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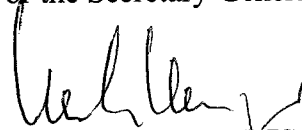
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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999, laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds¹, and, in particular, Article 14(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision C (2000) 2411, the Commission approved the Operational programme for Community structural Assistance under Objective 1 and Objective 1 in transition in Ireland (Employment/HRD OP Ireland).
- (2) Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No. 1260/1999 provides that Community support frameworks, operational programmes and single programming documents shall be re-examined and, if necessary, adapted at the initiative of the Member State or the Commission in agreement with the Member State, following the mid-term evaluation referred to in Article 42 and the allocation of the performance reserve referred to in Article 44.
- (3) By Decision C (2004) 883, the Commission allocated the performance reserve by Member State for Community Structural assistance under Objectives 1, 2, 3 and the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance outside Objective 1, to the operational programmes or single programming documents or their priorities which are considered to be successful in accordance with Article 44 (2) of Regulation (EC) No. 1260/1999
- (4) On 11 September 2003, the Commission received the mid-term evaluation report for the Operational Programme for Community Structural Assistance under Objective 1 and Objective 1 in transition in Ireland (Employment/HRD OP Ireland) as required by Article 42 of Regulation (EC) No. 1260/1999.

¹ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by the Act of Accession 2003, OJ L236, of 23.9.2003, p.33.

- (5) On 22 October 2004, the Irish authorities submitted to the Commission a proposal for amendments to the Operational Programme for Community Structural Assistance under Objective 1 and Objective 1 in transition in Ireland (Employment/HRD OP Ireland), considered and approved by the Monitoring Committee on 31 March 2004 pursuant to Article 35 (3) (f) of Regulation (EC) No. 1260/1999.
- (6) The Commission, in partnership with the Member State concerned, analysed and agreed the amended Operational Programme.
- (7) Decision C (2000) 2411 should be amended accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision C (2000) 2411 is amended as follows:

1. In Article 2, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following :

“The indicative financing plan shall state the total cost of the priorities chosen for the joint action by the Community and the Member State concerned, 1.156.354.155 Euros over the whole period, as well as to the amounts to be provided from the Structural Funds, of 892.087.000 Euros.

The resulting national financing requirement is 654.267.155 Euros for the public sector.”
2. The text of the Operational Programme for Community Structural Assistance under Objective 1 and Objective 1 in transition in Ireland (Employment/HRD OP Ireland) annexed to Decision C (2000) 2411 is replaced by the text attached as annex 2 to this decision.
3. In Article 3, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

“The European Social Fund assistance granted under this Operational programme shall amount to 892.087.000 Euros.”
4. The financial tables annexed to Decision C (2000) 2411 are replaced by the financial tables in annex 1 to this Decision.
5. In Article 5, the second and third sentences are replaced by the following:

“The final date for the eligibility of expenditure is 31st December 2008 and is subject to the provisions of Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No. 1260/1999. This date shall be extended to 30th April 2009 for expenditure incurred by bodies awarding assistance within the meaning of Article 9(i) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999.”

Article 2

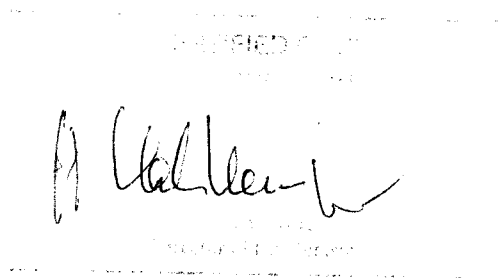
The starting date from which new expenditure added to the Programme by the modifications provided for by this decision shall be eligible is 22 October 2004.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, **20 XII 2004**

For the Commission
Vladimír Špidla
Member of the Commission



ANNEX I

[New financial tables]

Priority Employability € Year	Total Cost	Total Public Fin	Co-	Public Expenditure					Total National	Central Gov.	Local
				Community Participation							
				Total	ERDF	ESF	EAGGF	FIFG			
2000	202.049.000,00	202.049.000,00		115.844.000,00	0,00	115.844.000,00	0,00	0,00	86.205.000,00	86.205.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	137.414.000,00	137.414.000,00		68.707.000,00	0,00	68.707.000,00	0,00	0,00	68.707.000,00	68.707.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	64.635.000,00	64.635.000,00		47.137.000,00	0,00	47.137.000,00	0,00	0,00	17.498.000,00	17.498.000,00	0,00
2001	165.240.000,00	165.240.000,00		94.904.000,00	0,00	94.904.000,00	0,00	0,00	70.336.000,00	70.336.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	111.652.000,00	111.652.000,00		55.826.000,00	0,00	55.826.000,00	0,00	0,00	55.826.000,00	55.826.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	53.588.000,00	53.588.000,00		39.078.000,00	0,00	39.078.000,00	0,00	0,00	14.510.000,00	14.510.000,00	0,00
2002	144.590.000,00	144.590.000,00		83.309.000,00	0,00	83.309.000,00	0,00	0,00	61.281.000,00	61.281.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	96.562.000,00	96.562.000,00		48.281.000,00	0,00	48.281.000,00	0,00	0,00	48.281.000,00	48.281.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	48.028.000,00	48.028.000,00		35.028.000,00	0,00	35.028.000,00	0,00	0,00	13.000.000,00	13.000.000,00	0,00
2003	118.517.000,00	118.517.000,00		68.460.000,00	0,00	68.460.000,00	0,00	0,00	50.057.000,00	50.057.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	78.346.000,00	78.346.000,00		39.173.000,00	0,00	39.173.000,00	0,00	0,00	39.173.000,00	39.173.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	40.171.000,00	40.171.000,00		29.287.000,00	0,00	29.287.000,00	0,00	0,00	10.884.000,00	10.884.000,00	0,00
2004	102.296.333,33	102.296.333,33		59.806.000,00	0,00	59.806.000,00	0,00	0,00	42.490.333,33	42.490.333,33	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	67.662.000,00	67.662.000,00		33.831.000,00	0,00	33.831.000,00	0,00	0,00	33.831.000,00	33.831.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	34.634.333,33	34.634.333,33		25.975.000,00	0,00	25.975.000,00	0,00	0,00	8.659.333,33	8.659.333,33	0,00
2005	96.750.666,67	96.750.666,67		60.862.000,00	0,00	60.862.000,00	0,00	0,00	35.888.666,67	35.888.666,67	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	46.800.000,00	46.800.000,00		23.400.000,00	0,00	23.400.000,00	0,00	0,00	23.400.000,00	23.400.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	49.950.666,67	49.950.666,67		37.462.000,00	0,00	37.462.000,00	0,00	0,00	12.488.666,67	12.488.666,67	0,00
2006	158.000.000,00	158.000.000,00		93.668.000,00	0,00	93.668.000,00	0,00	0,00	64.332.000,00	64.332.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	99.326.000,00	99.326.000,00		49.663.000,00	0,00	49.663.000,00	0,00	0,00	49.663.000,00	49.663.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	58.674.000,00	58.674.000,00		44.005.000,00	0,00	44.005.000,00	0,00	0,00	14.669.000,00	14.669.000,00	0,00
2000-2006	987.443.000,00	987.443.000,00		576.853.000,00	0,00	576.853.000,00	0,00	0,00	410.590.000,00	410.590.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	637.762.000,00	637.762.000,00		318.881.000,00	0,00	318.881.000,00	0,00	0,00	318.881.000,00	318.881.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	349.681.000,00	349.681.000,00		257.972.000,00	0,00	257.972.000,00	0,00	0,00	91.709.000,00	91.709.000,00	0,00

