

CHAPTER 5: FINANCIAL TABLES

- 5.1 The Competitiveness & Employment ESF allocation to Northern Ireland for the 2007-2013 period is set out in the financial table in the UK National Strategic Reference Framework¹⁶. The Northern Ireland ESF Programme has an allocation of €166 million¹⁷.
- 5.2 In line with Article 74 of the Council Regulation 1083/2006 ESF will contribute up to 40% of the public eligible expenditure in the Programme. The national financial contribution will be provided by public funding.
- 5.3 Council Regulation 1083/2006 also allows the ESF Programme to finance activities which fall under the scope of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), up to a limit of 10% of the Community funding for each priority axis. The Programme Managing Authority will consider using the ERDF cross-financing flexibility within Priority 1, in specific circumstances, should the need arise during the programme.
- 5.4 A preliminary financial table, for consultation purpose, showing indicative budgetary allocations under each priority is included at Annex 1 overleaf. The final draft of the Northern Ireland ESF Programme will contain financial tables setting out the breakdown of funds by year and priority in line with the format specified in the Commission's Implementing Regulation to be adopted in [2006].

¹⁶ UK National Strategic Reference Framework, DTI October 2006

¹⁷ ESF allocation at 2006 prices and rounded to the nearest million.