

## Pwyllgor Menter, Arloesi a Rhwydweithiau

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### CRYNODEB

1. Mae'r papur hwn yn adrodd ar sefyllfa ddiweddaraf Rhagleni Cronfeydd Strwythurol 2000–2006 yng Nghymru, yn ogystal â'r trefniadau ar gyfer Rhagleni Cronfeydd Strwythurol newydd 2007- 2013. Oni nodir yn wahanol mae'r ffigyrâu'n dangos y sefyllfa ar 28 Chwefror 2007. Mae'r holl ffigyrâu a ddyfynnir yn seiliedig ar y gyfradd gyfnewid cynllunio cyfredol o £1: €1.46.
2. Nid yw Pwyllgorau Monitro Rhagleni Amcan 1, Amcan 2 ac ardaloedd Trosiannol Amcan 3 a LEADER+ wedi cyfarfod ers y cyfnod adrodd diwethaf. Mae gweddill y Pwyllgorau Monitro Rhagleni wedi cyfarfod ar y dyddiadau canlynol:
  - Cyfarfu Pwyllgor Monitro Rhaglen Urban II ar 23 Tachwedd 2006;
  - Cyfarfu Pwyllgor Monitro Rhaglen INTERREG ar 15 Rhagfyr 2006 yn Wexford, Iwerddon
  - Cyfarfu Pwyllgor Rheoli EQUAL Cymru ar 5 Mawrth 2007.
3. Mae adroddiadau Cadeiryddion y Pwyllgorau Monitro Rhagleni wedi eu cynnwys yn **Atodiad 1**.
4. Ar 28 Chwefror 2007, yr oedd Rhagleni Cronfeydd Strwythurol yng Nghymru wedi ymrwymo £1.59 biliwn i 2,845 o brosiectau cymeraidwy gyda chyfanswm gwerth prosiect o bron i £3.85 biliwn. Gellir cysylltu creu a diogelu tua 177,454 o swyddi gros gyda phrosiectau yn derbyn arian cyfatebol gan Gronfeydd Strwythurol. Mae Amcan 1 yn unig wedi ymrwymo dros £1.35 biliwn o gyllid, a chyfrannu at greu a diogelu tua o 157,960 swyddi gros. Fel y mae'r Pwyllgor yn gwybod eisoes, darperir data allbwn gan brosiectau unigol a dylid ei drin yn ofalus oherwydd bydd y ffigyrâu yn cynnwys elfen o gyfrif ddwywaith.

### ARGYMHELLIAD

5. Bod y Pwyllgor Menter, Arloesi a Rhwydweithiau yn nodi'r Adroddiad ar gynnydd Mentrau Cymunedol a Rhagleni prif ffrwd.

## CYNNYDD RHAGLEN AMCAN 1

6. Ar 28 Chwefror 2007, yr oedd Amcan 1 wedi ymrwymo grant o dros £1.35 biliwn i 1,738 o brosiectau, sy'n cynrychioli bron i £3.24 biliwn o gyfanswm buddsoddiad prosiect yng Ngorllewin Cymru a'r Cymoedd. Amcangyfrifir bod tua 157,960 o swyddi gros wedi cael eu creu a'u diogelu, cynorthwywyd tua 497,280 o fuddiolwyr a chrëwyd tua 12,940 o Fusnesau Bach a Chanolig o ganlyniad i Raglen Amcan 1. Nodir gwybodaeth ar yr ymrwymiad a'r gwariant ar lefel Blaenoriaeth yn **Atodiad 2A.**

**28 Chwefror 2007**

Cronfa	Nifer Prosiectau	Cyfanswm gwirth Grant a Ymrwymwyd (£m)	Grant a Gymeradwy wyd fel % o'r Cronfeydd gwreiddiol sydd ar gael yn y Rhaglen	Grant a Dalwyd ar Wariant Ardystiedig (£m)
ERDF	924	815.7	103.1	545.9
ESF	649	435.0	104.4	280.4
EAGGF	127	90.7	99.8	64.0
FIFG	38	14.7	94.8	10.4
<b>CYFANSWM</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>1,356.0</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>900.7</b>

## CYNNYDD RHAGLEN AMCAN 2 AC ARDALOEDD TROSIANNOL AMCAN 2

7. Ar 28 Chwefror 2007, cymeradwywyd 310 o brosiectau, gydag ymrwymiad grant o £90 miliwn a chyfanswm buddsoddiad prosiect o £289.6 miliwn. Bellach mae dros 100% o'r Rhaglen wedi ei hymrwymo. Nodir gwybodaeth ymrwymiad a gwariant ar lefel Blaenoriaeth yn **Atodiad 2B.**

## CYNNYDD RHAGLEN AMCAN 3

8. Ar 28 Chwefror 2007, cymeradwywyd 548 o brosiectau gyda thros £96 miliwn o grant ESF wedi ei ymrwymo a chyfanswm buddsoddiad prosiect o bron i £228 miliwn. Adroddodd prosiectau bod tua 130,530 o fuddiolwyr wedi cael eu cynorthwyo o ganlyniad i Raglen Amcan 3. Bellach mae dros 100% o gyllid y Rhaglen wreiddiol wedi ei ymrwymo. Nodir gwybodaeth ymrwymiad a gwariant ar lefel Blaenoriaeth yn **Atodiad 2C.**

## **RHAGLENNI MENTER CYMUNEDOL**

9. Mae'r Rhaglenni Menter Cymunedol yn parhau i wneud cynnydd da, fel nodwyd gan adroddiadau Cadeiryddion y Pwyllgorau Monitro Rhaglenni (**Atodiadau 1D i 1G**).

