

ESF Programme for Employment, Inclusion and Learning 2014-2020

2017 Annual Implementation Report (AIR) Template

Article 125(2)(b) of the CPR requires the MA to prepare an AIR which is submitted to the Commission following approval by the Monitoring Committee. Article 50(2) of the CPR sets out that the AIR will contain key information on the implementation of the OP (including the YEI) by reference to financial data, common and programme specific indicators and quantified target values. A synthesis of the findings of evaluations undertaken, issues arising and measures taken are also to be included along with actions taken to fulfil ex-ante Conditionalities. Failure to include the required information will result in the AIR being inadmissible. Article 50(9) provides for a citizen's summary of the AIR's content to be published.

The 2017 AIR must be submitted to the Commission by 31st May 2017 and shall cover the 2016 financial year. Article 5(3) of the ESF Regulation (1304/2013) requires the MA to transmit electronically structured data for each priority axis broken down by investment priority. This data relating to output and result indicators is to be provided for both partially and fully implemented operations.

The **Intermediate Body** is required to complete this template for aggregation into the 2017 AIR. The responses provided such be succinct and relate only to activity within the reporting period itself. An entry must be made under each heading, even if only to formally record no change. **Indicator and data on participants is obligatory for all Activities and should be entered on the accompanying Excel workbook.**

Reporting Period:	January to December 2016
Priority:	Promoting Social Inclusion and combating discrimination in the labour market
Activity:	Young Persons Probation (YPP)
AIP Ref:	ESF 2.4

1. Activity description

There are 18 Young Person Probation (YPP) Community Based Organisation (CBOs) funded by the Irish Youth Justice Service in order to develop and deliver services to young offenders in their communities. The management and monitoring of the YPP projects is undertaken directly by the Probation Service.

The YPP projects provide a range of services to young offenders in local communities, including training & education, and offender management programmes.

Four of the YPP projects are included in the European Social Fund programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning. These are:

- **Le Chéile** which is a nationwide mentoring service.
- **Céim ar Chéim** and **Southill** projects based in Limerick City, and
- **Dóchas don Óige** project based in Galway.

Céim ar Chéim

The Céim ar Chéim Education and Training Day Centre is situated in Moyross on the north side of Limerick City. This project caters for young persons placed on probation, young offenders and other young persons considered to be at risk.

Dóchas don Óige

Dóchas don Óige deals with young people mainly from the Galway city/county area and environs who are offenders on probation or other persons considered to be at risk. The project provides FETAC accredited Education and Training course to the young adults/children.

Le Chéile

Le Cheile is a national volunteer mentoring and family support service, which works with young people involved in or at risk of offending.

Southill

The Southill Outreach project engages with and supports young offenders, both in the community and in detention schools and centres, and other young persons at risk of offending and/or re-offending from the areas of Limerick city and county, Co. Clare and North Tipperary.

2. Significant Changes in the Operating Environment

The levels of young people coming through the Irish Courts system has reduced in the past few years, resulting in fewer numbers' of young persons being referred to YPP projects. This is partly due to the success of other interventions, such as Garda Young Person Diversion Programmes and Juvenile Liaison Officers, which has proved an effective tool in keeping juveniles out of the Criminal Justice System. Nonetheless, all YPP projects are working more efficiently and effectively than ever before with their clients including those considered to be at risk. It is notable that the client profile presenting to YPP projects are from marginalised backgrounds and socio economic deprived areas, and require the highest levels of support and interventions.

Ireland is now recovering from an unprecedented economic crisis that engulfed the country in recent years. Evidence of an economic recovery continues to emerge with job creation and economic growth. YPP projects address a number of challenges in their work with juveniles (most of whom would have low levels of educational achievements) by focussing on the needs of those furthest from the labour market and with the highest poverty risk. This enables young persons from the most disadvantaged backgrounds to fully participate in society, including education and employment.

3. Commentary on Implementation of the Activity – key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems:

Céim ar Chéim runs two main programmes:

1. The Céim ar Chéim Full-time Day Centre - Full-time Education & Training Day Centre offering accredited programme in QQI modules Levels 1-3 & the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme. All participants also participate in the PATHWAYS Programme. This caters for young person from 15 - 25 years including referrals from the Probation Service & other young persons at risk.
2. Céim ar Chéim 360 Evening Programme - Support Programme for young persons at risk from 12-17 years. The programme includes interventions such as: -
 - Restorative Practice Project
 - Aftercare supports
 - Counselling services

All referrals to the project are offered a complete holistic support service, including:

- Personal/Physical support service - Doctor/Dentist attached to the project
- Emotional Wellbeing/ Positive Mental Health - Group & Individual Counselling Support Service
- Personal & Social Development: Personal & Interpersonal Skills Programmes (PATHWAYS)
- Physical Health & Wellbeing: Wellbeing Programme & Health Related Fitness Programmes
- Educational Development: Provision of fully accredited programme of education designed to meet the students' strengths & needs.
- Transitioning Support, including Parent Programmes, Vocational Preparation & Guidance, Linked Work Experience Programme, 3rd Level Access Support & Study Group & Tuition support.

