

Ireland's Partnership Agreement 2014 – 2020

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Presentation Overview

- Cohesion Policy for Europe
- Partnership Agreement
- Operational Programmes
- ESF
- Next Steps

Cohesion Policy for Europe

- Cohesion Policy Budget €352 bn (33% of total EU Budget)
- EU's key investment tool for delivering the Europe 2020 goals
- Focus on creating jobs and growth, tackling climate change and energy dependence, and reducing poverty and social exclusion
- Key features 2014-2020
 - Common rules
 - Conditions before channeling funds, e.g. National strategic policy framework for poverty reduction
 - Better focus on results
 - Linked to wider EU economic governance

Partnership Agreement

- Between the European Commission and Member States
- Strategic orientation for use of ESI funding
- Links to Europe 2020 strategy
- Thematic objectives and investment priorities
- Ex-ante conditionalities
- List of operational programmes
- Indicative allocations of support
- Targets to be achieved

Partnership Agreement

- EU Regulations / EU 2020
- EU Commission Position Paper
- Close alignment with preparations of Operational Programmes (OPs)
- Existing National and EU Strategies
- Consultation Processes
- Needs Analyses
- Independent ex-ante evaluations
- Participation in EU Working Groups
- Negotiations with EU Commission

Partnership Agreement

- DPER has overall policy responsibility for European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds
- Partnership Agreement implemented through five Operational Programmes
 - EAFRD Rural Development Programme
 - ESF Employability, Inclusion and Learning Programme
 - Two ERDF Programmes (BMW and S&E)
 - EMFF Seafood Development Programme

Partnership Agreement

- EAFRD - €2.2bn
- EMFF - €148m
- Structural Funds - €1.2 billion
 - ESF - €542m
 - ERDF - €409m (S&E €249m/BMW €160m)
 - YEI - €68m
 - ETC - €169m



Partnership Agreement

EU Cohesion Policy and the Europe 2020 objectives

11 THEMATIC OBJECTIVES

Europe 2020

smart

sustainable

inclusive

1. Research Technological Development & innovation
2. Information & Communication Technologies
3. Competitiveness of Small & Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME)
4. Shift towards a low-carbon economy
5. Climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management
6. Environmental preservation and protection & resource efficiency
7. Sustainable transport
8. Sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility
9. Promoting social inclusion and combatting poverty and discrimination
10. Investing in education, training for skills and life-long learning
11. Enhancing institutional capacity and efficient public administration

Operational Programmes

- Partnership Agreement prepared by D/PER in parallel with Operational Programmes (OPs) prepared by the Managing Authorities
- Funding Priorities for each OP developed within scope of regulations
- Content of each OP feeds into the national Partnership Agreement and vice versa
- Close liaison between EU Commission, D/PER and Managing Authorities

Operational Programmes

- Promoting jobs and growth;
- Combating unemployment and social exclusion;
- Promoting R&D and ICT investment and the competitiveness of the business sector; and
- Promoting an environmentally-friendly and resource-efficient economy

ESF

- €542m for Employability, Inclusion and Lifelong Learning OP over 2014-2020 period
- €68m YEI funding
- Three Thematic Objectives
 - Employment and labour mobility (€231m)
 - Social inclusion and combating poverty and discrimination (€194m)
 - Education, training and vocational training for skills and life-long learning (€107m)
 - Technical Assistance (€10m)
- Close liaison between EU Commission, ESF Managing Authority and D/PER

Next Steps (1)

- Partnership Agreement adopted by EU Commission and approved by Government on 18th November
- Negotiations with EU Commission on Operational Programmes continuing
- Formal adoption by Commission and approval by Government of Operational Programmes
- Implementation Phase

Next Steps (2)

- Implementation Phase
 - Information and Publicity
 - National Monitoring Structures
 - Programme Monitoring Committees
 - National Eligibility Rules
 - Financial Management and Control Systems
 - E-cohesion

Questions?

Thank you for your attention.

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Partnership Agreement:

<http://per.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/Partnership-Agreement-Ireland-2014-2020.pdf>