

AGREED MINUTES

EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL FUNDS

NORTHERN IRELAND PROGRAMME FOR BUILDING SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY – PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2001

in

THE STORMONT HOTEL, BELFAST

1. A list of attendees is attached at Annex A.

Introduction

2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the fourth formal meeting of the Monitoring Committee which had been arranged to discuss an updated and revised version of the Programme Complement following the discussions at the previous meeting. It was explained that the Executive Committee would be provided with a situation report on the programme Complement early next week following the outcome of the meeting.

Revised Minutes of the meeting on 1 May: Draft Minutes of the meeting on 21/22 May

3. Revised minutes of the meeting on 1 May had been circulated for further comment. There were no additional comments and the minutes were agreed. The minutes of the previous meeting on 21/22 May had also been circulated for comment and an amendment was proposed to paragraph 9, final sentence which was suggested should read 'Members understood fully the range of issues before them and confirmed their endeavour to be in a position to manage and monitor this Programme effectively once agreement had been reached.'

Matters Arising

4. The action points from the previous meeting formed part of the substantive papers for this meeting and would be dealt with in the course of the Agenda items.

Programme Complement

5. The Chairman outlined the substantial work that had gone into revising the Programme Complement since the last meeting but indicated that there was still some scope for improvement. The Committee went on to identify three areas of the Complement which require further attention:-
 - (a) there was a need for an improvement in the clarity of analysis which forms the background to the actions proposed;
 - (b) there was also a need for further improvement in the quality of the indicators to be used for monitoring the quality and effectiveness of the implementation of the Programme. Considerable progress had been made in this regard since earlier drafts of the Complement had been considered by the Committee; however further improvement is necessary;
 - (c) finally, a much clearer framework for co-ordinating the actions between priorities are required. There are still many ambiguities, which could easily lead to a waste of effort or resources.
6. A written contribution was received from a Member unable to attend the meeting which welcomed the conclusions and suggested an amendment to Measure 1.4 also suggested by other members and included in the revision of the document.
7. Further discussion took place on the detail of the Measures and some points were identified that still needed to be addressed. These are

summarised on a Measure by Measure basis and attached at Annex B.

Equality Impact Assessment

8. This matter would be addressed substantively at the next meeting but the Committee was given a brief outline of the ongoing process and it was noted that work on the Equality Assessment of the Programme could lead to some further changes in the text of the Complement. Members would be kept fully informed if this was the case.

Any Other Business

9. The remaining papers on the Agenda (i) Equality Impact Assessment (BSP Paper 08/01); (ii) Match Funding Issues (BSP Paper 09/01); (iii) OneStopShop Application Process (BSP Paper 10/01); and (iv) CSF Communication Strategy (BSP Paper 11/01) which could not be taken at the meeting, would be re-issued for discussion at the next meeting scheduled for 5 July.
10. The Chairman concluded the meeting by saying he would write formally to members clarifying the outcome of the meeting and the position on the Programme Complement before it was sent to the European Commission for information.

Schedule of Future Meetings

11. It was decided not to arrange any further meetings at this time. The meeting scheduled for 5 July would go ahead as planned.

BSP Monitoring Committee
Secretariat

**ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM BSP MONITORING COMMITTEE
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<u>Issue</u>	<u>Action By</u>	<u>Timing</u>
Amendment to draft minutes of 21-22 May	Secretariat	Next Meeting
Clarification on Match Funding Issues	Secretariat	Next Meeting
Progress Report on OneStopShop Application Process	Secretariat	Next Meeting
Equality Impact Assessment	Secretariat	Next Meeting
Programme Complement – Development of	Secretariat	Next Meeting
Clarification of Priority 3, Measure 4	Department of Education	Next Meeting

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PROGRAMME MONITORING MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
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ATTENDEES

Permanent Members

Leo O'Reilly	Chairman
Eugene Rooney	Deputy Chairman
Mary Magowan	Voluntary and Community
Gwen Savage	Business
Pat Mallon	Craigavon Borough Council
Brendan Curran	Newry and Mourne District Council
Raymond Ferguson	Fermanagh District Council
Bridgeen Murphy	SEUPB
Brendan Mackin	Trade Unions
Bronagh Hinds	Equality
Miceal McCoy	Agricultural/Rural
Gerry Rogan	Paying Authority ESF
Philip Angus	Paying Authority ERDF
Noel Cornick	Paying Authority EAGGF/FIFG

Observers/Advisors

Bob Bleakley	DOE
Nuala Kerr	DFP
Stephen Creagh	DRD
Don Harley	DSD
Howard Keery	DETI
Angela Jackson	DETI
Jenny Pyper	DETI
Boyd McDowell	DETI
Trevor Forsythe	DETI
Carol Keery	LEDU
Gareth Kirk	NITB
Peter Sangster	IFI
Manfred Beschel	DG Regio – European Commission
Eileen Kelly	DG Regio – European Commission
Howard McNally	DG Fish – European Commission
John Kennedy	NICE
Claire Whitten	NICE
Gerry Mulligan	NISRA
Martin Tyrrell	NISRA
Gillian Ardis	DE
Richard Hodgett	DE
Jim Prentice	DARD – Fisheries Division