## TARGEDAU N+2 AR GYFER 2007

Canran gwariant yn erbyn Targedau Dadneilltuo Blynnyddol 2007 ar 28 Chwefror 2007			
Rhaglen	2007 Targed Blynnyddol (£m)	2007 gwariant hyd at 28 Chwef 07 (£m)	% gwariant yn erbyn y Targed
Amcan 1 ERDF	100.020	18.528	18.52
Amcan 1 ESF	56.646	6.129	10.82
Amcan 1 EAGGF	10.938	2.024	18.50
Amcan 1 FIFG	2.333	1.042	44.66
Amcan 2	8.599	0.444	5.16
Amcan 3	11.442	0.944	8.25
Leader+	1.432	0.288	20.11
Urban	0.872	0.168	19.27
Interreg	1.879	0.973	51.78

10. Cyflawnwyd pob targed ar gyfer 2006; cyrhaeddwyd targedau Amcan 2 gyda chymorth prosiectau ôl-weithredol sy'n cynrychioli £2.751 miliwn o'r grant ERDF.

## RHAGLENNI CRONFA STRWYTHUROL 2007- 2013

11. Darperir adroddiadau rheolaidd i'r Pwyllgor ar raglenni newydd y Gronfa Strwythurol 2007-2013.

### Raglenni Cydgyfeirio

12. Cyflwynwyd Raglenni Cydgyfeirio Cronfa Datblygu Rhanbarthol Ewrop (ERDF) a Chronfa Gymdeithasol Ewrop (ESF) i'r Comisiwn Ewropeaidd ar 14 ac 15 Rhagfyr a barnwyd eu bod yn dderbyniadwy fel sail ar gyfer trafodaeth. Dechreuodd trafodaethau ffurfiol rhwng y Comisiwn Ewropeaidd a Llywodraeth y Cynulliad ar 26 Chwefror ac maent yn mynd rhagddynt mewn ysbryd cadarnhaol. Mae'r dogfennau Cydgyfeirio, heb gynnwys y dyraniadau ariannol, wedi eu cyhoeddi ar wefan WEFO yn <http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?action=page&ID=1564>
13. Cafodd y Comisiwn Ewropeaidd argraff dda o'r cynnydd a wnaed gyda'r Raglenni Cydgyfeirio yng Nghymru. Cymru yw'r rhanbarth gyntaf o'r DU i gyflwyno ei raglenni a chychwyn trafodaethau gyda'r Comisiwn, ac mae ymhell ar y blaen i ardaloedd eraill y DU a'r rhan fwyaf o wledydd yr Undeb Ewropeaidd. Mae'n debygol y bydd raglenni yn cychwyn yn ystod yr haf eleni.

### Fframweithiau Strategol ar gyfer y Raglenni Cydgyfeirio

14. Bydd ariannu raglenni yn y dyfodol yn ei gwneud yn ofynnol i'r rhan fwyaf o brosiectau ffitio o fewn Fframwaith Strategol thematig neu ofodol; mae pob Fframwaith wedi ei gysoni gyda thema lefel Blaenorhaeth Cydgyfeirio.

15. Cydgysylltir datblygu gofalaeth barhaus o'r Fframweithiau Strategol naill ai gan Adrannau Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru neu grwpiau Ardal Cynllun Gofodol Cymru gyda chymorth Timau Gofodol Ewropeaidd. Bydd aelodaeth Timau Gofodol Ewropeaidd yn cynnwys Swyddfeydd Rhanbarthol Menter Arloesi a Rhwydweithiau (MARh) a Chydgysylltwyr Cynllun Gofodol Cymru.
16. Mae WEFO yn parhau i weithio'n agos gyda chydgysylltwyr Fframwaith, ac mae adnoddau ar gael o fewn WEFO i ddarparu canllawiau generig ar ddatblygu Fframwaith. Mae grŵp Tasg a Gorffen traws sector wedi ei sefydlu fel rhan o'r Ffrwd Waith Rheoli Rhaglen i weithio ar gynigion ynghylch sut y gellid sefydlu Timau Gofodol Ewropeaidd a sut y dylai timau o'r fath weithredu.
17. Cyhoeddwyd rhestr Cyswllt Fframwaith Strategol ar wefan WEFO <http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?action=page&ID=1564>, sy'n nodi manylion pob Cydgysylltydd Fframwaith Strategol, swyddog arweiniol yr Adran Polisi a swyddog arweiniol WEFO. Mae gwefan rhynghweithiol ar fin mynd yn fyw; a bydd pob tudalen Fframwaith yn nodi llinell amser, gyda rhestr o Bartneriaethau fydd yn ymwneud â'u datblygu. Bydd sefydliadau sydd â diddordeb yn gallu gwirio datblygiad y Fframwaith sy'n berthnasol i'w maes diddordeb; postio eu diddordeb a syniadau cynnar ynglŷn â'r prosiect, yn ogystal â chysylltu gyda rhai sydd â diddordeb tebyg.