Priority Entrepreneurship Year	Total Cost	Total Public Co-Fin	Public Expenditure						Total National	Central Gov.	Local
			Community Participation								
			Total	ERDF	ESF	EAGGF	FIFG				
2000	68.639.000,00	68.639.000,00	39.111.000,00	0,00	39.111.000,00	0,00	0,00	29.528.000,00	29.528.000,00	0,00	
Obj. 1 in transition	49.470.000,00	49.470.000,00	24.735.000,00	0,00	24.735.000,00	0,00	0,00	24.735.000,00	24.735.000,00	0,00	
Objective 1	19.169.000,00	19.169.000,00	14.376.000,00	0,00	14.376.000,00	0,00	0,00	4.793.000,00	4.793.000,00	0,00	
2001	56.091.000,00	56.091.000,00	32.017.000,00	0,00	32.017.000,00	0,00	0,00	24.074.000,00	24.074.000,00	0,00	
Obj. 1 in transition	40.200.000,00	40.200.000,00	20.100.000,00	0,00	20.100.000,00	0,00	0,00	20.100.000,00	20.100.000,00	0,00	
Objective 1	15.891.000,00	15.891.000,00	11.917.000,00	0,00	11.917.000,00	0,00	0,00	3.974.000,00	3.974.000,00	0,00	
2002	49.010.000,00	49.010.000,00	28.065.000,00	0,00	28.065.000,00	0,00	0,00	20.945.000,00	20.945.000,00	0,00	
Obj. 1 in transition	34.758.000,00	34.758.000,00	17.379.000,00	0,00	17.379.000,00	0,00	0,00	17.379.000,00	17.379.000,00	0,00	
Objective 1	14.252.000,00	14.252.000,00	10.666.000,00	0,00	10.666.000,00	0,00	0,00	3.566.000,00	3.566.000,00	0,00	
2003	40.124.000,00	40.124.000,00	23.036.000,00	0,00	23.036.000,00	0,00	0,00	17.088.000,00	17.088.000,00	0,00	
Obj. 1 in transition	28.214.000,00	28.214.000,00	14.107.000,00	0,00	14.107.000,00	0,00	0,00	14.107.000,00	14.107.000,00	0,00	
Objective 1	11.910.000,00	11.910.000,00	8.929.000,00	0,00	8.929.000,00	0,00	0,00	2.981.000,00	2.981.000,00	0,00	
2004	19.171.000,00	19.171.000,00	11.043.000,00	0,00	11.043.000,00	0,00	0,00	8.128.000,00	8.128.000,00	0,00	
Obj. 1 in transition	13.338.000,00	13.338.000,00	6.669.000,00	0,00	6.669.000,00	0,00	0,00	6.669.000,00	6.669.000,00	0,00	
Objective 1	5.833.000,00	5.833.000,00	4.374.000,00	0,00	4.374.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.459.000,00	1.459.000,00	0,00	
2005	18.160.000,00	18.160.000,00	11.620.000,00	0,00	11.620.000,00	0,00	0,00	6.540.000,00	6.540.000,00	0,00	
Obj. 1 in transition	8.000.000,00	8.000.000,00	4.000.000,00	0,00	4.000.000,00	0,00	0,00	4.000.000,00	4.000.000,00	0,00	
Objective 1	10.160.000,00	10.160.000,00	7.620.000,00	0,00	7.620.000,00	0,00	0,00	2.540.000,00	2.540.000,00	0,00	
2006	37.774.000,00	37.774.000,00	22.270.000,00	0,00	22.270.000,00	0,00	0,00	15.504.000,00	15.504.000,00	0,00	
Obj. 1 in transition	24.238.000,00	24.238.000,00	12.119.000,00	0,00	12.119.000,00	0,00	0,00	12.119.000,00	12.119.000,00	0,00	
Objective 1	13.536.000,00	13.536.000,00	10.151.000,00	0,00	10.151.000,00	0,00	0,00	3.385.000,00	3.385.000,00	0,00	
2000-2006	288.969.000,00	288.969.000,00	167.162.000,00	0,00	167.162.000,00	0,00	0,00	121.807.000,00	121.807.000,00	0,00	
Obj. 1 in transition	198.218.000,00	198.218.000,00	99.109.000,00	0,00	99.109.000,00	0,00	0,00	99.109.000,00	99.109.000,00	0,00	
Objective 1	90.751.000,00	90.751.000,00	68.053.000,00	0,00	68.053.000,00	0,00	0,00	22.698.000,00	22.698.000,00	0,00	

