

Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee

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Title: European Structural Funds 2000–2006: Quarterly Report

Summary

1. This paper reports on the latest position of the Structural Funds Programmes in Wales. The figures show the position as at the end of May 2006 unless otherwise stated. All figures quoted are based on the current planning exchange rate of £1: €1.46.
2. Since the last Quarterly Report, the schedule for the Programme Monitoring Committees (PMCs) for the Programmes is as follows:
 - Objective 1 met on 16 June and will next meet on 13 October 2006.
 - Objective 2 meeting of 16 January 2006 was cancelled and a date for the next meeting has not yet been confirmed.
 - Objective 3 meetings of 6 April and 11 May were cancelled. A meeting has been re-arranged for 20 July.
 - INTERREG IIIA met on 16 June.
 - LEADER+ met on 10 November 2005 and will meet next on 26 June 2006.
 - URBAN II met on 30 March and will next meet on 29 June.
 - EQUAL Wales Management Committee will next meet on 25 September 2006.
3. Reports from the Chairs of the PMCs are included in **Annex 1**.
4. At the end of May 2006, Structural Fund Programmes in Wales had committed £1.54 billion to 2,750 approved projects with a total project value of £3.7 billion. The creation and safeguarding of some 141,000 gross jobs can be associated with projects match funded by structural funds. Objective 1 alone has committed £1.32 billion of funds, and has contributed to the creation and safeguarding of over 125,000 gross jobs. As the Committee is aware output data are provided by individual projects and should be treated with caution, as the figures will contain an element of double counting.

Recommendation

5. That the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee notes the Report on progress of the mainstream Programmes and Community Initiatives.

Objective 1

Progress of the Objective 1 Programme

6. As at 31 May 2006 the Objective 1 Programme had committed £1.32 billion of grant to 1,683 projects, representing a total project investment of over £3.16 billion. To date, the creation of some 54,800 gross new jobs and the safeguarding of some 70,000 gross jobs can be associated with projects match funded by Objective 1 (please see note at para 4 regarding double counting). Commitment and spend information at Priority level is at Annex 2A. Further details on the progress of the Programme, including an analysis of outputs for each Priority, are available from the Objective 1 PMC Monitoring report, which can be viewed at [http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/resource/PMC\(06\)14-pmr6977.pdf](http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/resource/PMC(06)14-pmr6977.pdf)

31 May 2006

Fund	Number of Projects	Total Grant Value Committed (£m)	Approved Grant as % of original Funds available in Programme	Grant Paid on Certified Expenditure (£m)
ERDF	906	805.3	102	436.8
ESF	621	413.7	99.4	226.4
EAGGF	124	88.2	97	52.8
FIFG	32	13.2	85	8.0
TOTAL	1,683	1,320.4	100.6	724

Objective 2 & Transitional Programme

Progress of the Objective 2 & Transitional Programme

7. As at 31 May 2006, 288 projects had been approved, with a grant commitment of £81.1 million and total project investment of £261 million. Some 93% of the original Programme is now committed. Commitment and spend information at Priority level is at Annex 2B.

Objective 3

Progress of the Objective 3 Programme

8. As at 31 May 2006, 541 projects had been approved with £93.7 million of ESF grant allocated and total project investment of £221 million. Over 100% of the original Programme funds are now committed. Commitment and spend information at Priority level is at Annex 2C.

Community Initiative Programmes

9. Good progress continues to be made by the Community Initiative Programmes, as shown by the PMC Chairs' reports in **Annexes 1D to 1G**.

Research & Evaluation Update

Ex Ante Evaluation

10. WEFO is required by European Regulations to carry out independent ex ante evaluations of the programmes to be submitted to the Commission for 2007-13. To fulfil this requirement WEFO began a competitive tender process in December 2005. This process was concluded in March 2006 with DTZ Consulting and Research appointed as contractor.
11. DTZ will carry out ex ante evaluations for the Convergence, Competitiveness and Human Resources Programmes. These evaluations will ensure that resources are allocated optimally and aim to maximise the quality of plans for programme implementation.
12. The work is progressing well and the contractor is presently in the process of assessing the socio-economic analyses underpinning each of the three Programmes.

2005 ESF Leavers Survey

13. The main aim of the survey was to evaluate the effectiveness of ESF support in the Objective 1 and 3 Programmes. The survey involved telephone interviews with beneficiaries who left ESF training six months prior to interview.
14. The report is presently being finalised and it will be available soon.

