

## **EU school children to benefit from fruit, vegetables and milk 10/03/2017**

Children across the EU will continue to benefit from fruit, vegetables and milk at school thanks to the allocation of €250 million in EU funding for the 2017–2018 school year.

For the first time in 2017, the two so-called [school schemes](#) will be merged into one single scheme for simpler management. The aim of the scheme remains the same, however - to increase the share of healthy food in the diet of young people.

Of the €250 million EU funding agreed for 2017–2018 school year, roughly €150 million will be allocated for fruit and vegetables and €100 million for milk. They will be used not only to provide fruit, vegetables and milk to schoolchildren but also to support learning about agriculture and healthy diets as well as information, monitoring and evaluation.

An indicative allocation of the EU funding to each Member state was made based on the number of school-age children and, for the milk, also on the previous use of EU funding. Countries have the freedom to request less, or more if additional funding is available. This is because money that is allocated to a Member state but not requested, for whatever reason, can be reallocated to other Member States by the Commission.

The Commission adopted on 24 March the decision fixing the definitive allocation of EU funding to each Member state (breakdown in the table below).

### **EU funding for school year 2017–2018**

<b>Member State</b>	<b>Definitive allocation for school fruit and vegetables (€)</b>	<b>Definitive allocation for school milk (€)</b>
Belgium	3 367 930	1 650 729
Bulgaria	2 677 109	1 167 367
Czech Republic	4 082 903	1 842 407
Denmark	2 386 393	1 606 402
Germany	25 826 315	10 947 880
Estonia	565 888	732 225
Ireland	2 007 779	900 398
Greece	3 218 885	1 550 685
Spain	12 932 647	6 302 784
France	17 990 469	17 123 194
Croatia	1 720 946	800 354
Italy	21 704 956	9 261 220
Cyprus	390 044	400 177
Latvia	813 091	745 497
Lithuania	1 134 661	1 091 333

Luxembourg	343 568	193 000
Hungary	3 885 599	1 972 368
Malta	372 747	144 750
Netherlands	7 063 251	2 401 061
Austria	2 946 591	1 278 933
Poland	14 985 916	11 047 202
Portugal	3 283 397	2 220 981
Romania	6 866 848	10 865 578
Slovenia	727 411	363 811
Slovakia	2 185 291	1 020 425
Finland	1 599 047	3 824 689
Sweden	0	9 245 859
United Kingdom	0	4 219 008
<b>Total</b>	<b>145 079 683</b>	<b>104 920 317</b>