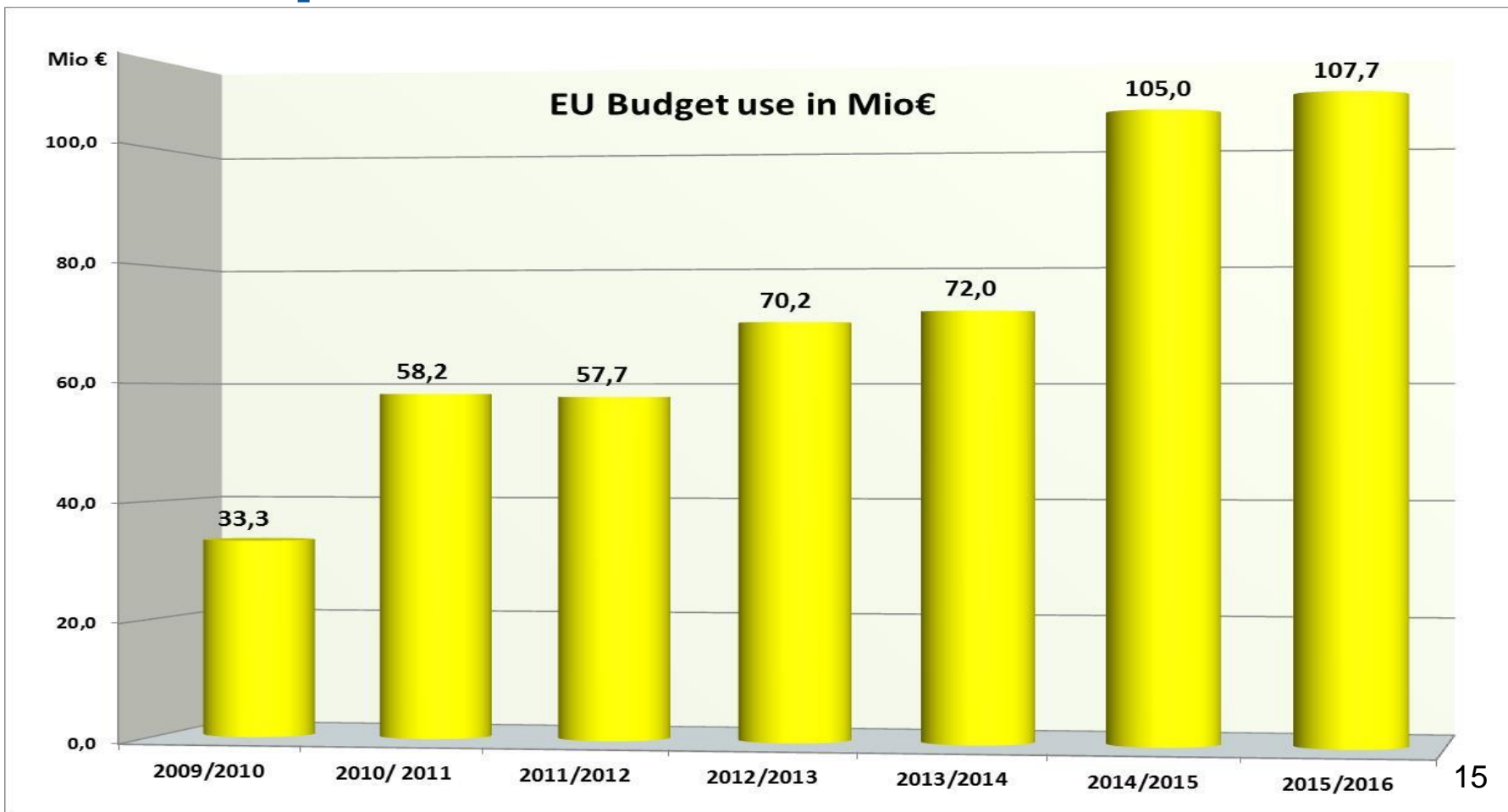
## Stakeholders involved

	Education	Health	Agriculture	Civil society	Private sector		
BE	Education	Health	Agriculture	Civil society	Private sector		
BG							
CZ				Agriculture			
DK							
DE					Agriculture	Civil society	Private sector
EE					Agriculture		
IE						Civil society	
ES					Agriculture		Private sector
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# Budget execution $\Rightarrow$ expenditure in % (EU annual allocation)