### Rhagleni Cyflogaeth a Chystadleurwydd Rhanbarthol

18. Daeth yr ymgynghoriad ar y Rhagleni Cydgyfeirio i ben ar 26 Ionawr 2007; derbynwyd 40 o ymatebion. Mynegwyd cefnogaeth eang i gwmpas, cynnwys a blaenoriaethau a themâu'r Strategaeth. Bydd yr ymatebion yn cael eu gosod ar wefan WEFO maes o law.
19. Mae'r ymgynghoriad wedi arwain at y newidiadau canlynol:

Rhagleni Gweithredol ESF:

Dadansoddiad: ailymwelwyd gan gryfhau dimensiwn Dwyrain Cymru;  
Strategaeth: cryfhawyd yr aliniad rhwng Dadansoddiad a Strategaeth;  
Blaenoriaethau: mae'r strategaeth a'r ddwy flaenoriaeth wedi cael eu haddasu a'u mireinio trwy ddileu themâu unigol. Dynodwyd grwpiau difreintiedig allweddol. O dan y flaenoriaeth cyflogaeth ac anweithgarwch economaidd mae'r rhain yn cynnwys pobl ifanc nad ydynt mewn cyflogaeth, addysg neu hyfforddiant; rhieni unigol; cymunedau Pobl Dduon a Lleiafrifoedd Ethnig a'r di-waith hir dymor. Bydd y flaenoriaeth Sgiliau yn cael ei defnyddio yn bennaf i wella lefelau sgiliau sylfaenol pobl mewn cyflogaeth.

Rhaglen Weithredol ERDF:

Dadansoddiad: Cynyddu manylion ar yr amrywiadau rhwng y tri isranbarth

Strategaeth: Cryfhau'r cyswllt rhwng dadansoddiad a blaenoriaethau a chynyddu pwyslais ar bolisiau Ewropeaidd

Blaenoriaethau: Mae darpariaeth ar gyfer trafnidiaeth wedi ei gynnwys ar draws y tair Blaenoriaeth er mwyn caniatáu peth cefnogaeth ar gyfer atebion cludiant cynaliadwy.

Themâu Trawsbynciol: cryfhau a chynnwys matricsau

Gweithrediad: rhagor o fanylion ar y cynlluniau ar gyfer Gweithrediad Strategol

20. Cyflwynwyd y Rhaglenni Gweithredol drafft i'r Comisiwn ar 6 Mawrth 2007.

### Rhaglen Cydweithio Tiriogaethol

21. Mae Menter Cymunedol gyfredol INTERREG wedi cael ei phrif ffrydio fel rhan o gynigion y Comisiwn ar gyfer Cronfeydd Strwythurol ar ôl 2006. Mae ei holynydd, sef Rhaglen Cydweithio Tiriogaethol Iwerddon/Cymru 2007-13 yn cael ei datblygu yn ddwyochrol gan swyddogion WEFO (yn gyfochrog â gwaith y Grŵp Ffrwd Waith Cydweithredu Tiriogaethol yng Nghymru) a Chynulliad Rhanbarthol De a Dwyrain Iwerddon. Mae'r olaf o'r sefydliadau hyn, fel yr Awdurdod Rheoli dynodedig, yn arwain ar ran y ddwy Aelod Wlad. Gan mai Rhaglen ar y cyd yw hon, mae WEFO yn parhau i gyfrannu a dylanwadu'n weithredol ar ei chynnwys, datblygiad a'i gweithrediad.
22. Daeth yr ymgynghoriad wyth wythnos ar y Rhaglen ddrafft i ben ar 8 Chwefror 2007; derbynwyd ugain o ymatebion gan gyrrf yng Nghymru. Roedd yr ymatebion yn gadarnhaol at ei gilydd a rhoddwyd ystyriaeth iddynt wrth lunio fersiwn terfynol y Rhaglen ddrafft cyn ei chyflwyno. Bydd manylion yr holl ymatebion ar gael ar wefan WEFO maes o law.
23. Cyflwynwyd y Rhaglen Weithredol ddrafft i'r Comisiwn ar 6 Mawrth 2007.