'Umbrella' Evaluation of Completed Large Projects

15. The purpose of this evaluation is to help WEFO understand what is effective at the project level. The study will therefore assess the achievements of a sample of 'large' projects in relation to the projects' key objectives and in relation to the performance of other similar projects in the sample. For the purposes of this research, a 'large' project is defined as one that has been awarded over £500,000 grant. The evaluation is focused on large projects in order to allow the maximum amount of Programme expenditure to be evaluated whilst keeping the study manageable.
16. The contract for this evaluation has been awarded to a consortium consisting of Dateb, Old Bell 3, the Welsh Economic Research Unit of Cardiff University, and CRG Research. The inception meeting was held on 9 February 2006 and the

fieldwork is almost complete. It is expected that the final report will be available in July 2006.

Cross Cutting Themes Research Project

17. The overall aim of the study was to assess the integration of the Cross Cutting Themes (CCT) in the Objective 1 and 3 Programmes. The research involved interviews, a documentary review and data analysis.
18. The study is complete and the final report has been placed on the WEFO website at <http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/resource/RME-CCT-2006-e4535.pdf>.

The main conclusions are:

- The advice and guidance available to project sponsors to integrate the Themes has generally been well received although many sponsors would have welcomed more detailed examples of how to integrate the Themes for their specific projects;
- There are some very good examples of how projects have championed at least one of the Themes;
- There are a number of barriers to the effective implementation of the Themes, including difficulties in securing match funding, difficulties associated with planning permission and State Aid issues;
- The majority of the Theme targets are likely to be achieved by the end of the Programme; and
- There is considerable value in the two pronged – vertical and horizontal - approach to integrating the Themes.

2005 Customer Attitude Survey

19. During 2005, Databuild Ltd. was commissioned by WEFO to conduct a survey to seek applicants' views on the application and appraisal process for Structural Funds in Wales.
20. The 2005 report can be found on the WEFO website at <http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/resource/Cust-Attitude-2005-e6098.pdf>.

The main findings are:

- Seventy one per cent of all sampled applicants were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall service they received from WEFO;
 - Respondents were mostly satisfied with the professionalism and helpfulness of the service;
 - There were lower levels of satisfaction with the flexibility and efficiency of the service; and
 - More than 80 per cent of sampled applicants agreed or strongly agreed that the application forms are in need of improvement.
21. The 2006 study has just commenced and is also being undertaken by Databuild.

Lessons Learned from 2000 – 2006 Structural Funds Programmes

22. WEFO has begun an exercise to draw on the Lessons Learned from the current round of Structural Funds programmes. The Objective 1 PMC has already been consulted. A consultation paper was issued to the Objective 2 and Objective 3 Programme Monitoring Committees and the Sub Regional Partnerships during May 2005. The consultation paper will ask for evidence-based views on the following:
- what has worked well and why;
 - what has worked less well and why, and;
 - what lessons do we need to learn for the future
23. The resulting evidence from the three PMCs and Sub Regional Partnerships, together with lessons learned from programme evaluations, will then be drawn into a synthesis paper.

Research project on measuring 'soft' outcomes in the Objective 3 Programme

24. All projects implemented under the Objective 3 Programme have been monitored by assessing beneficiaries' achievements against 'hard' outcomes, such as gaining employment. However, hard outcomes do not account for the full scope of the progress made, particularly by projects that target disadvantaged groups. It is often possible to report only distance travelled towards hard outcomes through 'soft' outcomes such as improved motivation or self-esteem.
25. The aim of this research project is to explore a methodology for measuring soft outcomes, taking into account barriers to measurement in current ESF projects, and to propose measurement tools.
26. The study has been carried out by a part-time placement student within WEFO, working with a small sample of Objective 1 and Objective 3 ESF projects. It is progressing well and the first draft of the final report has been received.

Structural Funds Post 2006

27. Regular reports are provided to the Committee on the new programmes, separate discussions have been held on the National Strategic Reference Framework and the draft Operational Programmes will be brought forward for consideration. The Assembly Government expects to consult on the Convergence Programme during July. More information can be found at <http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?action=page&ID=1564>

**REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE
OBJECTIVE 1 PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. Since my last report to the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee, the Objective 1 Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) has met once, when I was pleased to welcome the Members to my own constituency when we met at the Aber Valley YMCA in Abertridwr on 16 June 2006.
2. Members were pleased to note that good progress is being made towards the N+2 target, with WEFO reporting that they are slightly closer to the target than they have been at the same time in previous years.
3. WEFO was encouraged to continue its close monitoring of projects that may be underperforming and to make best use of all available options for managing the remainder of the Programme. The PMC recommended that WEFO writes to underperforming projects and follows this up with visits to discuss possible action to resolve any issues. Members also discussed ways to make the post effective use of any underspend or funds clawed back from under-performing projects.
4. Prior to the PMC meeting, Members had the opportunity to comment on the draft Annual Implementation Report (AIR) 2005. The PMC was informed of revisions to the draft AIR in the light of comments received and agreed the AIR for submission to the European Commission by the end of June, as set out in Regulations.
5. The PMC received an update on the DTI consultation on the draft National Strategic Reference Framework and progress on the preparations for the 2007 – 2013 Structural Fund Programmes. Members also received an update on current research and evaluation activity being undertaken by WEFO.
6. The next meeting of the Objective 1 PMC will be held in Anglesey on 13 October 2006.

