

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:	Tus Nua
AIP Ref:	ESF 2.8

1. Activity description

Tus Nua is the only service of its kind providing women leaving prison and women referred from the community (with a history of offending) with safe supported housing and a positive environment as part of a 6 month supported residential programme. The project aims to support service users in making choices for the future and to aid their transition and reintegration into the wider community. The participants in the project would have complex support needs, and are aged between 18 and 65.

Tus Nua can actively address and support women around:

- Accommodation Provision
- Needs Assessment & Planned support
- Resettlement and Aftercare Support
- Access to external support services (including a range of training and educational support)
- Skills for independent living and personal development
- Dealing with domestic violence
- Dealing with self harm and harm reduction techniques
- Supporting women engaged in prostitution
- Access to counselling relating to addiction, mental health and other issues.
- Alcohol and drugs programmes
- Programmes addressing mental health and related issues
- Family supports.

2. Significant Changes in the Operating Environment

The Programme for Government 2011-2016 requires both the Probation Service and Irish Prison Service to work closely together, to ensure better co-ordination and to create an integrated offender management programme. Following on from this, women offenders were identified as a key target group in the Irish Prison Service and Probation Service Strategic Plan 2013-2015. As a result of this Tus Nua plays a central role in the Joint Probation Service-Irish Prison Service Strategy 2014-2016 “An Effective Response to Women Who Offend”, which was designed to provide a more tailored women centric intervention, to reduce offending among this group, improve opportunities for reintegration as well as positive outcomes more generally.

In the context of issues raised by local resident’s relating to the opening of the Abigail centre (which Tus Nus share with Novas Initiatives) and to alleged anti-social behavior; the numbers of women using Tus Nua has remained at its 2015 level throughout 2016. Collaboration and consultation with local agencies, residents/businesses and the centre’s residents has assisted the project in overcoming these challenges, and the project is currently fully operational.

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

The low threshold ethos in Tus Nua means that they strive to work with women where they are at. They see any level of success or progress, however small, as worth marking. Tus Nua’s structured programme presents ideal opportunities to both assess need, target support and, vitally, for the women to have a sense of achievement.

As stays are for 6 months, Resettlement support is a core focus of the support offered. As many service users have a complexity of needs, referrals are also made for access to detox or rehabilitation programmes as required. The following programmes or interventions are provided to all participants:

- Keyworking sessions.
- Personal Development Plans.
- Life Skills - Budgeting, Personal Boundaries, Shopping and Nutrition, Cooking, Leisure Time & Time Management, General Health and Safety and the transition from prison life to life in the community.
- Health & Wellbeing – physical, mental and emotional, Assertiveness, Self-Advocacy, Problem Solving, Personal Safety, Anger Management, mindfulness, CBT and yoga.
- Personal Development – Self-esteem & Self-confidence, Stress Management, Control & Power, Handling conflict, Self-Presentation and Personal Care, Positive Mental Health, Reoffending and Triggers, mindfulness and on site counselling.
- Addiction Support – Self-Actualisation - Living with addiction, Harm Reduction, Triggers, Prevention & Relapse Strategies and on site counselling.
- Community Integration - Integration and making a contribution to the Community, Family relationships, resettling in the local community, maintaining accommodation & managing a household, developing social and community networks.
- Personal Planning - Communicating Effectively, Self-awareness, Self-motivation and positive decision making, Co-dependency, planning for education preparation, planning for employment preparation.
- Aftercare support

The project continues to carry out key working sessions to support the service users remanded

in prison for short periods of time while resident at Tus Nua, and female offenders who are on Temporary Release (TR) from prison.

In 2016 Tus Nua ran a pilot in conjunction with Irish Prison Service and Probation Services in relation to the operation of a day centre for service users linked with the Probation Service. This initiative was introduced on a phased approach, and is currently being monitored and reviewed with a view to its possible extension in 2017.

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.

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 women offenders who engage in Tus Nua programme/project <i>*Figures should correspond with Annex III Grand Total</i>	Number of participants	37
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 - Number of women offenders who completed an intervention	Number of participants	13

Comments:

This is the second year of the project operating out of its new premises.

It should be noted the participants in the project have complex issues such as drug treatment abuse etc. The project has instituted a low tolerance level in relation to anti-social behaviour etc. for the centre's residents/participants.

These factors need to be considered when reviewing the completion rates for the project.

The project aims to support participants with their short-term and long-term needs upon leaving prison, and to prevent the risk of their re-offending. The supports provided include the provision of learning life skills and the identification of opportunities, in order to assist the participants to manage independently and to enable them to take a positive role in their community.

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 updating its website. It intends to ensure that the website will include information in relation to the ESF Programmes and to the projects funded by the ESF.

Tus Nua has included information on their websites in relation to the ESF programme.

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

An article in relation to Tus Nua 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).

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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.