### Pwyllgor Monitro Rhaglenni Cymru Gyfan ar gyfer Cronfeydd Strwythurol Ewrop 2007-2013

24. Mae Llywodraeth y Cynulliad yn bwriadu sefydlu un Pwyllgor Monitro Rhaglenni i ymdrin â holl raglenni Cronfeydd Strwythurol Cymru. Ei ddiben yw bodloni ei hun ynghylch effeithiolrwydd ac ansawdd gweithrediad holl Raglenni Gweithredol 2007-2013. Mae'r broses penodi aelodau eisoes ar waith.

### Y DIWEDDARAF AR YMCHWIL A GWERTHUSO

### 2006 Arolwg Agweddau Cwsmeriaid 2006

25. Mae WEFO wedi derbyn adroddiad terfynol Arolwg Agweddau Cwsmeriaid 2006. Mae'r arolwg yn adolygu barn ymgeiswyr ar y prosesau o wneud cais a gwerthuso ar gyfer ariannu INTERREG IIIA ac Amcanion 1, 2, 3. Mae casgliadau'r Adroddiad yn seiliedig ar ddata agregedig o arolygon Agweddau Cwsmeriaid 2004, 2005 a 2006. Cyhoeddir yr adroddiad ar wefan WEFO maes o law.
26. Mae bodlonrwydd yn gyffredinol uchel ac o flwyddyn i flwyddyn mae bodlonrwydd cyffredinol gyda'r prosesau ar gyfer gweinyddu Cronfeydd Strwythurol wedi cynyddu. Mae'r tueddiadau allweddol a nodwyd gan yr arolwg yn cynnwys y canlynol:
  - Roedd 78% o ymgeiswyr yn fodlon neu'n fodlon iawn gyda'r gwasanaeth a dderbyniwyd gan WEFO (71% yn 2005).
  - Mae bodlonrwydd gyda'r prosesau sydd ar waith ar hyn o bryd ar gyfer gweinyddu Cronfeydd Strwythurol wedi cynyddu o flwyddyn i flwyddyn gyda nifer sylweddol uwch o ymgeiswyr yn fodlon (70%) rhwng 2004 a 2005, o'i gymharu â 2002 a 2003 (52%), a 2000 a 2001 (40%).
  - Roedd 77% o ymgeiswyr naill ai yn fodlon neu'n fodlon iawn gyda phroffesiynoldeb WEFO, ac roedd 75% o ymgeiswyr am ariannu naill ai yn fodlon neu'n fodlon iawn gydag agwedd WEFO wrth roi cymorth. (Yn 2005 roedd y ffigwr yn 71% ar gyfer y ddwy elfen yma).
  - Roedd cwsmeriaid yn llai bodlon gyda hyblygrwydd ac effeithlonrwydd y gwasanaeth gyda 57% o ymgeiswyr am ariannu naill ai yn fodlon neu yn fodlon iawn o'i gymharu â 50% yn 2005 (gwelliant o 7% ar y flwyddyn flaenorol).
27. Ymysg prosiectau ymchwil a gwerthuso diweddar eraill y mae:
28. **Gwerthusiad Mantell o Brosiectau Cronfeydd Strwythurol a Gwblhawyd**, astudiaeth i asesu cyflawniadau 16 o brosiectau Cronfeydd Strwythurol mawr mewn perthynas â'u hamcanion allweddol. Mae'r adroddiad terfynol ar gael ar wefan WEFO:  
<http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/resource/07%202002%2021%20Final%20Report%20-%20FINAL%2012%2002%20076369.pdf>
29. Mae **Arolwg yr ESF o'r Bobl a Adawodd 2005** yn arolwg blynnyddol o fuddiolwyr prosiectau sy'n cael eu hariannu gan ESF. Mae adroddiad yr astudiaeth ar gael ar wefan WEFO:  
<http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/resource/ESF%20Leavers%20Survey%20-%20Cymru%20report%20FINAL%20VERSION1168.pdf>
30. Ers Mawrth 2006, mae WEFO wedi rheoli'r **Rhagwerthusiadau** ar gyfer Rhagleni Cronfeydd Strwythurol 2007-2013. Diben y gwerthusiadau yw sicrhau bod adnoddau ar gyfer y Rhagleni newydd yn cael eu dyrannu'n optimaid, ac yn cynyddu ansawdd y cynlluniau ar gyfer gweithredu'r Rhagleni newydd.

## **SWYDDFA LLYWODRAETH Y CYNULLIAD YM MERTHYR TUDFUL**

31. Trosglwyddodd gweddill staff WEFO Caerdydd, yn bennaf staff oedd yn ymwneud â gwaith taliadau, i Ferthyr Tudful yn Ionawr 2007.  
Trosglwyddodd holl aelodau eraill staff WEFO a leolwyd yng Nghaerdydd ym mis Hydref 2006.