Jeff Cuthbert AM

June 2006

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE OBJECTIVE 2 PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE

1. The Objective 2 & Transitional Programme continues to make excellent progress with 288 projects approved by the end of May 2006 committing over £81 million ERDF.
2. The PMC has not met since the last reporting period.
3. Since the last report WEFO has contacted PMC members by written procedure to seek their agreement to recommendations for the continued effective financial management of the Programme. The PMC was asked to consider the following items :-
 - a) To note the information and forecasts contained in the East Wales Objective 2 and Transitional Programme Annual Monitoring Business Plan 2006.
 - b) To agree to the virement of resources within Priority 4 (Use of Technical Assistance) from Measure 1 (Promoting Effective Programme Management) to Measure 2 (Raising Awareness of the Programme) to assist in meeting the level of over commitment currently forecast in the measure.
 - c) To note and comment on a paper issued by WEFO's Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Branch entitled, 'Lessons Learned from 2000-2006 Structural Funds Programmes'. The paper gives the conclusions and recommendations of the Mid Term Evaluations and Mid Term Evaluation Updates of the current Programmes. Members are asked for evidence-based answers to the following questions:
 - What has worked well and why;
 - What has worked less well and why, and;
 - What lessons do we need to learn for the future.
4. The date of the next meeting of the Objective 2 PMC is yet to be confirmed and will subject to sufficient/appropriate items for discussion.

John Griffiths AM

June 2006

**REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE
OBJECTIVE 3 PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. The Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) has not met since my last written report to the Economic Development and Transport Committee. The PMCs that were scheduled to meet on the 6th April 2006 and the 11th May were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, but they have been re-arranged for July 20th.
2. I am pleased to report that the Objective 3 programme is still progressing well and, at the end of April had committed £94m (99%) of the total budget available to 543 projects in East Wales.
3. In March, Members were invited to comment on the Annual Monitoring Business Plan (AMBP) 2006. The AMBP provides details of the financial progress and the achievement of outputs to the end of 2005. It also contains forecasts for commitments and payment to the end of 2006.
4. At its next meeting on the 20th July 2006, the PMC will consider the following Agenda items: -
 - Lessons Learned from 2000-2006 Structural Fund Programmes
 - Implementation of the Sustainable Development Cross-Cutting Theme: Progress report
 - Revised Procedure for Appeals Against WEFO decisions on Project Approvals
 - Annual Monitoring Business Plan
 - Spatial Distribution of Spend
 - Progress of National Strategic Reference Framework consultation

The PMC will also receive updates on the following standing Agenda items: -

- Programme Monitoring Report
 - October 2004 Bidding Round
 - Technical Assistance
 - Communications Progress Report
 - Report on papers distributed for clearance by written procedure
5. The next PMC meeting will be held at the Rhayader Leisure Centre, on the 20th July 2006

Mike German AM

May 2006

**REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE
EQUAL WALES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

1. The Committee has not met since the last reporting period in March 06.
2. The EQUAL Programme is approaching the second year of Action 2 – the activity phase. Each of the Development Partnerships are progressing well and are on target to achieve their individual outcomes.
3. Two of the Development Partnerships have been successfully approved for Action 3 – Dissemination and Mainstreaming Phase – of the programme, with a further two in the process of assessment.
4. The next meeting will be held on the 25th September 06.

Gwenda Thomas AM

June 06

**REPORT BY THE JOINT CHAIR OF THE JOINT
IRELAND / WALES INTERREG IIIA PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. The Ireland/Wales INTERREG IIIA Programme continues to make excellent progress. A total of 105 projects from Rounds 1-7 were formally approved at the end of May 2006. This represents ERDF grant awards of £32.2m (€47m) in the cross-border area and a 98% take-up of the Programme allocation.