Dóchas don Óige provide the following intervention programmes: -

- a 48 week Core Programme including FETAC accredited Education and Training courses to the young adults/children.
- An Evening Support Programme/ Young person Club, which runs weekly from Oct - May catering for between 5-20 children or young adults.

The following programmes are also run by the Project: Strengthening Families; Driving program/Road Safety; Substance Misuse; Mental Health Services; Sexual Health; Alcohol Use/Misuse and Restorative Justice.

The proposed programmes provide a range of education, personal development and family activities which will support and enhance the holistic supervision of young offenders.

Le Chéile provides a range of mentoring and family support programmes which target the young offender who is on Probation, and where appropriate his or her parents/carers. Mentoring of young offenders and parent mentoring are the core services provided, including

- Young person mentoring service
- Mentoring of Young People in Detention
- Parent mentoring service/Parenting Programmes/Family support interventions

In addition, Le Chéile provides a Restorative Justice service in the Limerick region and incorporates Restorative Practice throughout services nationally.

During 2016 an Evaluation of Le Chéile mentoring commenced. This will be a significant piece of research as it will quantify the impact of mentoring in reoffending and in social benefits. Preliminary findings are indicating that there is a direct relationship between mentoring and the reduction in reoffending.

Southill provides a range of services and supports young offenders and other young persons at risk of offending from Limerick city and surrounding area. The interventions provided include:-

- Streetwork
- Group Work
- Workshop Programme
- Mechanics Programme
- Carpentry Programme
- Inreach Programme (Inside Out Programme)

- Art Programme
- Equine Programme
- Lifestyle Programme
- Family Advocacy
- Individual Programmes
- Outreach Outdoor Adventure Programme

In 2016 Outreach expanded the Outdoor Adventure Programme. The aims of this programme are to help the young person learn how to overcome adversity and to enhance personal and social development and the development of life skills.

4. Progress in relation to physical performance indicators and targets

Statistical information relating to the reporting period should be entered in the format contained in the *Activity Implementation Plan* – as per the following table. A commentary on the main features of the statistical information should also be provided.

Note: Having regard to the 2018 target value of 664 participants from disadvantaged groups on social inclusion employability programmes as indicated in the AIP, please comment in the comment box provided on your progress to date in achieving the 2018 target based on the output figures for 2016 below.

ACTIVITY SPECIFIC OUTPUT INDICATORS:		
Outputs and Results Indicator Targets	Measurement Unit	2016
OUTPUTS		
The number of participants from disadvantaged groups on social inclusion employability programmes, including personal development towards employability programmes - Number of participants engaged by YPP projects See Note above *Figures should correspond with Annex III Grand Total	Number of participants	275
The number of young persons (<25 yrs) participants from disadvantaged groups on social inclusion employability programmes, including personal development towards employability programmes Number of young (<25yrs) participants engaged by YPP projects *Figures should correspond with Annex III CO06	Number of Young (<25yrs) participants	275
RESULTS		
Number of participants from disadvantaged groups that have completed a social inclusion employability programme and/or are in training/education/job search/work related environments upon leaving – YPP participants who have completed an intervention	Number of participants	93
Number of young (< 25yrs) participants from disadvantaged groups that have completed a social inclusion employability programme and/or are in training/education/job search/work related environments upon leaving - Young (<25 yrs) YPP participants who have completed an intervention *Figures should correspond with Annex V Indicator CR03	Number of Young (<25yrs) participants	93

Comments:

We do not foresee any difficulty meeting the 2018 target value of 664 participants engaged by YPP projects.

5. Participant Indicators

The data on participants an ESF supported operations should be inserted in Common Output Indicators and Common Result Indicators tables in the attached Excel Workbook.

For guidance of the description of the indicators, please refer to:

- Annex B-D in the ESF Guidance Document on Monitoring & Evaluation of European Cohesion Policy.
- Annex D Practical Guidance on data collection and validation.

Please click on the link below to access these documents:

<http://www.esf.ie/en/Information-Centre/Monitoring-and-Evaluation/>

6. Information and Communication 2016

Please provide a paragraph describing the Information and Communication activities undertaken for the previous year.

The Probation Service is currently revising its website. It intends to ensure that the website includes information in relation to the ESF Programmes and to the projects funded by the ESF.

Three of the four YPP projects have included information on their websites in relation to the ESF programme.

The Le Chéile Project was audited during 2016 and the project had posters and other ESF material in place.

An article in relation Dóchas Don Óige was included in the ESF Newsletter.

