

<b>HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENT OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME 2007-2013</b>	
<b>Priority:</b>	<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b>
<b>Theme/Dimension Code:</b>	a) Preparation, implementation, monitoring and inspection. b) Evaluation and studies; information and communication.
<b>Activity title:</b>	<b>Technical Assistance</b>
<b>Overall Objective:</b>	To meet the eligible costs of the Managing Authority and the Monitoring Committee in managing, implementing and monitoring and control of the Programme. To meet the wider costs of effective ESF administration in Ireland, including those of the ESF Certifying Authority and Audit Authority. To meet the costs of providing technical support for the effective implementation of other activities including Transnational activities in the OP
<b>Certifying Authority:</b>	ESF Certifying Authority
<b>Managing Authority:</b>	ESF Managing Authority
<b>Intermediate Body:</b>	N/A
<b>Intended Beneficiaries:</b>	Department of Education and Skills (for OP Managing Authority, ESF Certifying Authority & Audit Authority (ESF Financial Control Unit)), OP Monitoring Committee, other Implementing Bodies in the OP requiring technical support.
<b>EU Co-financing Rate:</b>	50%

**1. CONTEXT/ PROBLEM/ NEED:**

The purpose of the Technical Assistance Priority is to support the utilisation of the European Social Funds as defined in the Regulations and the Human Capital Investment Operational Programme. The Technical Assistance Priority will finance the preparation, monitoring, administrative and technical support, evaluation, audit and inspection necessary for implementing the ESF Regulations.

**2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITY:**

The Technical Assistance Priority will cover certain costs in relation to the following areas of activity:

- Audit Authority (ESF Financial Control Unit, D/ES),
- Monitoring Committee Meetings,
- Management, monitoring, implementation and control of the OP,
- Evaluations (including Mid-Term Evaluation) and activity level/thematic evaluations,
- Seminars,
- The computer based integrated data management system,
- Information and publicity, document printing and other costs,
- Transnational activities,
- Capacity building for organizations involved in administering ESF programmes
- Retention and storage of records for the current and previous OP's as necessary
- Participation in ESF-related for a nationally and at EU level

**3. ESF FUNDED ELEMENT OF ACTIVITY:**

**4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF INTERMEDIATE BODY/BENEFICIARY BODY:**

- N/a

**5. CONTRIBUTION TO HORIZONTAL THEMES**

<b>A. Social Inclusion</b>	N/A
<b>B. Gender Equality &amp; Wider Equality Opportunities</b>	N/A
<b>C. Sustainable Development</b>	<p>The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will be invited to become a member of the OP Monitoring Committee</p> <p>The MA will report on Sustainable Development as an element of the Annual Implementation Report</p> <p>A thematic presentation and discussion on sustainable development issues will be made to the Monitoring Committee on an annual basis</p> <p>Evaluation of the OP impact in relation to sustainable development will be undertaken as an element of the proposed mid term evaluation of the OP</p>

**6. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:**

Annual Indicators: Not Applicable

OUTPUT				
RESULT				
IMPACT				

See end of document for ANNEX XX111 from Implementing Regulation 1828 of 2006

7. FINANCIAL INPUT			
Budget (€/m.)	SAE €1.5	BMW €1.5	NAT €3.0
EU Intervention Field Code	85 & 86		
ESF Contribution €m	€1.5m.		
Treatment of ESF	Funding for ESF-eligible activity is advanced from public funds by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. On receipt of ESF payments, receipts are lodged to the original source of funding.		
National Co-Financing Basis (Net/Gross)	D/ETE: Gross – i.e. the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment provides both the ESF contribution and match funding in advance and recoups the appropriate ESF amount. Non Co-Financed expenditure, where appropriate, is also provided by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.		
Max. ESF Co-Financing %	50%		
Max. Total Public Support %	100%		
Exch. Vote & S/Head	D/ETE Vote 34, Sub-Head M3		
Description of Financial Flows	<p>ESF claims are made on the basis of vouched expenditure by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.</p> <p>ESF Payments made by the European Commission to Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment through designated account at Central Bank. ESF payments distributed by ESF Paying Authority as appropriate.</p>		

8. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	
Certifying Authority	ESF Certifying Authority
Managing Authority	HCI-OP Managing Authority
Intermediate Body	N/A
Beneficiaries	D/ETE
Nature of Support	Financial support for technical assistance
Operation of Scheme	Duration of OP
Implementation Arrangements (Sub-Contracting?)	This activity will be implemented by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (OP Managing Authority). Sub-contracting will apply where appropriate on the basis of competitive tendering and transparent selection process.

9. PAYMENT ROLES				
Ex-Ante Expenditure Verification checks (Art.13) <sup>1</sup> by:	Certified Claims Submitted by:	Submitted To:	Ex-Post Audit of Operations <sup>2</sup> by:	System Audits <sup>3</sup> By:
Implementing Bodies in accordance with Procedures Manuals	Implementing Bodies approved for support	OP Managing Authority DETE	ESF Fin Control Unit, D/ETE	Internal Audit D/ETE
EO/HEO Managing Authority DETE	HEO/AP Managing Authority DETE	Certifying Authority DETE	ESF Fin Control Unit, D/ETE	Internal Audit D/ETE
EO/HEO Certifying Authority DETE	Certifying Authority DETE	European Commission	ESF Fin Control Unit, D/ETE	Internal Audit D/ETE

<sup>1</sup> Article 13, Reg. 1828/2006

<sup>2</sup> Art. 62 (1)(b) Reg. 1083/2006

<sup>3</sup> Art. 62 (1) (a) Reg. 1083/2006

**10. PROJECT SELECTION**

Project Selection Process	No project-work as such; selection of consultants, where necessary, will be by way of competitive tendering and Selection Committee or Managing Authority approval
Project Selection Criteria	Competitive tendering where applicable
Composition of Project Selection Committee	Where applicable, requirements will be defined by Managing Authority with approval, where necessary, of Monitoring Committee

**11. PUBLICITY/INFORMATION PLANS**

Publicity/ Information Plans for the Activity	All stationary, publications etc, originated by the OP Managing or ESF Certifying Authorities to do either with the OP generally or constituent activities will carry both EU and national Logos and suitable reference will be made to either or both sources of funding, as appropriate in line with national requirements and those of the Commission as set out in Regulation (EC) No 1828/2006.
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**12. FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE ACTIVITY**

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**13. IMPLEMENTATION CONTACT**

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*[Extract from Implementing Regulation 1828 of 2006]*

**Annex XXIII : Data on participants in ESF operations by priority**

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER YEAR**

(people entering, those leaving, carry-over from one year to the next)

**BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS BY GENDER**

**BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS ACCORDING TO STATUS IN THE LABOUR MARKET**

- employed (total number of employed, including self-employed)
- self-employed
- unemployed (total number of unemployed including long-term unemployed)
- long-term unemployed
- inactive persons (total number of inactive persons, including those in education, training or retirement, those having given up business, the permanently disabled, those fulfilling domestic tasks or other)
- inactive persons in education or training

**BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS BY AGE**

- young people (15-24 years)
- older workers (55-64 years)

**BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS BY VULNERABLE GROUPS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL RULES**

- minorities
- migrants
- disabled
- other disadvantaged people

**BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

- Primary or lower secondary education (ISCED 1 and 2)
- Upper secondary education (ISCED 3)
- Post-secondary non-tertiary education (ISCED 4)
- Tertiary education (ISCED 5 and 6)