Priority Adaptability Year	Total Cost	Total Public Co-Fin	Public Expenditure					Total National	Central Gov.	Local
			Community Participation							
			Total	ERDF	ESF	EAGGF	FIFG			
2000	67.517.000,00	67.517.000,00	36.982.000,00	0,00	36.982.000,00	0,00	0,00	30.535.000,00	30.535.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	54.620.000,00	54.620.000,00	27.310.000,00	0,00	27.310.000,00	0,00	0,00	27.310.000,00	27.310.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	12.897.000,00	12.897.000,00	9.672.000,00	0,00	9.672.000,00	0,00	0,00	3.225.000,00	3.225.000,00	0,00
2001	55.066.000,00	55.066.000,00	30.205.000,00	0,00	30.205.000,00	0,00	0,00	24.861.000,00	24.861.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	44.376.000,00	44.376.000,00	22.188.000,00	0,00	22.188.000,00	0,00	0,00	22.188.000,00	22.188.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	10.690.000,00	10.690.000,00	8.017.000,00	0,00	8.017.000,00	0,00	0,00	2.673.000,00	2.673.000,00	0,00
2002	47.979.000,00	47.979.000,00	26.387.000,00	0,00	26.387.000,00	0,00	0,00	21.592.000,00	21.592.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	38.386.000,00	38.386.000,00	19.193.000,00	0,00	19.193.000,00	0,00	0,00	19.193.000,00	19.193.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	9.593.000,00	9.593.000,00	7.194.000,00	0,00	7.194.000,00	0,00	0,00	2.399.000,00	2.399.000,00	0,00
2003	39.164.000,00	39.164.000,00	21.586.000,00	0,00	21.586.000,00	0,00	0,00	17.578.000,00	17.578.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	31.144.000,00	31.144.000,00	15.572.000,00	0,00	15.572.000,00	0,00	0,00	15.572.000,00	15.572.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	8.020.000,00	8.020.000,00	6.014.000,00	0,00	6.014.000,00	0,00	0,00	2.006.000,00	2.006.000,00	0,00
2004	12.813.000,00	12.813.000,00	7.153.000,00	0,00	7.153.000,00	0,00	0,00	5.660.000,00	5.660.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	9.826.000,00	9.826.000,00	4.913.000,00	0,00	4.913.000,00	0,00	0,00	4.913.000,00	4.913.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	2.987.000,00	2.987.000,00	2.240.000,00	0,00	2.240.000,00	0,00	0,00	747.000,00	747.000,00	0,00
2005	10.851.000,00	10.851.000,00	6.116.000,00	0,00	6.116.000,00	0,00	0,00	4.735.000,00	4.735.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	8.086.000,00	8.086.000,00	4.043.000,00	0,00	4.043.000,00	0,00	0,00	4.043.000,00	4.043.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	2.765.000,00	2.765.000,00	2.073.000,00	0,00	2.073.000,00	0,00	0,00	692.000,00	692.000,00	0,00
2006	12.341.000,00	12.341.000,00	7.123.000,00	0,00	7.123.000,00	0,00	0,00	5.218.000,00	5.218.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	8.530.000,00	8.530.000,00	4.265.000,00	0,00	4.265.000,00	0,00	0,00	4.265.000,00	4.265.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	3.811.000,00	3.811.000,00	2.858.000,00	0,00	2.858.000,00	0,00	0,00	953.000,00	953.000,00	0,00
2000-2006	245.731.000,00	245.731.000,00	135.552.000,00	0,00	135.552.000,00	0,00	0,00	110.179.000,00	110.179.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	194.968.000,00	194.968.000,00	97.484.000,00	0,00	97.484.000,00	0,00	0,00	97.484.000,00	97.484.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	50.763.000,00	50.763.000,00	38.068.000,00	0,00	38.068.000,00	0,00	0,00	12.695.000,00	12.695.000,00	0,00

Priority Equality	Total Cost	Total Public Co-Fin	Public Expenditure					Total National	Central Gov.	Local
			Community Participation							
			Total	ERDF	ESF	EAGGF	FIFG			
Year										
2000	4.057.333,00	4.057.333,00	2.096.000,00	0,000000	2.096.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.961.333,00	1.961.333,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	3.788.000,00	3.788.000,00	1.894.000,00	0,000000	1.894.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.894.000,00	1.894.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	269.333,00	269.333,00	202.000,00	0,000000	202.000,00	0,00	0,00	67.333,00	67.333,00	0,00
2001	3.300.000,00	3.300.000,00	1.705.000,00	0,000000	1.705.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.595.000,00	1.595.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	3.076.000,00	3.076.000,00	1.538.000,00	0,000000	1.538.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.538.000,00	1.538.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	224.000,00	224.000,00	167.000,00	0,000000	167.000,00	0,00	0,00	57.000,00	57.000,00	0,00
2002	2.860.666,00	2.860.666,00	1.480.000,00	0,000000	1.480.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.380.666,00	1.380.666,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	2.660.000,00	2.660.000,00	1.330.000,00	0,000000	1.330.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.330.000,00	1.330.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	200.666,00	200.666,00	150.000,00	0,000000	150.000,00	0,00	0,00	50.666,00	50.666,00	0,00
2003	2.348.666,00	2.348.666,00	1.216.000,00	0,000000	1.216.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.132.666,00	1.132.666,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	2.182.000,00	2.182.000,00	1.091.000,00	0,000000	1.091.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.091.000,00	1.091.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	166.666,00	166.666,00	125.000,00	0,000000	125.000,00	0,00	0,00	41.666,00	41.666,00	0,00
2004	1.242.000,00	1.242.000,00	630.000,00	0,000000	630.000,00	0,00	0,00	612.000,00	612.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	1.204.000,00	1.204.000,00	602.000,00	0,000000	602.000,00	0,00	0,00	602.000,00	602.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	38.000,00	38.000,00	28.000,00	0,000000	28.000,00	0,00	0,00	10.000,00	10.000,00	0,00
2005	650.000,00	650.000,00	347.000,00	0,000000	347.000,00	0,00	0,00	303.000,00	303.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	560.000,00	560.000,00	280.000,00	0,000000	280.000,00	0,00	0,00	280.000,00	280.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	90.000,00	90.000,00	67.000,00	0,000000	67.000,00	0,00	0,00	23.000,00	23.000,00	0,00
2006	3.636.000,00	3.636.000,00	1.846.000,00	0,000000	1.846.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.790.000,00	1.790.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	3.524.000,00	3.524.000,00	1.762.000,00	0,000000	1.762.000,00	0,00	0,00	1.762.000,00	1.762.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	112.000,00	112.000,00	84.000,00	0,000000	84.000,00	0,00	0,00	28.000,00	28.000,00	0,00
2000-2006	18.094.665,00	18.094.665,00	9.320.000,00	0,000000	9.320.000,00	0,00	0,00	8.774.665,00	8.774.665,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	16.994.000,00	16.994.000,00	8.497.000,00	0,000000	8.497.000,00	0,00	0,00	8.497.000,00	8.497.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	1.100.665,00	1.100.665,00	823.000,00	0,000000	823.000,00	0,00	0,00	277.665,00	277.665,00	0,00