The Probation Service Annual Report included a feature on ESF funded projects.

The Probation Service have provided support and guidance to all of the ESF funded projects during 2016.

7. Compliance with EU and National policy

Declarations

It is a requirement that all Programme Activities comply with EU and national policy in areas such as;

- procurement,
- competition,
- state aids
- ESF information and publicity requirements
- Compliance with the project selection criteria as set out in the AIP.
- Promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination
- Sustainable development
- Ensuring beneficiaries are provided with documentation setting out the conditions of ESF support.

Please confirm compliance with these requirements and advise on any deviations thereto:

Compliance Confirmed _____ Date _____
On behalf of the IB

Deviations from Requirements

Declared by _____ Date _____
On behalf of the IB

[Extract from Regulation 1304/2013 Annex I (the ESF Regulation)]

ANNEX I

Common output and result indicators for ESF investments

(1) Common output indicators for participants

"Participants"¹ refers to persons benefiting directly from an ESF intervention who can be identified and asked for their characteristics, and for whom specific expenditure is earmarked. Other persons shall not be classified as participants. All data shall be broken down by gender.

The common output indicators for participants are:

- unemployed, including long-term unemployed*,
- long-term unemployed*,
- inactive*,
- inactive, not in education or training*,
- employed, including self-employed*,
- below 25 years of age*,
- above 54 years of age*,
- above 54 years of age who are unemployed, including long-term unemployed, or inactive not in education or training*,
- with primary (ISCED 1) or lower secondary education (ISCED 2)*,
- with upper secondary (ISCED 3) or post-secondary education (ISCED 4)*,
- with tertiary education (ISCED 5 to 8)*,
- participants who live in jobless households*,
- participants who live in jobless households with dependent children*,
- participants who live in a single adult household with dependent children*,
- migrants, participants with a foreign background, minorities (including marginalised communities such as the Roma)**,
- participants with disabilities**,
- other disadvantaged**.

The total number of participants will be calculated automatically on the basis of the output indicators.

These data on participants entering an ESF supported operation shall be provided in the annual implementation reports as specified in Article 50(1) and (2) and Article 111(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

- homeless or affected by housing exclusion*,
- from rural areas*²

¹ Managing authorities shall establish a system that records and stores individual participant data in computerised form as set out in Article 125 (2) (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. The data processing arrangements put in place by the Member States shall be in line with the provisions of Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 281, 23.11.1995, p. 31), in particular Articles 7 and 8 thereof. Data reported under the indicators marked with * are personal data according to Article 7 of Directive 95/46/EC. Their processing is necessary for compliance with the legal obligation to which the controller is subject (Article 7(c) of Directive 95/46/EC). For the definition of controller, see Article 2 of Directive 95/46/EC. Data reported under the indicators marked with ** are a special category of data according to Article 8 of Directive 95/46/EC. Subject to the provision of suitable safeguards, Member States may, for reasons of substantial public interest, lay down exemptions in addition to those laid down in Article 8(2) of Directive 95/46/EC, either by national law or by decision of the supervisory authority (Article 8(4) of Directive 95/46/EC).

² The data shall be collected at the level of smaller administrative units (local administrative units 2), in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1).

The data on participants under the two above indicators will be provided in the annual implementation reports as specified in Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. The data shall be collected based on a representative sample of participants within each investment priority. Internal validity of the sample shall be ensured in such a way that the data can be generalised at the level of investment priority.

(2) Common output indicators for entities are:

- number of projects fully or partially implemented by social partners or non-governmental organisations,
- number of projects dedicated at sustainable participation and progress of women in employment,
- number of projects targeting public administrations or public services at national, regional or local level,
- number of supported micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (including cooperative enterprises, enterprises of the social economy).

These data shall be provided in the annual implementation reports as specified in Article 50(1) and (2) and Article 111(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

(3) Common immediate result indicators for participants are:

- inactive participants engaged in job searching upon leaving*,
- participants in education/training upon leaving*,
- participants gaining a qualification upon leaving*,
- participants in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving*,
- disadvantaged participants engaged in job searching, education/ training, gaining a qualification, in employment, including self-employment, upon leaving**.

These data shall be provided in the annual implementation reports as specified in Article 50(1) and (2) and Article 111(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. All data shall be broken down by gender.

(4) Common longer-term result indicators for participants are:

- participants in employment, including self-employment, six months after leaving*,
- participants with an improved labour market situation six months after leaving*,
- participants above 54 years of age in employment, including self-employment, six months after leaving*,
- disadvantaged participants in employment, including self-employment, six months after leaving**.

These data shall be provided in the annual implementation reports as specified in Article 50(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. They shall be collected based on a representative sample of participants within each investment priority. Internal validity of the sample shall be ensured in such a way that the data can be generalised at the level of investment priority. All data shall be broken down by gender.