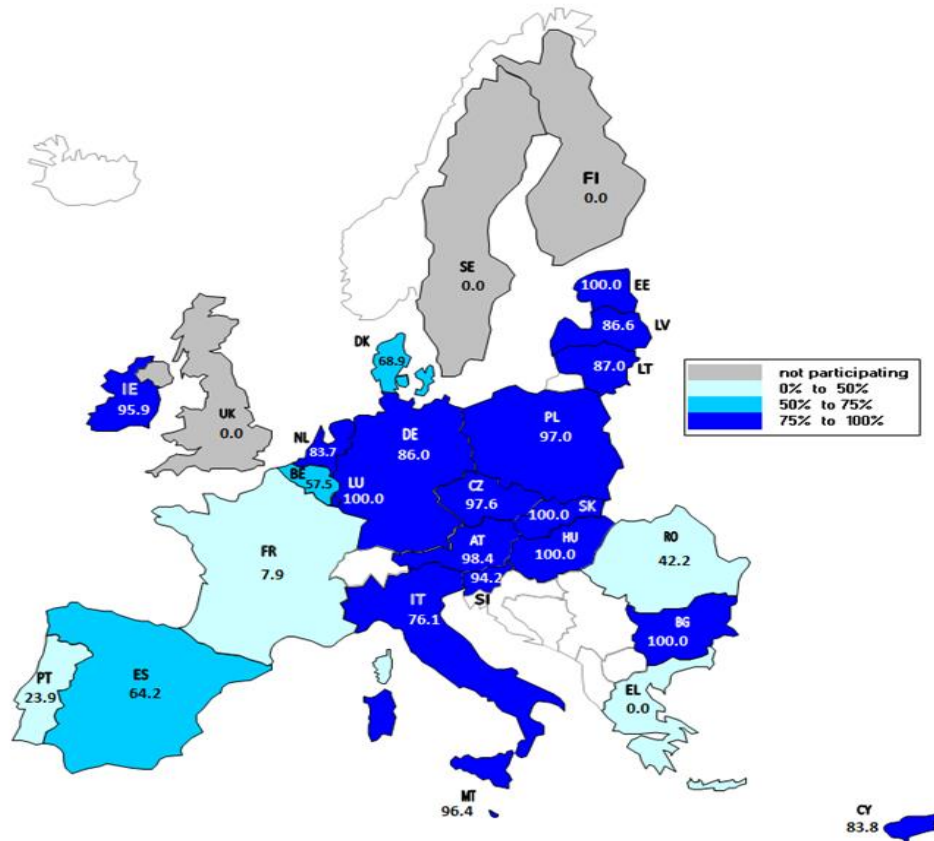
# Expenditure in absolute terms





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# Budget execution across Member States

