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

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