Remaining funds

2. Following the European Commission's formal agreement in December 2005 to transfer money from Priority 3, Technical Assistance, into the Operational Priorities, the Programme Monitoring Committee agreed to invite a limited number of Priority 1 Measure 2 projects to fit with the updated steer for the Measure and to address some gaps in outputs. A restricted call for applications, inviting applicants to bid for the £709k (€1.036m) in ERDF grant available was opened in March and 10 projects with a grant request of €2.37m have been received. The Priority 1 Steering Committee will meet to consider these bids in August 2006. The Programme Monitoring Committee has agreed to close the other Measures to new projects.

Programme Monitoring Committee

3. The next meeting of the Programme Monitoring Committee will be on 16 June 2006 at the St Brides Hotel, Saundersfoot where the Annual Implementation Report will be discussed following which it will be submitted to the European Commission.
4. The Programme Monitoring Committee will also consider proposals for re-allocation of funding which has been highlighted through the Joint Technical Secretariat post 2005 reconciliation exercise as coming back into the Programme through the reduction in the Irish grant rate from 75% to 50% post December 2005. Monies are also coming back into the Programme due to under-spends from completed projects.

Christine Gwyther AM

June 2006

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE LEADER+ PMC

1. The LEADER+ PMC last met on November 10th, 2005 and will next meet on June 26th, 2006. This report contains progress since my last report.
2. Implementation of the programme is progressing well. Thirty-nine Action 1 projects have been approved, together with thirteen in Action 2. At present, there are three projects under appraisal, one in Action 1 and two in Action 2. The majority of projects will run to the end of the programme, i.e. June 2008.
3. Progress is being made on committing the remaining £43,547 in Action 2. This figure is based on funds remaining after the two projects currently being assessed have had approval.
4. As the forthcoming PMC meeting is the penultimate one, a paper will be presented to members on proposed virements within programme funds. This is being proposed in order to effectively distribute the remaining funds.
5. Networking for the LEADER+ Programme in Wales will be delivered through the UK LEADER+ Network, and the contract has been awarded to Local and Regional Development Planning (LRDP Kantor) Ltd. Welsh activities have been re-assigned to the National Assembly's Department of Enterprise, Innovation and Networks (formerly the WDA rural team). The first UK LEADER+ Network conference of 2006, to discuss programme outputs, was held in Llandudno between 29 and 31 March. The next conference will be held in Northern Ireland in September.
6. The PMC will continue to receive progress reports on Local Action Group activities.
7. At its next meeting, the PMC will receive an update on post-2006 issues, in particular how the "LEADER approach" methodology will be adopted in Axes 3 and 4 of the successor Rural Development Plan for Wales (2007-2013).
8. PMC members will, at the next meeting, be presented with the Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for 2005, for approval. This is a report on the year's activities which, subject to PMC approval, will be forwarded to the Commission.
9. As part of its inclusive way of working, the PMC will receive minutes of the LEADER+ Consultation Group, a group composed of LEADER+ groups in Wales and representatives of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Carwyn Jones AM

June 2006

**REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE
URBAN II PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. The last meeting of the URBAN II Programme Monitoring Committee was on 30 March 06.
2. At the meeting, it was agreed to reduce the voting quorum of the PMC from 15 to 13 members.
3. An update was given on plans for using the remaining technical assistance funding. The Local Authority will no longer use technical assistance for community development but will continue to use it for programme management and support to approved projects.
4. A procedure was adopted for appeals against WEFO decisions on project applications.
5. The PMC was updated on plans to act on the recommendations of the Update to the Mid-Term Evaluation. The recommendations involve collecting outputs and feeding lessons learned in to the development of the new Structural Fund programmes.
6. The URBAN II Assessment Panel met after the PMC on the 30 March to consider a pro forma application for the Coedpoeth Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Centre.
7. The Assessment Panel recommended the Coedpoeth Centre for WEFO appraisal. The Panel allocated all the remaining funding in Priorities 1 and 2 to the project.
8. The next meeting of the PMC is on 29 June 2006

Karen Sinclair AM

June 2006

ANNEX 2A - OBJECTIVE 1 SPD 2000-06

Commitments and Payments 2000-06 (£m)

		Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant				Payment		Grant Rate	
		Total	Commitment to May 2006	%	Total Available	Committed to May 2006	%	Forecast Commitment to end 2006	Eligible Grant to May 2006	Eligible Grant Forecast to end 2006	Programme	Committed
		1	2	3 = 2/1	4	5	6 = 5/4	7	8	9	10 = 4/1	11 = 5/2
Priority 1 - Expanding and Developing the SME Base												
Measure 1 - Financial Support to SMEs	ERDF	166.431	195.101	117%	66.293	67.008	101%	66.005	57.492	60.401	40%	34%
Measure 2 - Promoting Entrepreneurship and Increasing the Birth Rate of SMEs	ERDF	108.877	106.685	98%	47.278	51.921	110%	44.663	24.917	28.876	43%	49%
Measure 3 – Developing Competitive SMEs	ERDF	119.363	128.296	107%	59.173	60.773	103%	60.840	36.856	42.505	50%	47%
Measure 4 – Promoting Adaptability and Entrepreneurship	ESF	182.806	181.113	99%	79.689	78.749	99%	85.410	42.812	53.173	44%	43%
Measure 5 – Providing Sites and Premises for SMEs	ERDF	141.793	199.015	140%	58.068	60.880	105%	66.586	35.683	41.112	41%	31%
Total - Priority 1		719.271	810.209	113%	310.501	319.331	103%	323.504	197.760	226.067	43%	39%
ERDF		536.465	629.097	117%	230.813	240.582	104%	238.094	154.947	172.894	43%	38%
ESF		182.806	181.113	99%	79.689	78.749	99%	85.410	42.812	53.173	44%	43%
Priority 2 – Developing Innovation and the Knowledge Based Economy												
Measure 1 - ICT Infrastructure	ERDF	21.322	10.158	48%	7.854	3.370	43%	3.369	2.897	2.985	37%	33%
Measure 2 – Stimulate and Support Demand for ICT	ERDF	99.796	106.017	106%	55.037	49.090	89%	54.304	27.581	32.042	55%	46%
Measure 3 – Support for the Development of Innovation and Research and Development	ERDF	197.718	234.880	119%	99.438	107.739	108%	109.024	59.252	70.523	50%	46%
Measure 4 – Skills for Innovation and Technology	ESF	52.734	47.303	90%	25.506	22.023	86%	26.270	10.451	14.692	48%	47%
Measure 5 – Clean Energy Sector	ERDF	69.165	83.672	121%	35.057	29.783	85%	36.000	3.778	9.949	51%	36%

Developments													
Total - Priority 2		440.735	482.029	109%	222.892	212.005	95%	228.967	103.960	130.191	51%	44%	
ERDF		388.001	434.726	112%	197.386	189.982	96%	202.697	93.509	115.498	51%	44%	
ESF		52.734	47.303	90%	25.506	22.023	86%	26.270	10.451	14.692	48%	47%	
Priority 3 - Community Economic Regeneration													
Measure 1 - Community Action for Social Inclusion		ESF	14.159	10.225	72%	9.130	5.972	65%	9.122	2.666	3.268	64%	58%
Measure 2 - Partnership and Community Capacity Building		ERDF	39.142	36.917	94%	25.728	25.961	101%	25.523	20.917	22.350	66%	70%
Measure 3 - Regeneration of Deprived Areas Through Community Led Action		ERDF	78.883	107.510	136%	55.074	58.945	107%	58.520	30.576	36.744	70%	55%
Measure 4 - Support for the Creation and Development of Businesses in the Social Economy		ERDF	40.153	37.229	93%	25.808	20.312	79%	22.567	9.072	11.789	64%	55%
Total - Priority 3			172.336	191.881	111%	115.741	111.188	96%	115.732	63.232	74.151	67%	58%
ERDF			158.178	181.656	115%	106.611	105.217	99%	106.610	60.565	70.882	67%	58%
ESF			14.159	10.225	72%	9.130	5.972	65%	9.122	2.666	3.268	64%	58%
Priority 4 - Developing People													
Measure 1 - Preventative and Active Employment Measures		ESF	193.888	207.495	107%	115.606	114.676	99%	118.740	61.271	75.003	60%	55%
Measure 2 - Social Inclusion		ESF	130.764	151.118	116%	79.636	75.715	95%	82.660	53.867	58.915	61%	50%
Measure 3 - Lifetime Learning for All		ESF	155.180	146.809	95%	77.800	70.482	91%	77.639	40.807	49.728	50%	48%
Measure 4 - Improving the Learning System		ERDF	94.786	103.182	109%	47.157	47.482	101%	48.943	34.359	38.859	50%	46%
Measure 5 - Improving the Participation of Women in the Labour Market		ESF	32.652	48.282	148%	21.589	24.777	115%	25.256	10.706	12.244	66%	51%
Measure 6 - Anticipation and Analysis of Skills Needs		ESF	8.809	4.468	51%	4.342	2.053	47%	2.460	1.442	1.632	49%	46%
Total - Priority 4			616.078	661.354	107%	346.131	335.185	97%	355.698	202.451	236.381	56%	51%
ERDF			94.786	103.182	109%	47.157	47.482	101%	48.943	34.359	38.859	50%	46%
ESF			521.293	558.172	107%	298.974	287.704	96%	306.755	168.092	197.523	57%	52%