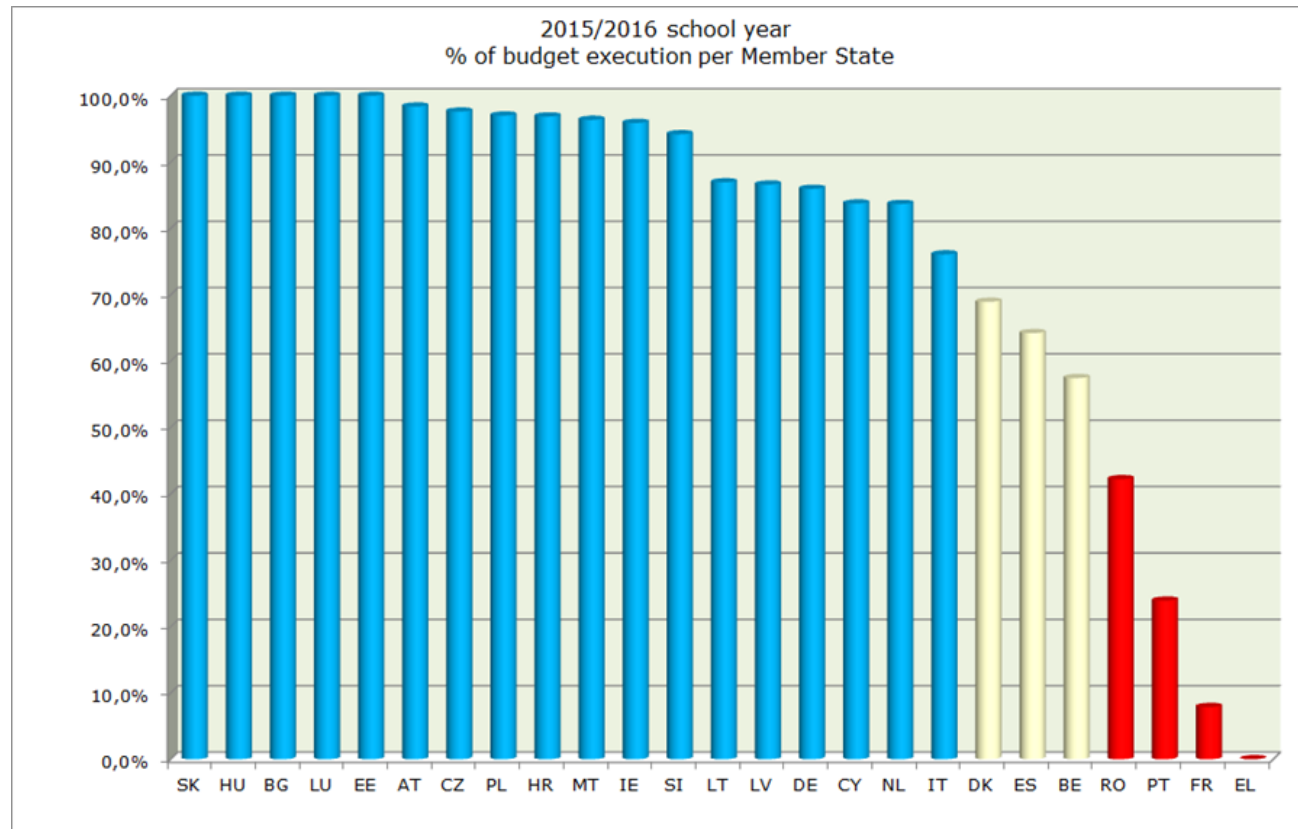




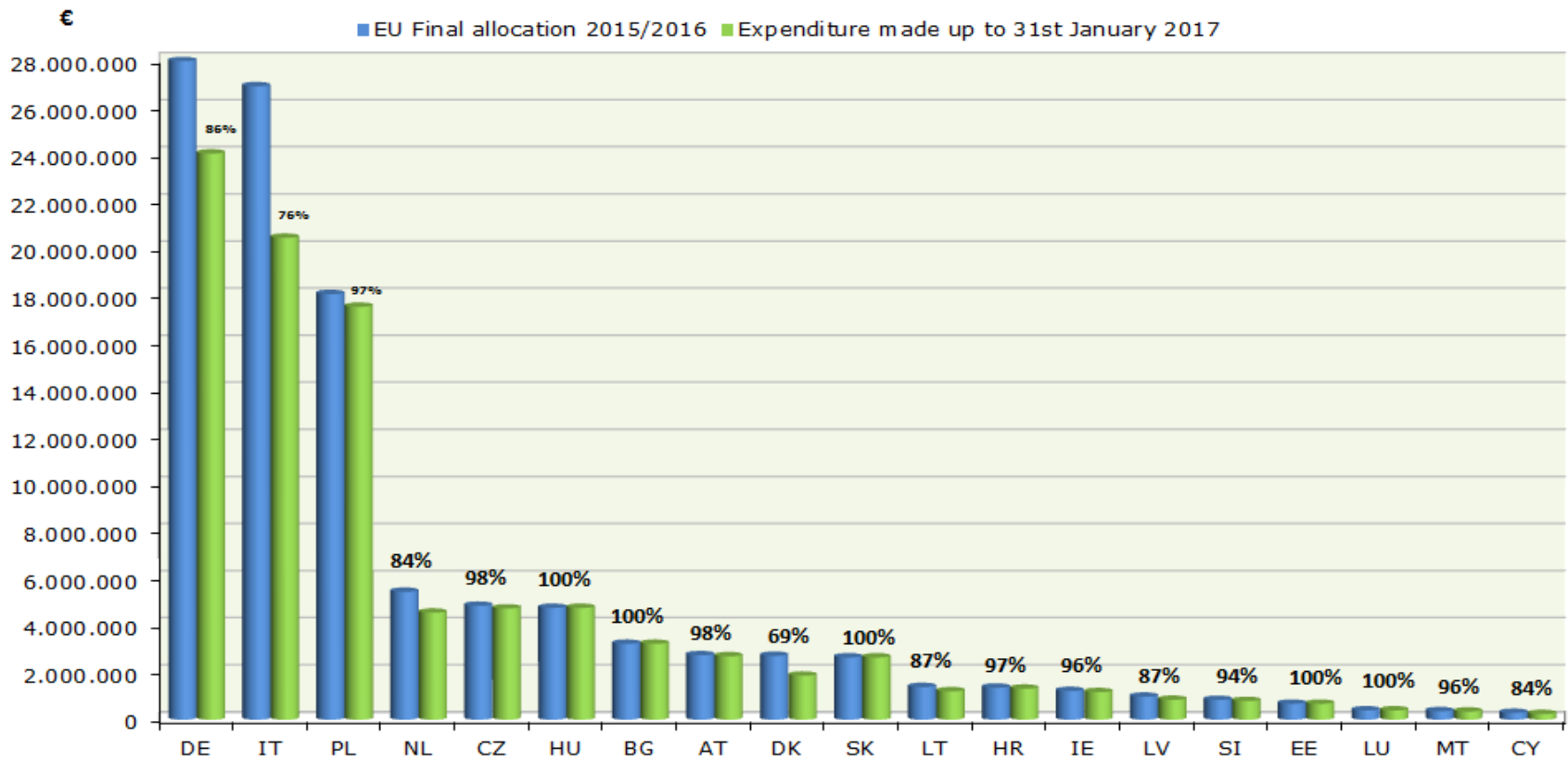


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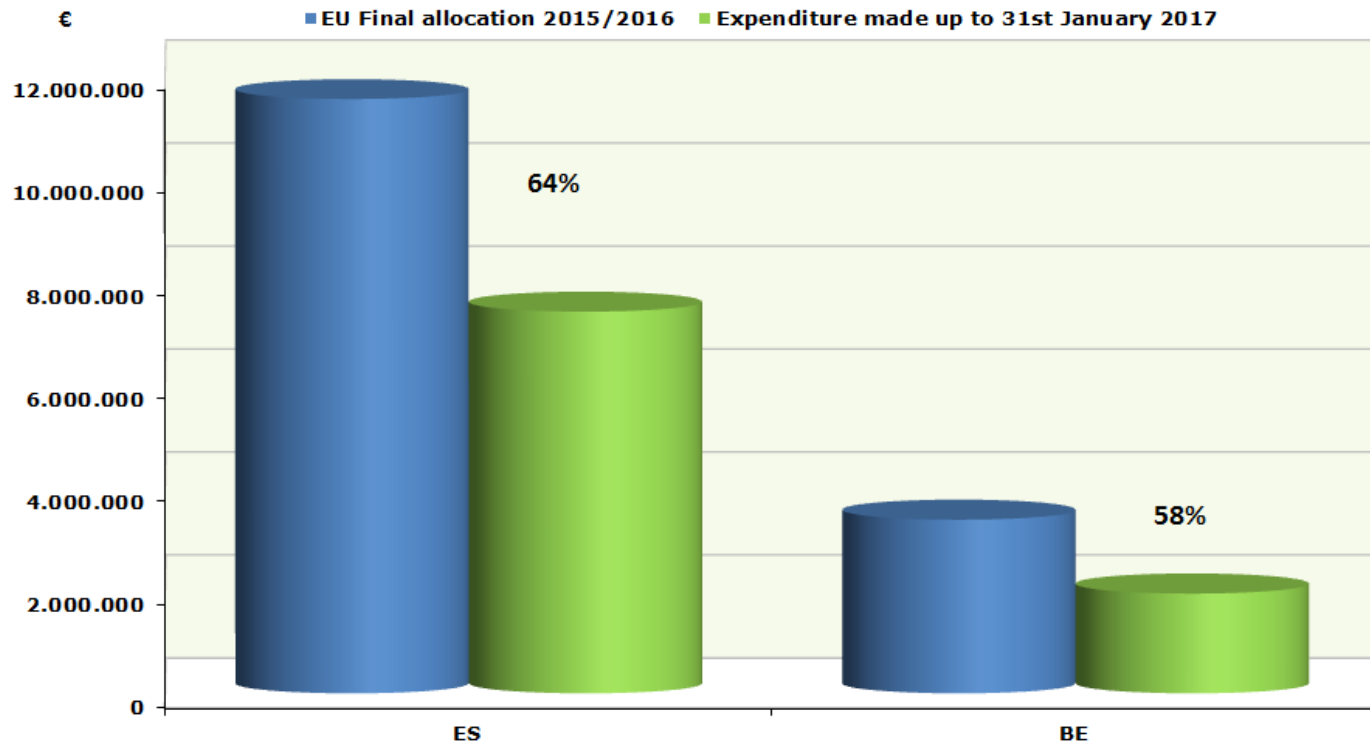
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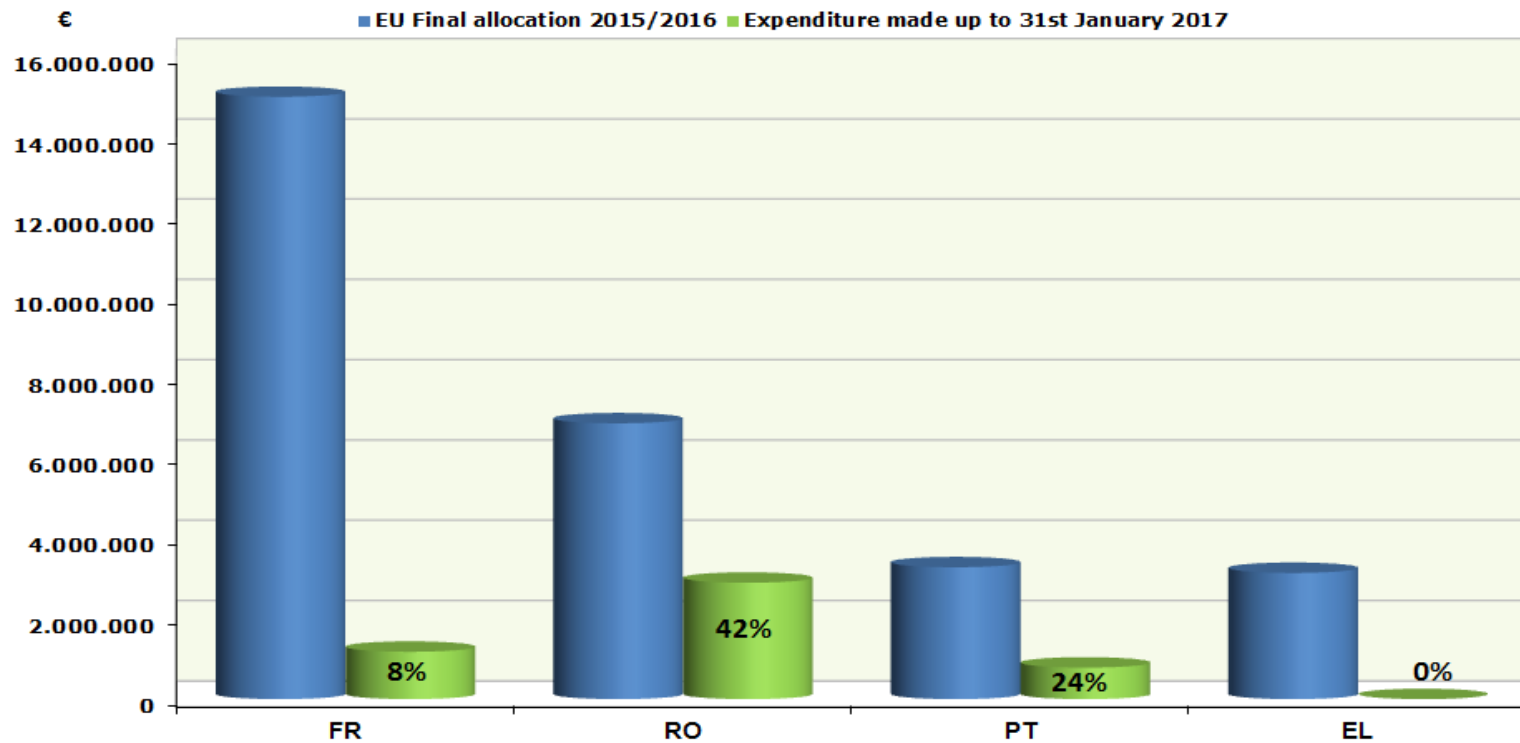
### Comparison between final allocation and expenditure : MS with execution > 75%



Comparison between **final allocation** and **expenditure** : MS with execution between 75% and 50%



## 2014 - 2015: Comparison between final allocation and expenditure : MS with execution < 50%



## More information?

- Member States' annual monitoring reports  
[https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/sfs/eu-countries\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/sfs/eu-countries_en)
- Coming soon on the Europa website ⇒ Member States' **evaluation reports** on the school fruit and vegetables scheme : to what extent did it increase the consumption of fruit and vegetables? Which lessons were learnt and which improvements suggested?