Priority Technical Assistance Year	Total Cost	Total Public Co-Fin	Public Expenditure					Total National	Central Gov.	Local
			Community Participation							
			Total	ERDF	ESF	EAGGF	FIFG			
2000	2.056.000,00	2.056.000,00	1.067.000,00	0,00	1.067.000,00	0,00	0,00	989.000,00	989.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	1.900.000,00	1.900.000,00	950.000,00	0,00	950.000,00	0,00	0,00	950.000,00	950.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	156.000,00	156.000,00	117.000,00	0,00	117.000,00	0,00	0,00	39.000,00	39.000,00	0,00
2001	1.565.000,00	1.565.000,00	815.000,00	0,00	815.000,00	0,00	0,00	750.000,00	750.000,00	0,00
Obj.1 in transition	1.434.000,00	1.434.000,00	717.000,00	0,00	717.000,00	0,00	0,00	717.000,00	717.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	131.000,00	131.000,00	98.000,00	0,00	98.000,00	0,00	0,00	33.000,00	33.000,00	0,00
2002	1.094.000,00	1.094.000,00	576.000,00	0,00	576.000,00	0,00	0,00	518.000,00	518.000,00	0,00
Obj.1 in transition	978.000,00	978.000,00	489.000,00	0,00	489.000,00	0,00	0,00	489.000,00	489.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	116.000,00	116.000,00	87.000,00	0,00	87.000,00	0,00	0,00	29.000,00	29.000,00	0,00
2003	1.036.000,00	1.036.000,00	542.000,00	0,00	542.000,00	0,00	0,00	494.000,00	494.000,00	0,00
Obj.1 in transition	940.000,00	940.000,00	470.000,00	0,00	470.000,00	0,00	0,00	470.000,00	470.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	96.000,00	96.000,00	72.000,00	0,00	72.000,00	0,00	0,00	24.000,00	24.000,00	0,00
2004	119.490,00	119.490,00	69.000,00	0,00	69.000,00	0,00	0,00	50.490,00	50.490,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	82.000,00	82.000,00	41.000,00	0,00	41.000,00	0,00	0,00	41.000,00	41.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	37.490,00	37.490,00	28.000,00	0,00	28.000,00	0,00	0,00	9.490,00	9.490,00	0,00
2005	102.000,00	102.000,00	55.000,00	0,00	55.000,00	0,00	0,00	47.000,00	47.000,00	0,00
Obj.1 in transition	86.000,00	86.000,00	43.000,00	0,00	43.000,00	0,00	0,00	43.000,00	43.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	16.000,00	16.000,00	12.000,00	0,00	12.000,00	0,00	0,00	4.000,00	4.000,00	0,00
2006	144.000,00	144.000,00	76.000,00	0,00	76.000,00	0,00	0,00	68.000,00	68.000,00	0,00
Obj.1 in transition	128.000,00	128.000,00	64.000,00	0,00	64.000,00	0,00	0,00	64.000,00	64.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	16.000,00	16.000,00	12.000,00	0,00	12.000,00	0,00	0,00	4.000,00	4.000,00	0,00
2000-2006	6.116.490,00	6.116.490,00	3.200.000,00	0,00	3.200.000,00	0,00	0,00	2.916.490,00	2.916.490,00	0,00
Obj.1 in transition	5.548.000,00	5.548.000,00	2.774.000,00	0,00	2.774.000,00	0,00	0,00	2.774.000,00	2.774.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	568.490,00	568.490,00	426.000,00	0,00	426.000,00	0,00	0,00	142.490,00	142.490,00	0,00

Priority OP Level	Total Cost	Total Public Fin	Co-	Public Expenditure					Total National	Central Gov.	Local
				Community Participation							
				Total	ERDF	ESF	EAGGF	FIFG			
Year											
2000	344.318.333,00	344.318.333,00		195.100.000,00	0,00	195.100.000,00	0,00	0,00	149.218.333,00	149.218.333,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	247.192.000,00	247.192.000,00		123.596.000,00	0,00	123.596.000,00	0,00	0,00	123.596.000,00	123.596.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	97.126.333,00	97.126.333,00		71.504.000,00	0,00	71.504.000,00	0,00	0,00	25.622.333,00	25.622.333,00	0,00
2001	281.262.000,00	281.262.000,00		159.646.000,00	0,00	159.646.000,00	0,00	0,00	121.616.000,00	121.616.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	200.738.000,00	200.738.000,00		100.369.000,00	0,00	100.369.000,00	0,00	0,00	100.369.000,00	100.369.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	80.524.000,00	80.524.000,00		59.277.000,00	0,00	59.277.000,00	0,00	0,00	21.247.000,00	21.247.000,00	0,00
2002	245.533.666,00	245.533.666,00		139.817.000,00	0,00	139.817.000,00	0,00	0,00	105.716.666,00	105.716.666,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	173.344.000,00	173.344.000,00		86.672.000,00	0,00	86.672.000,00	0,00	0,00	86.672.000,00	86.672.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	72.189.666,00	72.189.666,00		53.145.000,00	0,00	53.145.000,00	0,00	0,00	19.044.666,00	19.044.666,00	0,00
2003	201.189.666,00	201.189.666,00		114.840.000,00	0,00	114.840.000,00	0,00	0,00	86.349.666,00	86.349.666,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	140.826.000,00	140.826.000,00		70.413.000,00	0,00	70.413.000,00	0,00	0,00	70.413.000,00	70.413.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	60.363.666,00	60.363.666,00		44.427.000,00	0,00	44.427.000,00	0,00	0,00	15.936.666,00	15.936.666,00	0,00
2004	135.641.823,33	135.641.823,33		78.701.000,00	0,00	78.701.000,00	0,00	0,00	56.940.823,33	56.940.823,33	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	92.112.000,00	92.112.000,00		46.056.000,00	0,00	46.056.000,00	0,00	0,00	46.056.000,00	46.056.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	43.529.823,33	43.529.823,33		32.645.000,00	0,00	32.645.000,00	0,00	0,00	10.884.823,33	10.884.823,33	0,00
2005	126.513.666,67	126.513.666,67		79.000.000,00	0,00	79.000.000,00	0,00	0,00	47.513.666,67	47.513.666,67	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	63.532.000,00	63.532.000,00		31.766.000,00	0,00	31.766.000,00	0,00	0,00	31.766.000,00	31.766.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	62.981.666,67	62.981.666,67		47.234.000,00	0,00	47.234.000,00	0,00	0,00	15.747.666,67	15.747.666,67	0,00
2006	211.895.000,00	211.895.000,00		124.983.000,00	0,00	124.983.000,00	0,00	0,00	86.912.000,00	86.912.000,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	135.746.000,00	135.746.000,00		67.873.000,00	0,00	67.873.000,00	0,00	0,00	67.873.000,00	67.873.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	76.149.000,00	76.149.000,00		57.110.000,00	0,00	57.110.000,00	0,00	0,00	19.039.000,00	19.039.000,00	0,00
2000-2006	1.546.354.155,00	1.546.354.155,00		892.087.000,00	0,00	892.087.000,00	0,00	0,00	654.267.155,00	654.267.155,00	0,00
Obj. 1 in transition	1.053.490.000,00	1.053.490.000,00		526.745.000,00	0,00	526.745.000,00	0,00	0,00	526.745.000,00	526.745.000,00	0,00
Objective 1	492.864.155,00	492.864.155,00		365.342.000,00	0,00	365.342.000,00	0,00	0,00	127.522.155,00	127.522.155,00	0,00

ANNEX II

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Amendments to the Employment and Human Resources Development Operational Programme 2000-2006

Ireland

Page 31: Section 2.7.5 Regionalisation

In the third paragraph, **Replace** the sentence beginning “The proposals envisage...” with the following:

“The proposals envisage total expenditure under this Operational Programme in the BMW Region at €4,550.5m. (or some 30.3% of the total).”