Priority 5 - Rural Development and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

Measure 1 - Processing and Marketing of Agricultural Products	EAGGF	117.390	93.887	80%	20.651	18.777	91%	20.303	12.548	14.188	18%	20%
Measure 2 - Training: Services to Help Farmers Adapt and Diversify	EAGGF	18.472	12.833	69%	8.185	8.172	100%	8.449	6.022	6.800	44%	64%
Measure 3 - Forestry	EAGGF	33.006	36.163	110%	13.196	13.276	101%	13.296	7.296	8.336	40%	37%
Measure 4 - Promoting the Adaptation and Development of Rural Areas - Not Spatially Targeted	EAGGF	22.195	20.771	94%	7.669	7.324	96%	8.017	3.556	4.713	35%	35%
Measure 4 - Promoting the Adaptation and Development of Rural Areas - Spatially Targeted	EAGGF	20.180	28.249	140%	10.110	11.045	109%	11.576	5.918	7.209	50%	39%
Measure 5 - Investment in Agricultural Holdings	EAGGF	25.482	35.536	139%	7.997	7.920	99%	7.997	5.306	6.201	31%	22%
Measure 6 - Promoting Local Economic Development	ERDF	74.912	104.360	139%	30.257	31.264	103%	35.237	15.368	18.303	40%	30%
Measure 7 - A Sustainable Countryside - Enhancement and Protection of the Natural Environment and Countryside Management	EAGGF	45.837	43.914	96%	23.066	21.723	94%	22.790	12.186	14.451	50%	49%
Measure 8 - Support for Recreational Opportunities and management of the natural environment	ERDF	32.258	36.694	114%	15.584	15.949	102%	15.865	11.332	13.278	48%	43%
Measure 9 - Support for Fisheries and Aquaculture	FIFG	34.913	25.445	73%	15.526	13.165	85%	15.523	7.961	8.667	44%	52%
Total - Priority 5		424.645	437.852	103%	152.240	148.617	98%	159.054	87.492	102.145	36%	34%
ERDF		107.170	141.054	132%	45.840	47.213	103%	51.102	26.700	31.581	43%	33%
EAGGF		282.562	271.352	96%	90.874	88.238	97%	92.429	52.831	61.897	32%	33%
FIFG		34.913	25.445	73%	15.526	13.165	85%	15.523	7.961	8.667	44%	52%

Priority 6 - Strategic Infrastructure Development

Measure 1 - Accessibility and Transport	ERDF	130.885	227.133	174%	62.705	66.807	107%	67.400	33.363	42.543	48%	29%
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Measure 2 - Energy infrastructure	ERDF	16.900	25.379	150%	7.312	7.115	97%	7.109	0.939	1.092	43%	28%
Measure 3 - Strategic Employment Sites	ERDF	130.049	197.024	152%	46.784	64.245	137%	64.308	21.381	28.906	36%	33%
Measure 4 - Environmental Infrastructure	ERDF	90.715	66.669	73%	31.596	25.218	80%	28.002	5.042	6.912	35%	38%
Total - Priority 6 (All ERDF)		368.548	516.205	140%	148.397	163.385	110%	166.819	60.725	79.452	40%	32%
Priority 7 - Technical Assistance												
Measure 1 - Promoting Effective Programme Management	ERDF	19.593	19.118	98%	9.805	9.583	98%	9.459	4.927	5.484	50%	50%
Measure 2 - Promoting Effective Programme Management	ESF	0.673	1.008	150%	0.319	0.504	158%	0.318	0.275	0.301	47%	50%
Measure 3 - Raising Awareness of the Programme	ERDF	8.758	3.779	43%	4.379	1.874	43%	5.200	1.042	1.283	50%	50%
Measure 4 - Raising Awareness of the Programme	ESF	6.510	6.604	101%	3.254	3.380	104%	3.573	2.147	2.762	50%	51%
TOTAL - Priority 7		35.534	30.508	86%	17.757	15.341	86%	18.550	8.391	9.830	50%	50%
ERDF		28.351	22.897	81%	14.184	11.456	81%	14.659	5.969	6.767	50%	50%
ESF		7.183	7.611	106%	3.573	3.884	109%	3.891	2.422	3.063	50%	51%
Total - All priorities		2,777.147	3,130.038	113%	1,313.659	1,305.052	99%	1,368.324	724.010	858.218	47%	42%
ERDF		1,681.497	2,028.817	121%	790.388	805.318	102%	828.924	436.773	515.934	47%	40%
ESF		778.174	804.423	103%	416.870	398.331	96%	431.448	226.444	271.719	54%	50%
EAGGF		282.562	271.352	96%	90.874	88.238	97%	92.429	52.831	61.897	32%	33%
FIFG		34.913	25.445	73%	15.526	13.165	85%	15.523	7.961	8.667	44%	52%