**WEFO**

**Mawrth 2007**

## **ANNEX 1A**

### **REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE OBJECTIVE 1 PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. Since my last report to the Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee, the Objective 1 Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) has not met.
2. I am pleased to report that the Objective 1 programme continues to make excellent progress. By 28 February 2007 Objective 1 had committed over £1.35 billion grant to 1,738 projects, representing almost £3.24 billion of total project investment.
3. The N+2 targets 2006 for all the funds within the Objective 1 programme were met. The declaration of £194.8 million in 2006 was sufficient to achieve the cumulative N+2 target of £848.1 million.
4. In considering the forward management of the Objective 1 programme, in December 2006 the PMC agreed, by Written Procedure, to WEFO's virement proposals across certain Priorities of the Programme. WEFO, however, is still awaiting the Commission's formal acceptance of the virement proposals.
5. The next meeting of the Objective 1 PMC will be convened shortly.

**Jeff Cuthbert AM**

**March 2007**

## **ANNEX 1B**

### **REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE OBJECTIVE 2 PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. The Objective 2 & Transitional Programme continues to make excellent progress with 310 projects approved at 28 February 2007, committing £90.0 million ERDF.
2. The PMC has not met since the last reporting period.
3. Drawdown of ERDF in 2006 by WEFO was sufficient to achieve the cumulative N+2 target of £62.598m; official confirmation from the Commission is awaited.
4. Following PMC agreement to virement proposals across priorities, as outlined in the last report, members were notified in December 2006 of the need to vire a lesser of amount from Priority 4 Measure 1. WEFO is awaiting the Commission's formal acceptance of the virement proposals.
5. Since the last report WEFO has contacted Financial Monitoring Group (FMG) members (a sub-group comprising of PMC members), and circulated a paper providing a Programme update on the latest financial and output position. A meeting of FMG members is scheduled for early March'07 to review.
6. The next meeting of the Objective 2 PMC will be convened shortly. Members will receive an update on Programme progress and the outcome of discussions with FMG.

**John Griffiths AM**

**March 2007**

## **ANNEX 1C**

### **REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE OBJECTIVE 3 PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. The Objective 3 PMC has not met since my last report in November.
2. I am pleased to report that the Objective 3 programme is still progressing well and, at 28 February had committed £96m of the total budget available to 548 projects in East Wales.
3. At its last meeting the PMC endorsed proposals for virement of funds within Priorities and Measures, however the Commission indicated that they believed that the rationale behind the request for approval was insufficiently defined. On 15<sup>th</sup> December the Virement Proposal and financial table were sent to Members by 5 day Exceptional Written Procedure, requesting that they reconsider the table and explanation in response to the modifications which related to the virements of match funding across all Priorities. No objections were received and the proposals were agreed. These proposals are now with the Commission.
4. The Commission has identified a number of indicators under Priority 4 Measure 5 which are reporting substantially higher forecast and achieved data compared to the Programme targets. In order for the Annual Implementation Reports to be deemed satisfactory, the Commission has asked WEFO to submit revised output data for these measures when it resubmits the reports.
5. During December WEFO Research Monitoring & Evaluation Unit contacted projects approved under these measures, to clarify understanding of output indicators, and, if appropriate, ask the project Sponsors to resubmit their forecast and achieved figures. WEFO are currently assessing the resubmitted information.
8. The Lessons Learned from 2000-2006 Structural Funds programmes is to be published as an annex to the Ex Ante Evaluations. The finalised document will be published shortly.
9. The next meeting will be held on 22 March at Y Senedd, Cardiff Bay.

**Mike German AM**

**February 2007**

## **ANNEX 1D**

### **REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE EQUAL WALES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

1. The EQUAL Wales Management Committee met on 5 March 2007. This was the last meeting of the Committee.
2. Article 10 has completed their first two EQUAL monitoring visits. The visits were for the North Merthyr Tydfil Regeneration Partnership and the ASAPH Partnership. Early indications are that the visits went well.
3. Article 4 are currently undertaking a cycle of monitoring visits throughout the EQUAL Development Partnerships. They have conducted 3 visits to CWLWM, Curiad Calon Cymru and Healthy Minds at Work. Again these visits went well and did not highlight any major issues.
4. Current commitment to date for round 2 Development Partnerships is: £15,867,155 (actions 1 and 2)
5. Only 4 out of the 14 Development Partnerships have submitted a final Action 3 proposal; the remaining 10 have until 30<sup>th</sup> March to submit proposals. Once submitted, EQUAL programme commitments in Wales will have reached approximately £19.779 million.
6. The EQUAL team is currently making arrangements for the Closure Seminar to take place in Cardiff Bay in October.
7. The EQUAL Team are also in the process of finalising their second round of monitoring visits for the Action 2 Development Partnerships. Again there are no major issues to report.
8. On the 8 December 2006, round 2 Development Partnerships took part in the TRIBAL event for the EQUAL Works dissemination website. The day went well and each DP filmed a 20 minute video, which will be used as part of their dissemination on the EQUAL Works website. TRIBAL have stated that WEFO will be given the video footage to be used as we wish.