Page 43/44: Replace Table 9 with the following revised table:-

Table 9. Operational Programme Eco-Actions			
	Employability	Eco- Action	Eco Action Type
1	Action Programme for the Unemployed	•	1/2
2	National Employment Service		
3	Active Measures for LTU and Socially Excluded	•	1,2,4
4	Early Education	•	1/2
5	School Completion Initiative	•	1/2
6	Early Literacy	•	1/2
7	Traveller Education	•	1/2
8	School Guidance Service		
9	Third Level Access		
10	Schools Modern Languages		
11A	Early School Leaver -Progression	•	1/2
11B	Early School Leaver - Youthreach and Travellers	•	1/2
12A	Sectoral Entry Training -Tourism School Leavers	•	7
12B	Sectoral Entry Training -Tourism	•	7
12C	Sectoral Entry Training –Tourism (Education)	•	7
12D	Sectoral Entry Training –Agriculture	•	7
13	Skills Training for Unemployed and Redundant Workers	•	1/2
14A	Apprenticeship/Traineeship-FÁS	•	1,2 New
14B	Apprenticeship –Education	•	1,2,7 New
15	Employment Support Services		
16	Voc. Training and Pathways Employment People w/Disabilities	•	1/2
17	Refugee Language Support Unit		
Entrepreneurship			
18	In Company Training - FÁS	•	5,6
	In Company Training - Enterprise Ireland	•	5,6
	In-Company Training – Dept. of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	•	5,6
19A	Social Economy -Programme	•	3,4 New
19B	Social Economy -Local Social Capital	•	3,4,5 New
Adaptability			
20	Lifelong Learning -General Training		
21	Lifelong Learning -Back to Education Initiative	•	1,2
22	Lifelong Learning- National Adult Literacy Strategy	•	1,2
23	Lifelong Learning- Further Education Support Services		
24A	Ongoing Sectoral Training -Culture, Gaeltacht and Film	•	5,6
24B	Ongoing Sectoral Training –Seafood	•	7
24C	Ongoing Sectoral Training -Forestry	•	7
24D	Ongoing Sectoral Training -Equine Institute	•	7
24E	Ongoing Sectoral Training –Agriculture	•	7

24F	Ongoing Sectoral Training –Tourism	•	7
24G	Ongoing Sectoral Training -Tourism Education	•	7
25	Middle-Level Technician/Higher Technical Business Skills	•	3
26	Undergraduate Skills		
27	Postgraduate Conversion Courses		
28A	Training of Trainers- Primary, Post –Primary and Further Education.	•	1,2
28B	Training of Trainers- FÁS	•	1,2
29A	Quality (including Training of Trainers)		
29B	Quality (Certification and National Qualifications Framework)		
Equality			
30	Educational Equality Initiative		
31A	Equal Opportunities Promotion and Monitoring - Education		
31B	Equal Opportunities Promotion and Monitoring – NDP		
31B1	Equality for Women		
Other Measures			
32A	Education Infrastructure	•	Legal Requirements
32B	Training Infrastructure	•	Legal Requirements
33A	Technical Assistance (Equality Studies)		
33B	OP Technical Assistance		

Page 47: Section 2.10

In the final sentence of the first paragraph, ***Replace*** “Appendix II” with “Appendix III”.

Page 47: Section 2.10.1

Add the following paragraph immediately after Table 10:

“Commission Regulation (EC) No. 68/2001 of 12 January 2001 on the Application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to Training Aid, subsequently provided that schemes which are compatible with the common market in accordance with the said Regulation are exempt from the requirement that they be notified to the Commission for approval.”

Page 48: Section 2.10.2

Replace the existing text and Table 12 with the following:

“2.10.2 Notifiable Measures

Of the 51 measures and sub-measures proposed, 44 are considered to be exempt in being outside the definitions of aid; these measures relate to the unemployed or students or involve the provision of public service goods in the form of basic or general education or training for students or the unemployed. (See Appendices V and VI outlining the Public Assistance Rationale Typology classifying all Operational Programme measures by expenditure type).

The remaining 7 measures and sub-measures however all have either a focus on firms, on people working in firms for the purposes of the Code on Training Aids or otherwise relate to particular sectors where sectoral aid control regimes apply to public assistance.

Only 1 of these measures, Measure 18, will be co-funded by the ESF over the coming period; public support for the other measures support will be provided by the Exchequer. All of the measures (except one where de minimis control is intended) have been notified to the appropriate Commission Authorities, including the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment strand of Measure 18 which conforms to the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 68/2001. The present position vis a vis Commission decisions on the measures is as follows:

Table 12. Prima Facie Notifiable Measures Put Forward under this Operational Programme	
Sectoral Entry Training - Agriculture (Measure 12D)	Notified (Agriculture Aid)
In -Company Training - Enterprise Ireland strand (Measure 18)	Approved (Training Aid)
In -Company Training - FÁS strand	Approved (Training Aid)
In-Company Training - D/Enterprise, Trade and Employment strand	Conforms with Regulation (EC) No. 68/2001
Ongoing Sectoral Training - Culture, Gaeltacht and Film (Measure 24)	Approved (Training Aid)
Ongoing Sectoral Training - Seafood (Measure 24B)	Notified (Fisheries Aid)
Ongoing Sectoral Training - Equine Institute (Measure (24D)	Notified (Agriculture Aid)
Ongoing Sectoral Training - Agriculture (Measure 24E)	Notified (Agriculture Aid)
Sectoral Training – Tourism (Measure 24F)	de Minimis (Training Aid)

Page 49: Section 2.10.2.2

Replace the existing text of 2.10.2.2 and 2.10.2.3 with the following:

“2.10.2.2 In-Company Training - Measure 18

This measure, to be co-funded by the ESF, comprises a number of strands, administered by Enterprise Ireland, FAS and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment respectively. The position of each strand in relation to State Aid and Training Aid Guidelines is set out below.

2.10.2.3 In-Company Training strands

The Enterprise Ireland strand of the measure involves a scheme of training supports to be delivered to the manufacturing and internationally trading services sector by Enterprise Ireland (and in its region, Shannon Development Company Ltd). The proposed scheme was notified to Directorate-General Competition in February 2000 by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment as the ‘Training Grants Scheme’ and was subsequently **approved**. The approval also covered the firm-related training to be delivered under this Operational Programme by Udaras na Gaeltachta.