Note

Objective 1 ESF Total Costs includes an agreed correction with the EC of £31.814m and Total Grant Committed and Total Grant Spend includes a correction of -£15.379m
The indicative allocations included all virements agreed at the September Objective 1 PMC

ANNEX 2B - OBJECTIVE 2 SPD 2000-06

Commitments and Payments 2000-06 (£m)

Transitional Programme shown in italics	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant				Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitmen t to May 2006	%	Total Available	Commitmen t to May 2006	%	Forecast Commitmen t to end 2006	Eligible Grant to May 2006	Forecast Eligible to end 2006	Programme	Committed
	1	2	3 = 2/1	4	5	6 = 5/4	10			11 = 4/1	12 = 5/2
Priority 1 : Developing Sustainable & competitive Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)											
1.1 Support for Enterprise, Innovation and SME Development	23.735	25.043	106%	10.939	10.588	97%	10.939	5.931	7.638	46%	42%
<i>1.1 Support for Enterprise, Innovation and SME Development</i>	<i>8.230</i>	<i>12.176</i>	<i>148%</i>	<i>3.755</i>	<i>4.945</i>	<i>132%</i>	<i>4.446</i>	<i>1.961</i>	<i>3.005</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>41%</i>
1.2 Financial Support for SMEs	55.925	66.273	119%	14.472	15.210	105%	15.224	13.522	14.377	26%	23%
<i>1.2 Financial Support for SMEs</i>	<i>37.330</i>	<i>36.000</i>	<i>96%</i>	<i>8.145</i>	<i>8.172</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>8.185</i>	<i>6.667</i>	<i>7.805</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>23%</i>
1.3 Development of Sites and Premises for SMEs	28.532	30.061	105%	8.864	6.871	78%	8.864	3.850	4.525	31%	23%
<i>1.3 Development of Sites and Premises for SMEs</i>	<i>11.837</i>	<i>6.342</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>3.580</i>	<i>1.258</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>3.686</i>	<i>0.759</i>	<i>1.151</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>20%</i>
Total	108.192	121.377	112%	34.275	32.669	95%	35.027	23.304	26.539	32%	27%
Total	57.397	54.518	95%	15.480	14.376	93%	16.317	9.387	11.961	27%	26%
Priority2 : Sustainable Rural Development											
2.1 Rural Economic Development	15.706	20.983	134%	7.320	6.438	88%	7.982	2.487	3.111	47%	31%
<i>2.1 Rural Economic Development</i>	<i>5.818</i>	<i>9.032</i>	<i>155%</i>	<i>2.830</i>	<i>3.161</i>	<i>112%</i>	<i>3.166</i>	<i>2.788</i>	<i>2.868</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>35%</i>
2.2 Building Rural Networks	8.321	8.002	96%	4.162	3.530	85%	4.162	2.077	2.507	50%	44%

2.2 Building Rural Networks	3.313	3.398	103%	1.454	1.478	102%	1.552	0.762	1.343	44%	43%
Total	24.027	28.984	121%	11.482	9.968	87%	12.144	4.564	5.618	48%	34%
Total	9.132	12.430	136%	4.284	4.639	108%	4.717	3.550	4.211	47%	37%
Priority 3 : Urban Community Regeneration											
3.1 Capacity Building and Community Initiatives	21.637	24.078	111%	10.490	10.822	103%	11.815	7.047	6.848	48%	45%
3.1 Capacity Building and Community Initiatives	15.719	15.468	98%	7.860	6.518	83%	8.419	3.380	3.214	50%	42%
3.2 Developing the Social Economy	0.721	0.699	97%	0.361	0.326	90%	0.326	0.195	0.195	50%	47%
3.2 Developing the Social Economy	0.079	0.082	103%	0.040	0.041	103%	0.041	0.012	0.012	50%	50%
Total	22.358	24.777	111%	10.851	11.149	103%	12.142	7.242	7.043	49%	45%
Total	15.799	15.550	98%	7.900	6.559	83%	8.460	3.391	3.225	50%	42%
Priority 4 : Technical Assistance											
4.1 Promoting Effective Programme Management	2.705	1.804	67%	1.353	0.902	67%	0.838	0.428	0.420	50%	50%
4.1 Promoting Effective Programme Management	1.313	1.024	78%	0.657	0.512	78%	0.521	0.315	0.311	50%	50%
4.2 Raising Awareness of the Programme	0.649	0.361	56%	0.324	0.177	55%	0.588	0.095	0.091	50%	49%
4.2 Raising Awareness of the Programme	0.319	0.222	70%	0.159	0.108	68%	0.295	0.094	0.089	50%	48%
Total	3.354	2.165	65%	1.677	1.079	64%	1.426	0.523	0.511	50%	50%
Total	1.632	1.247	76%	0.816	0.620	76%	0.816	0.409	0.400	50%	50%
TOTAL											
Objective 2	157.931	177.303	112%	58.285	54.864	94%	60.738	35.633	39.711	37%	31%
Transitional related	83.960	83.744	100%	28.480	26.193	92%	30.310	16.737	19.797	34%	31%
Total	241.890	261.047	108%	86.765	81.057	93%	91.048	52.370	59.508	36%	31%

