

The National Strategic Reference Framework and NDP 2007 - 2013

Department of Finance



Commission Priority Strands

- Three priority strands for 2007 -2013
 - Convergence (objective 1)
 - Regional Competitiveness and Employment (objective 2)
 - Territorial Co-operation (objective 3)



Commission Requirements

- Member States prepare National Strategic Reference Framework
 - Sets out national strategy for Structural Funds
 - Identifies national priorities
 - Defines operational elements
- Two Regional OPs funded by ERDF
- One national OP funded by ESF
- Cross-border and Transnational OPs



Developments since April

- Regulations have been approved by ECOFIN
- CSGs were approved by ECOFIN on October 6th
- Next steps



EU Financial Perspectives 2007-2013

- No longer Objective 1
- Less funding total allocation for Ireland of €0.9bn over 2007 - 2013 period vs. €3.9bn 2000 - 2006
- 50:50 between ESF and ERDF
- BMW allocation of €458 million (current prices)
- S&E allocation of €293 million (current prices)
- Frontloaded in early years of the programme (79% in 1st 3 years)
- Over 75% allocation to be earmarked for measures supporting Lisbon objectives



NSRF - Structure

- Draft NSRF currently has 4 Chapters covering
 - The Cohesion Policy Context
 - Irish Economic Context
 - Priorities for the 2007-2013 funding round
 - Implementing Arrangements



NSRF - Timetable

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 - Submission of NSRF to the Commission by March, 2007
 - Submission of Operational Programmes to the Commission by March 2007



NSRF - Consultation

- Consultation processes
 - The Department has been in pre-publication consultation with the Commission, Departments, Regional bodies, Managing Authorities and Social Partners
- Reporting and monitoring arrangements



NDP 2007 – 2013 (I)

- Wide range of infrastructural investment throughout State
- Investment now necessary to maintain competitiveness
- Plan will focus on priorities for investment in public economic and social infrastructure



NDP 2007 – 2013 (II)

- Key focus will be delivery of objectives of the NSS
- Number of horizontal issues in Plan
- Next steps....