The FAS strand of the measure involves training support which focuses on the up-skilling of employees. Under this stand, the Training Support Scheme, which operated up to 2003, was **notified** to Directorate-General Competition in **May 2000** by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. The Scheme was approved by the Commission on 2nd August 2000 for the period to 31st December 2006. In 2003, the Training Support Scheme was replaced with a new scheme, the Competency Development Programme which is compatible with Regulation (EC) No. 68/2001.

A third strand to measure 18 is administered by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and comprises a scheme of In-Company Training which is aimed at widening the provision of training and the development of training systems. This strand complies with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 68/2001 and details of the scheme were provided to the Commission in November 2002.”

Page 51/52: Table 13

Replace Table 13 with the following:

Table 13. Summary Position of all OP Measures/Sub-Measures in relation to Notifiable Aid				
OP Measure No.	Title of the S.A. scheme or ad hoc S.A.	State Aid No.	Approval Ref.	Duration
1	No State aid			
2	No State aid			
3	No State aid			
4	No State aid			
5	No State aid			
6	No State aid			
7	No State aid			
8	No State aid			
9	No State aid			
10	No State aid			
11A	No State aid			
11B	No State aid			
12A	No State aid			
12B	No State aid			
12C	No State aid			
12D	Training for Agri and Rural Dev. Scheme	N 462/2000		
13	No State aid			
14A	No State aid			
14B	No State aid			
15	No State aid			
16	No State aid			
17	No State aid			
18	Training Grants Scheme (Enterprise Ireland)	N 109/2000	SG(2000)	2000-31/12/06
	Training Support Scheme (FAS)	N 279/2000	SG(2000)	2000-31/12/06
	Competency Development Programme (FAS)	Reg. 68/2001 applies		
	In-Company Training (D/ETE)	Reg. 68/2001 applies		
19A	No State aid			
19B	No State aid			
20	No State aid			
21	No State aid			
22	No State aid			
23	No State aid			
24A	Training Grants Scheme	N 109/2000	SG(2000)	2000-31/12/06
24B	Seafood Training Scheme	N 500/2000		
24C	No State aid			
24D	Training and Equine Science Scheme	N 462/2000		
24E	Training for Agri and Rural Dev. Scheme	N 462/2000		
24F	Sectoral Training -Tourism	De Minimis		
24G	No State aid			
25	No State aid			
26	No State aid			
27	No State aid			
28A	No State aid			
28B	No State aid			
29A	No State aid			
29B	No State aid			
30	No State aid			
31A	No State aid			
31B	No State aid			
31B1	No State aid			
32A	No State aid			
32B	No State aid			
33A	No State aid			
33B	No State aid			

Page 66: Section 5.1.1 Employability

Replace the first paragraph under this heading and Table 15 with the following:

“Employability is the largest priority in this Operational Programme in terms of the number of measures or sub-measures (22) and of the level of resourcing –56% of the Operational Programme total is allocated to the pillar. Employability is concerned with helping and actively encouraging people to be, or to become, employable.”

Table 15: Total Operational Programme Expenditures on Employability			
€/M.2000-2006	BMW	S&E	National
Total Expenditure	2,517.616	5,965.377	8,482.993
Total Co-Financed	349.681	637.762	987.443
Total ESF Support	257.972	318.881	576.853

Page 69/70: Section 5.1.2 Entrepreneurship

Replace the first paragraph under this heading and Table 16 with the following:

“The Entrepreneurship pillar focuses on assisting companies, and particularly indigenous SMEs, to meet the challenge of adjusting to more competitive market conditions by up-skilling their workers and on encouraging more people, either individually or collectively, to look to self-employment and to establish enterprises. Total expenditure of some 3.6% of the Operational Programme resources is allocated to measures under this pillar.”

Table 16: Total Operational Programme Expenditures on Entrepreneurship			
€/M.2000-2006	BMW	S&E	National
Total Expenditure	176.060	371.337	547.737
Total Co-Financed	90.751	198.218	288.969
Total ESF Support	68.053	99.109	167.162

Page 70: In-Company Training

Delete the sentences commencing “In-Company Training/FAS” and “In-Company Training/Enterprise Ireland” and *replace* with the following:

“In-Company Training To enhance the productivity and competitiveness of indigenous Irish industry by training and up-skilling people in employment, by developing new skills and competency frameworks and standards for people in employment, by improving the capacity of companies to engage in training and by promoting increased investment in training by companies.”

Page 70-72: In-Company Training

Replace the text from “Two sub-measures are involved” to the end of this section on Page 72 with the following:

“One measure is involved, with three separate strands of delivery, through FAS, Enterprise Ireland and the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment:

Intensification of in-company training was one of the areas highlighted in the Council Recommendations to Ireland in the context of the 1999 Joint Employment Report, and Employment Reports.

The actions to be undertaken by the implementing bodies under the Operational Programme will focus on creating a self-sustaining human resources development capacity within enterprises, as well as providing opportunities to workers to access training programmes. In the Enterprise Ireland context, support for human resources development will be integrated with the overall structured approach which aims to build a development partnership between Enterprise Ireland and client firms.

FÁS will focus particularly on up-skilling workers and increasing the penetration of the Excellence Through People Quality standard. Achievement of this standard requires a consistent, structured approach to human resource development within applicant enterprises and has the potential to act as a significant point of leverage in achieving the aims of this measure. Resources will be applied to promoting the standard and to assessing compliance among candidate firms.

Overall, the measure will promote the upgrading of training quality and quantity in both manufacturing and services firms. Increasingly, direct grants to companies under the measure will be focused on encouraging the achievement of recognised standards and certification, establishing a formal training function in companies which do not possess such, or supporting significant upgrading of existing in-company training functions.

ESF resources will complement those of the National Training Fund in enhancing human resource development in enterprises. In that regard, the actions of FÁS and Enterprise Ireland will be supplemented by those in which the Social Partners take the lead, drawing on lessons learned from the Skillnets pilot training project and the ADAPT Community Initiative. Group-based approaches will play a significant part in achieving economies of scale in both the identification of training needs, the development of solutions and the purchasing of training in the marketplace. Within the overall policy context, the expansion of such approaches and enterprise-led approaches will be further explored and developed under the measure by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

It is recognised that there is a close connection between these "training in enterprise" measures and those set out under the Adaptability pillar, although the policy dimension of the latter is wider. Again, these measures complement other significant measures aimed at supporting SME and entrepreneurial development which are put forward in the Productive Investment Operational Programme (e.g. in-company strategy assessment and formulation) and both Regional Operational Programmes (e.g. mentoring services and promotion of micro-enterprises at local level)."