**Gwenda Thomas AM**

**March 2007**

## **ANNEX 1E**

### **REPORT BY JOINT CHAIR OF THE JOINT IRELAND / WALES INTERREG IIIA PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. The Ireland/Wales INTERREG IIIA Programme continues to make excellent progress. A total of 109 projects from Rounds 1-8 were formally approved at the end of January 2007. This represents ERDF grant awards of £33.110m (€48.342m) in the cross-border area and a 99% take-up of the Programme allocation.

#### **Remaining funds**

2. In June 2006 the PMC agreed to allow ongoing projects to put forward proposals for extensions to utilize the remaining Programme funds. Projects were considered by the Steering Committee in December 2006. The ERDF grant associated with the successful bids was €1.114m, representing a small over commitment against the resources available. The Steering Committees had also decided to place two project extensions on to a reserve list which, subject to Joint Technical Secretariat consideration, could receive funding if sufficient funds filter back into the Programme.

#### **Programme Monitoring Committee**

3. The last meeting of the PMC took place on 15 December 2006 at the Talbot Hotel, Wexford Town, Ireland where the Committee considered minor virement proposals and a small grant over-commitment against remaining Programme resources. These proposals arose from the 14 December Steering Committee support for ongoing projects proposals for extensions to utilise remaining funds within the Programme.
4. The Committee were informed that the Programme N+2 requirement was very healthy with the Programme having achieved €32.9m grant spend on defrayed expenditure to 30 November 2006 against a 31 December 2006 target of €28.1m target.
5. The Committee were given a presentation on developments with the Ireland/Wales 2007-2013 Operational Programme by Stephen Blair, Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly. It was emphasised that progress to date had truly been a joint effort between Irish and Welsh officials and the partnerships.
6. The next PMC meeting is likely to take place in May or June 2007 and will be confirmed by the Secretariat.

**Christine Gwyther AM**

**March 2007**

## **ANNEX 1F**

### **REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE LEADER+ PMC**

1. The LEADER+ PMC met, for the final time, on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2006. This is an update on progress since my last report, and will be my final report.
2. Implementation of the programme has progressed well. Forty Action 1 projects were approved, together with 15 in Action 2. The majority of projects will run to the end of the programme i.e. 30 June 2008.
3. Enhancements to existing Action 2 projects have also been approved, following a bidding round process.
4. Networking for the LEADER+ Programme in Wales is being delivered through the UK LEADER+ Network and Local and Regional Development Planning (LRDP Kantor) Ltd. Activities in Wales have been reassigned to the Department of Enterprise, Innovation and Networks (formerly the WDA's rural team). The final UK LEADER+ Network conference was held in Nairn, Scotland, in November 2006. Its subject was "A Celebration of LEADER+", and presentations were given on successful projects from all areas of the UK. The Welsh presentations were from Glasu (Powys) and Northern Marches (rural Wrexham area).
5. At its last meeting the PMC endorsed proposals for the virement of funds within Actions; these are now with the Commission.
6. As part of its inclusive way of working, the PMC received minutes of the LEADER+ Consultation Group, a group composed of LEADER+ groups in Wales and representatives of the Welsh Assembly Government.
7. The PMC received an update on post-2006 issues and on how the "LEADER approach" methodology will be adopted in Axes 3 and 4 of the successor Rural Development Plan for Wales (2007-2013).

**Carwyn Jones AM  
Minister for the Environment,  
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**February 2007**

## **ANNEX 1G**

### **REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE URBAN II PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE**

1. The last meeting of the URBAN II Programme Monitoring Committee took place on 23 November 2006.
2. The PMC received an update on progress towards the N+2 target. At the time of the meeting around £114,000 ERDF needed to be spent in order to reach the target. At the end of December 2006 the N+2 target was exceeded by £281,000.
3. The monitoring data provided at the meeting showed that there had been significant progress in reporting Programme outputs since June. The best performing outputs in this period were in Priority 1: SMEs Supported with Internet Access, New or Improved Workspace for businesses and Business Start-Ups Assisted.
4. Priority 2 is seeing steady progress in the number of participants in training, but job creation in this Priority is slow. Nevertheless, job creation overall in the Programme is on target.
5. Also at the PMC meeting, an update was given on the Programme's Capital Strategy for West Wrexham. The two buildings under construction were experiencing delays on site but were taking remedial action.
6. Since the PMC meeting in November, the final Resource Centre in the Capital Strategy, in Coedpoeth, has been approved by WEFO and tenders for construction have now been received.
7. The final Technical Assistance application has been submitted to WEFO. This project is expected to be the last new project approved in the Programme. It will use the remaining funding in Priority 3 towards an URBAN II Finance and Administration Officer within Wrexham County Borough Council until June 2008.
8. A date has not yet been agreed for the next PMC as discussions are ongoing about how best to co-ordinate with the Succession Strategy Group. A Succession Strategy Group meeting is planned for 29 March 07.