Total Available EU Grant includes 4% Performance Reserve - £3.801m (Objective 2 £2.529, Transitional £1.272m)
The financial allocation includes all virements

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Measure 3 The development of business opportunities in the social economy	7.513	4.534	60%		3.316	1.976	60%	2.154		1.409	1.615	44%	44%
Measure 4 Local development to promote Social Inclusion	2.096	1.720	82%		0.943	0.764	81%	0.764		0.449	0.570	45%	44%
Total - Priority 2	58.209	51.340	88%		25.753	22.283	87%	22.878		13.505	15.454	44%	43%
Priority 3 Lifelong Learning													
Measure 1 Increasing participation in Lifelong Learning and developing guidance and learning systems	29.111	29.310	101%		12.258	12.793	104%	12.413		4.782	7.501	42%	44%
Measure 2 Increasing participation and attainment in Lifelong Learning.	13.060	11.049	85%		5.288	4.394	83%	5.897		3.919	3.917	40%	40%
Total - Priority 3	42.171	40.358	96%		17.546	17.187	98%	18.309		8.701	11.418	42%	43%
Priority 4 Promoting Business Competitiveness													
Measure 1 Supporting management and workforce development in SMEs	28.120	24.654	88%		10.202	10.910	107%	12.217		6.581	8.545	36%	44%
Measure 2 Skills and knowledge development for the workforce in SMEs	15.553	12.218	79%		5.382	4.889	91%	4.889		4.779	4.834	35%	40%
Measure 3 Encouraging innovation, R&D and the Information Society for growth	7.808	8.048	103%		2.596	2.891	111%	2.891		1.317	1.902	33%	36%
Measure 4 Support to encourage and develop entrepreneurship	4.739	5.541	117%		2.017	2.089	104%	2.303		1.349	1.698	43%	38%
Measure 5 Anticipation and analysis of skills needs	1.590	1.741	110%		0.611	0.671	110%	0.671		0.379	0.484	38%	39%
Total - Priority 4	57.811	52.202	90%		20.809	21.449	103%	22.971		14.406	17.463	36%	41%
Priority 5 Promoting Gender Equality within the Labour Market													
Measure 1 Pathways to participation and promoting attitudinal change	11.860	14.741	124%		5.166	6.495	126%	6.899		2.028	3.219	44%	44%
Measure 2 Promoting attitudinal change	2.568	1.894	74%		1.140	0.681	60%	0.683		0.683	0.683	44%	36%

Total - Priority 5	14.428	16.635	115%		6.306	7.177	114%	7.582		2.711	3.902	44%	43%
Priority 6 : Technical Assistance													
Measure 1 : Technical Assistance (Rule 11.2)	2.807	1.933	69%		1.263	0.854	68%	0.912		0.729	0.809	45%	44%
Measure 2 : Technical Assistance (Rule 11.3)	1.209	2.621	217%		0.544	0.800	147%	0.852		0.583	0.651	45%	31%
Total - Priority 6	4.015	4.554	113%		1.807	1.654	92%	1.763		1.312	1.461	45%	36%
Total All Priorities	225.517	206.495	92%		93.530	87.230	93%	91.523		50.765	61.336	41%	42%
Notes													
The Financial Allocation includes virement proposals agreed by September 05 Objective 3 PMC.													
The Total Costs Committed include an agreed adjustment with the Commission of -£7.879m and withdrawal of retrospective expenditure -£8.105m. Grant Committed and Grant Paid include an agreed adjustment of -£3.269m and withdrawal of retrospective expenditure -£3.651m													
The Committed total costs, grant and Payment to March 2006 include virements relating to projects approved after December 2003 in measures closed as a result of the Mid Term Review													