Page 72/73: Section 5.1.3 Adaptability

Replace the first paragraph under this heading and Table 17 with the following:

"The central objective of the Adaptability Pillar is to raise workplace-relevant skills and the competencies of individuals. While the essential Entrepreneurship pillar focus is on company development, the approach under this pillar is related much more to the development of the individual. Total expenditure of €3,363m (or 22.4% of Operational Programme resources) is allocated to this pillar."

Table 17. Total Operational Programme Expenditures on Adaptability			
€/M.2000-2006	BMW	S&E	National
Total Expenditure	1,200.859	2,162.272	3,363.132
Total Co-Financed	50.763	194.968	245.731
Total ESF Support	38.068	97.484	135.552

Page 76: Section 5.1.4 Gender Equality

Replace Table 18 with the following:

Table 18. Total Operational Programme Expenditures on Equality			
€/M.2000-2006	BMW	S&E	National
Total Expenditure	1.391	19.064	20.455
Total Co-Financed	1.101	16.994	18.095
Total ESF Support	0.823	8.497	9.320

Page 77: Equal Opportunities

Insert the following additional text at the end of the section on **Equal Opportunities**:

“An **Equality for Women** sub-measure will fund individual projects designed to tackle attitudinal, cultural and structural barriers to equal participation for women within the workplace and in business, to support women’s access to the labour market and to increase women’s input to decision-making.”

Page 78: Section 5.1.5 Other Priority Actions

Replace the first paragraph under this Heading and Table 19 with the following:

“Two further measures will support the overall Operational Programme strategy. Neither falls readily within any of the four-pillars in the Operational Programme. The first of these consists of two sub-measures concerned with the provision of the physical infrastructure (buildings and equipment) for the training and education sector. Significant expenditure i.e. some 17.2% of total Operational Programme expenditure has been allocated for this infrastructure work. Secondly there are two *Technical Assistance* sub-measures which will support the costs of equality studies by the Equality Authority and certain of the Managing Authority's costs in implementing this Operational Programme, respectively. A total of €6.892m (or 0.04%) has been allocated to cover such costs.”

Table 19. Total Operational Programme Expenditures on Other Priority Actions			
€/M.2000-2006	BMW	S&E	National
Total Expenditure	654.604	1,935.836	2,590.440
Total Co-Financed	0.568	5.548	6.116
Total ESF Support	0.426	2.774	3.200

Page 79: ESF Role and Contribution

Replace the final sentence of the first paragraph with the following:

“Of the total ESF assistance of €1,056.59m available under the Community Support Framework, €892.09m (or 84.4%) has been allocated to this Operational Programme representing 5.9 % of the total projected Operational Programme expenditure of €15 billion.”

Page 85: Section 6.6.1 Employability

Replace the last sentence in the first paragraph with the following text:

“Reflecting its continued support for this measure, the ESF will contribute towards the cost of a range of support services for such students (including counselling and mentoring services for ‘non-traditional’ students) as well as the activities of the National Office for Equity of Access to Higher Education and outreach initiatives specifically directed towards socially and economically disadvantaged students.”

Page 86: Section 6.6.2 Entrepreneurship

In the last paragraph, *replace* the phrase “non-wage costs” with “eligible costs”.

Page 87: Section 6.6.3 Adaptability

Replace the first two paragraphs under this heading with the following text:

“Under the **Back to Education Initiative (BTEI)**, a process of consolidating existing vocational preparation and training provision in the future education sector will be pursued as part of an overall strategy of developing new forms of more flexible provision. In line with policies to expand opportunities for those wishing to upgrade their skills in response to the changing requirements of the labour market, part-time and more flexible options will be developed with particular emphasis on increasing access to information and communication technologies, technical training as well as other industry and services-related disciplines.

The co-funding contribution of the ESF will be directed at developing adaptable and flexible approaches to the delivery of the measure.”

Replace the final sentence of the third paragraph with the following:

“In line with the Employment Guidelines' focus on developing literacy and numeracy skills in increasing access to the labour market, the ESF will co-finance the **National Adult Literacy Strategy**.”

Page 88: Section 6.6.3 Adaptability

Replace the final sentence of the first paragraph with the following:

“The co-funding contribution of the ESF will be directed in support of measures carried out by the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI), FETAC and HETAC.”

Page 89: Section 6.6.4 Equality

Add the following sentence at the end of Section 6.4.4:

“The Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform will also operate an Equality for Women sub-measure, which will fund individual projects designed to tackle attitudinal, cultural and structural barriers to equal participation for women within the workplace and in business, to support women’s access to the labour market and to increase women’s input to decision-making.”

Page 89: Section 6.7 ESF Priority-level Allocations

Replace the text and Table 20 with the following:

“The allocations of ESF co-financed assistance by priority and region are set out in Table 20 below. Table 21 lists the various measures for ESF support in the framework of the ESF policy field structure outlined under 6.3 above. The measures chosen for support are also categorised in the same table in terms of the Employment Guideline(s) most directly addressed. The allocation of the €892.087m. ESF available across twenty two measures/sub-measures under all four priorities plus Technical Assistance provides an overall average support rate of 57.7 % in the co-funded cases. €526.75m (59%) of the total is allocated for use in the S&E Region with €365.34m. (41%) for the BMW Region at respective overall intervention rates of 50% and 73.7%.”

Table 20. ESF Support by Operational Programme Priority (2000-2006) €/m			
Priority	National	BMW	S&E
Employability	576.853	257.972	318.881
Entrepreneurship	167.162	68.053	99.109
Adaptability	135.552	38.068	97.484
Gender Equality(*)	9.320	0.823	8.497
Other Measures	3.200	0.426	2.774
Totals	892.087	365.342	526.745

(*) The substantive proportion of ESF assistance allocated under this priority (NEAP pillar) is contained under the 'Social Inclusion and Childcare' sub-programme of the Regional Development Operational Programmes (total assistance of €124.4m.). Under this Operational Programme, there are also positive actions in favour of women which are incorporated under various measures which are also part financed by the ESF (in addition to a horizontal commitment to mainstreaming).