**Karen Sinclair AM**

**February 2007**

**OBJECTIVE 1 SPD 2000-06**

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**Commitments and Payments 2000-06 (£m)**

	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Committed to February 2007	%	Total Available	Committed to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
	1	2	3 = 2/1	4	5	6 = 5/4	8	10 = 4/1	11 = 5/2	
<b>Priority 1 - Expanding and Developing the SME Base</b>										
Measure 1 - Financial Support to SME's	ERDF	166.4	197.0	118%	66.3	67.5	102%	62.9	40%	34%
Measure 2 - Promoting Entrepreneurship and Increasing the Birth Rate of SME's	ERDF	108.9	107.7	99%	47.3	52.2	110%	32.0	43%	48%
Measure 3 - Developing Competitive SME'S	ERDF	119.4	109.2	91%	59.2	51.3	87%	44.6	50%	47%
Measure 4 - Promoting Adaptability and Entrepreneurship	ESF	177.2	191.3	108%	79.7	83.1	104%	56.8	45%	43%
Measure 5 - Providing Sites and Premises for SME's	ERDF	141.8	215.2	152%	58.1	67.8	117%	39.9	41%	32%
Total - Priority 1		713.7	820.4	115%	310.5	322.0	104%	236.3	44%	39%
ERDF		536.5	629.2	117%	230.8	238.9	103%	179.5	43%	38%
ESF		177.2	191.3	108%	79.7	83.1	104%	56.8	45%	43%
<b>Priority 2 - Developing Innovation and the Knowledge Based Economy</b>										
Measure 1 - ICT Infrastructure	ERDF	21.3	10.2	48%	7.9	3.4	43%	3.1	37%	33%
Measure 2 - Stimulate and Support Demand for ICT	ERDF	91.4	120.2	132%	50.0	55.8	111%	35.5	55%	46%
Measure 3 - Support for the Development of Innovation and Research and Development	ERDF	195.0	234.7	120%	99.4	107.6	108%	75.3	51%	46%
Measure 4 - Skills for Innovation and Technology	ESF	50.7	52.3	103%	25.0	24.5	98%	12.2	49%	47%
Measure 5 - Clean Energy Sector	ERDF	61.6	90.2	146%	32.1	33.7	105%	8.5	52%	37%

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Developments		420.0	507.5	121%	214.4	224.9	105%	134.6	51%	44%
Total - Priority 2		369.3	455.2	123%	189.4	200.4	106%	122.4	51%	44%
ERDF		50.7	52.3	103%	25.0	24.5	98%	12.2	49%	47%
ESF										
<b>Priority 3 - Community Economic Regeneration</b>										
Measure 1 - Community Action for Social Inclusion	ESF	14.2	15.3	108%	9.1	9.2	100%	4.0	64%	60%
Measure 2 - Partnership and Community Capacity Building	ERDF	39.5	37.3	94%	25.7	26.2	102%	23.2	65%	70%
Measure 3 - Regeneration of Deprived Areas Through Community Led Action	ERDF	78.9	106.8	135%	55.1	60.5	110%	41.5	70%	57%
Measure 4 - Support for the Creation and Development of Businesses in the Social Economy	ERDF	40.2	38.7	96%	25.8	21.1	82%	13.6	64%	54%
Total - Priority 3		172.7	198.1	115%	115.7	116.9	101%	82.3	67%	59%
ERDF		158.5	182.8	115%	106.6	107.8	101%	78.3	67%	59%
ESF		14.2	15.3	108%	9.1	9.2	100%	4.0	64%	60%
<b>Priority 4 - Developing People</b>										
Measure 1 - Preventative and Active Employment Measures	ESF	193.9	201.9	104%	115.6	111.6	96%	77.6	60%	55%
Measure 2 - Social Inclusion	ESF	140.9	156.4	111%	79.6	78.6	99%	60.9	57%	50%
Measure 3 - Lifetime Learning for All	ESF	152.2	170.8	112%	77.8	82.1	106%	50.5	51%	48%
Measure 4 - Improving the Learning System	ERDF	110.8	95.3	86%	47.2	42.8	91%	40.1	43%	45%
Measure 5 - Improving the Participation of Women in the Labour Market	ESF	32.8	48.1	147%	21.7	24.7	113%	13.8	66%	51%
Measure 6 - Anticipation and Analysis of Skills Needs	ESF	8.8	4.5	51%	4.3	2.1	47%	1.5	49%	46%

