

## Scope of Competency and Activities

The organisation with national scope of competency, English name ARDA, was established in Hungary pursuant to Government Decree 81/2003. (VI. 7.), which decree entered into force on 1 July 2003; ARDA undertakes paying agency activities. The type of support measure determines these key types of activities, which range from the receipt of applications to assessment, through to authorisation, including support allocation, payment transfer, registration and accounting.

Key activities also include collecting, processing and handling data required for operating the support system, in addition to carrying out essential regular regional and financial audits, as specified in applicable regulations.

ARDA scope of competency covers the following:

- Support claimed on the basis of cultivation area, animal stock size, quota and produced quantity „co-financed“ by the national budget and the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural and Guidance Fund (EAGGF), as well as rural development support (From amongst the afore-specified types of support the EU-financed Single Area Payment Scheme (SAPS) represents the most important type of support affecting the widest sphere of producers regardless of the type of crop cultivated on the particular plot of land. Its respective rate of funding for funding year 2004/5 is equivalent to 305.81 € per annum, which - a known fact – represents a rate of 25% in comparison to the rate of same type support allocated to the farmers of the EU 15. In addition, all farmers cultivating crops that also receive funding from the EU-15 system are entitled to apply for additional state aid. This particular type of funding equivalent to a rate of 361,4 million € is allocated from the national budget, consequently increasing SAPS by a rate of 30%, hence reaching a rate of 55%.)
- Issues in connection with the implementation of CAP internal and external market support measures and the operation of the intervention system;
- Activities required in order to implement support measures in connection with market regulations instituted within a national scope of competency regarding crop and animal products;
- Support measures of the Agricultural and Rural Development Operational Programme (ARD OP) financed by the Guidance Section of EAGGF;
- Processing and assessment of applications submitted under the SAPARD pre-accession support programme prior to the final deadline of 30 April 2004, contract conclusion with successful applicants, support transfer and ex-post control;
- Activities in connection with the operation of the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) required for direct aid payments, more specifically activities in connection with the handling of the farmer and customer system and the Agricultural Plot Identification System (APIR).

Activities are undertaken through the 19 County Offices, as well as the Budapest-based ARDA central office composed of eight directorates, as well as 6 departments under the immediate supervision of the president of the organisation.