Page 90: Table 21

Replace Table 21 with the following:

Table 21. ESF Co-funded Measures by Policy Field and Guideline		
Active Labour Market Measures €396.297m.		Employment Guideline (NEAP2000)
2	National Employment Service	1, 2 and 3
5	School Completion Initiative	7 and 8
11A	Early School Leaver –Progression	7 and 8
11B	Early School Leaver –Youthreach and Travellers	7, 8 and 9
14A	Traineeship	17
Social Inclusion €95.075m.		
3	Active Measures for LTU and Socially Excl.	3 and 9
9	Third Level Access	17
33A	Technical Assistance (Equality Studies)	18
Lifelong Learning €76.778m.		
21	LL Learning –Back to Education Initiative	5, 6, 21
22	LL Learning- National Adult Literacy Strategy	5, 6, 21

Adaptability and Entrepreneurship €312.517m.		
13	Skills Training Unemployed and Redundant Workers	21
18	In Company Training	17
19A	Social Economy Programme	12
19B	Local Social Capital	12
26	Undergraduate Skills (ICTs)	17
29B	Quality (National Qualifications Framework)	5 and 6
Gender Equality €9.320m.		
30	Educational Disadvantage	19
31A	Equal Opp. Prom. and Monitoring – Education	19
31B	Equal Opp Prom and Monitoring – NDP (DJELR)	18, 19, 21
Technical Assistance €2.100m		
Total: €892.087m. (€889.987m. exclusive of Technical Assistance)		

Page 111/112: Section 9.3.4 Eligibility of Co-Funded Measure Expenditure

Replace the first paragraph of Section 9.3.4 with the following:

“In accordance with Art. 30 of the General Funds Regulation, expenditure in co-financed measures is eligible for Community support only where these operations or measures form part of the approved programme. The starting date for the eligibility of expenditure for the Operational Programme is 1st January 2000, except for expenditure on activities which are added to the Programme after that date, for example on foot of the Mid-Term Review. In such cases, the starting date for the eligibility of expenditure will be the date on which a request for a revision to the Operational Programme is submitted to the European Commission by the Irish Authorities. Expenditure incurred before the aforementioned dates is not eligible for support from the structural funds under this Operational Programme.”

Delete the second paragraph of Section 9.3.4 and **replace** it with the following:

“The final date for eligibility of expenditure is 31st. December 2008.”

Page 116: Section 9.4.3 Priority Indicators

Replace the existing text with the following:

“Table 23 provides an indication of the type of indicators which will be used in Annual Reports and in reporting to the Monitoring Committee (see also section 2.8.11). Given the commitment to use extensive CSF and measure-level indicators, a broader approach has been taken at this level – the indicators proposed are designed to give an overview of progress at priority level as well as combining contextual indicators (agreed for monitoring both the EU Employment Guidelines and the NEAPs) with the Core Minimum Monitoring Indicators reflecting measure/sub-measure progress (see 9.4.4). The informative value of these indicators will be kept under review during the period of the Operational Programme to ensure that they are relevant and consistent with funded activities. Where appropriate, alternative indicators may be agreed with the approval of the Monitoring Committee.”

Page 118: Section 9.4.4 Core Minimum Monitoring Indicators

Add the following at the end of the text on page 118:

“As with the Priority level indicators, the informative value of these indicators will be kept under review during the period of the Operational Programme to ensure that they are relevant and consistent with funded activities. Where appropriate, alternative indicators may be agreed with the approval of the Monitoring Committee.”

Page 125: 9.7 Operational Programme Technical Assistance

Add the following text at the end of this Section:

“The Technical Assistance measure will also support the costs of engaging a technical Support Unit to assist the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment in administering the In-Company Training measure (Measure 18).”

Description of OP measures

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Revise the final bullet point in relation to Measure 9 (Third-Level Access), as follows:

9	Third Level Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expand the provision of particular services such as counselling and mentoring services, and the National Office for Equity of Access to Higher Education to meet the needs of non-traditional students.
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Delete Measure 18A and Measure 18B and *replace* with the following text:

18	In-Company Training	<p>Enterprise Ireland will focus on the development of firms' internal capability to build HR Development skills as an integral part of business development. Emphases will include quality assurance measures in terms of training undertaken, best practice workshops and the development of standards and certification. It will also support the development of management and staff skills, improve business competitiveness, quality and productivity.</p> <p>FÁS will focus on up-skilling workers and will provide advice and financial assistance to companies in developing and meeting their HRD needs. It will analyse sectoral training needs and take steps to meet them. It will also operate the Excellence through People scheme.</p> <p>The actions of FÁS and Enterprise Ireland will be supplemented by actions to address the recommendations made to Ireland in the Joint Employment Recommendations and other relevant reports in relation to improving the skills and knowledge of people in employment and by promoting increased investment in training by companies. The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment will take the lead in promoting these complimentary actions.</p>
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Add the following text after Measure 31B:

31B1	Equality for Women	This part of the sub-measure will fund individual projects designed to tackle attitudinal, cultural and structural barriers to equal participation for women within the workplace and in business, to support women's access to the labour market and to increase women's input to decision-making.
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Replace existing text on Measure 33A with the following text:

33A	OP Technical Assistance	Implementation of the OP and of the wider ESF will give rise to significant intrinsic administration costs over the 2000/06 period - notably, in respect of a Financial Control Unit, computer-based integrated data management system, Information and publicity, evaluations, document printing, meetings and other costs. This sub-measure will also support the costs of engaging a Technical Support Unit to assist the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment in administering the In-Company Training measure (Measure 18).
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Appendix V: Measures by ESRI Public Assistance Rationale Type

Replace existing table with the following table to correct measure numbers and more accurately reflect Measure 18 and sub-measure 31B1:

	Employability	Type
1	Action Programme for the Unemployed	III d
2	National Employment Service	I
3	Active Measures for Long -Term Unemployed and Socially Excluded	IV
4	Early Education	I
5	School Completion Initiative	I
6	Early Literacy	I
7	Traveller Education	I
8	School Guidance Service	I
9	Third Level Disadvantaged	III d
10	Schools Modern Languages	I
11	Early School Leaver Progression	III d
12	Sectoral Entry for Early School Leavers and Long -Term Unemployed	III c and III d
13	Skills Training for Unemployed and Redundant Workers	III d
14	Apprenticeship/Traineeship	I
15	Employment Support Services	III d
16	Vocational Training and Pathways to Employment for People with Disabilities	III d
17	Refugee Language Support	III d
	Entrepreneurship	
18	In-Company Training	III a, c and d
19	Social Economy	III d
	Adaptability	
20	Lifelong Learning -General Training	III c
21	Lifelong Learning -Back to Education Initiative	III d
22	Lifelong Learning- National Adult Literacy Strategy	III d
23	Lifelong Learning- Further Education Support Services	I
24	Ongoing Sectoral Training	III c
25	Middle-Level Technician/Higher Technical Business Skills	I
26	Undergraduate Skills	I
27	Postgraduate Conversion Courses	III c
28	Training of Trainers	I
29	Quality Assurance (including Training of Trainers)	I
	Equality	
30	Educational Equality Initiative	I
31	Equal Opportunities Promotion and Monitoring	I
31B1	Equality for Women	III d
	Other Measures	
32	Education and Training Infrastructure	I
33	Technical Assistance (including Equality Studies)	I