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Total - Priority 4		639.3	676.9	106%	346.3	341.7	99%	244.5	54%	50%
ERDF		110.8	95.3	86%	47.2	42.8	91%	40.1	43%	45%
ESF		528.6	581.7	110%	299.1	299.0	100%	204.4	57%	51%
<b>Priority 5 - Rural Development and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources</b>										
Measure 1 - Processing and Marketing of Agricultural Products	EAGGF	117.4	93.9	80%	20.7	18.8	91%	14.7	18%	20%
Measure 2 - Training: Services to Help Farmers Adapt and Diversify	EAGGF	18.5	13.5	73%	8.2	8.7	106%	6.9	44%	64%
Measure 3 - Forestry	EAGGF	33.0	36.0	109%	13.2	13.1	99%	9.3	40%	36%
Measure 4 - Promoting the Adaptation and Development of Rural Areas - Not Spatially Targeted	EAGGF	22.2	52.3	235%	7.7	19.5	254%	11.9	35%	37%
Measure 4 - Promoting the Adaptation and Development of Rural Areas - Spatially Targeted	EAGGF	20.2		0%	10.1		0%		50%	0%
Measure 5 - Investment in Agricultural Holdings	EAGGF	25.5	37.5	147%	8.0	7.9	99%	5.4	31%	21%
Measure 6 - Promoting Local Economic Development	ERDF	81.9	105.1	128%	32.3	33.0	102%	20.1	39%	31%
Measure 7 - A Sustainable Countryside - Enhancement and Protection of the Natural Environment and Countryside Management	EAGGF	45.8	46.4	101%	23.1	22.8	99%	15.7	50%	49%
Measure 8 - Support for Recreational Opportunities and management of the natural environment	ERDF	32.3	36.9	114%	15.6	15.9	102%	13.7	48%	43%
Measure 9 - Support for Fisheries and Aquaculture	FIFG	34.9	31.6	91%	15.5	14.7	94%	10.4	44%	46%

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Total - Priority 5		431.6	453.1	105%	154.2	154.3	100%	108.2	36%	34%
ERDF		114.2	142.0	124%	47.8	48.9	102%	33.8	42%	34%
EAGGF		282.6	279.5	99%	90.9	90.7	100%	64.0	32%	32%
FIFG		34.9	31.6	91%	15.5	14.7	94%	10.4	44%	46%
<b>Priority 6 - Strategic Infrastructure Development</b>										
Measure 1 - Accessibility and Transport	ERDF	123.7	230.2	186%	62.7	66.8	107%	41.3	51%	29%
Measure 2 - Energy infrastructure	ERDF	13.5	11.7	87%	7.3	2.9	39%	1.6	54%	25%
Measure 3 - Strategic Employment Sites	ERDF	139.5	201.4	144%	53.8	66.3	123%	32.6	39%	33%
Measure 4 - Environmental Infrastructure	ERDF	89.2	70.9	80%	31.6	26.6	84%	9.2	35%	37%
Total - Priority 6 (All ERDF)		365.9	514.2	141%	155.4	162.5	105%	84.8	42%	32%
<b>Priority 7 - Technical Assistance</b>										
Measure 1 - Promoting Effective Programme Management	ERDF	18.4	19.1	104%	9.2	9.6	104%	5.9	50%	50%
Measure 2 - Promoting Effective Programme Management	ESF	0.7	1.0	150%	0.3	0.5	158%	0.3	47%	50%
Measure 3 - Raising Awareness of the Programme	ERDF	7.9	10.6	133%	4.0	4.8	121%	1.2	50%	45%
Measure 4 - Raising Awareness of the Programme	ESF	6.9	6.6	96%	3.6	3.4	94%	2.5	53%	51%
TOTAL - Priority 7		33.9	37.3	110%	17.1	18.2	107%	9.9	50%	49%
ERDF		26.4	29.7	113%	13.2	14.3	109%	7.1	50%	48%

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ESF	7.5	7.6	101%	3.9	3.9	99%	2.8	52%	51%
Total - All priorities	2,777.2	3,207.6	115%	1,313.7	1,340.6	102%	900.5	47%	42%
ERDF	1,681.5	2,048.3	122%	790.4	815.7	103%	545.9	47%	40%
ESF	778.2	848.1	109%	416.9	419.6	101%	280.3	54%	49%
EAGGF	282.6	279.5	99%	90.9	90.7	100%	64.0	32%	32%
FIFG	34.9	31.6	91%	15.5	14.7	94%	10.4	44%	46%

**Note**

Objective 1 ESF Total Costs includes an agreed correction with the EC of £31.814m and Total Grant Committed and Total Grant Spend includes a correction of -£15.379m

The indicative allocations included all virements agreed at the September Objective 1 PMC

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### Commitments and Payments 2000-06 (£m)

Transitional Programme shown in italics	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Grant Paid to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
	1.0000	2	3 = 2/1	4	5	6 = 5/4	7	8 = 4/1	9 = 5/2	
<b>Priority 1 : Developing Sustainable &amp; competitive Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)</b>										
1.1 Support for Enterprise, Innovation and SME Development	21.7	24.5	113%	9.9	10.4	104%	7.3	46%	42%	
<i>1.1 Support for Enterprise, Innovation and SME Development</i>	8.2	11.1	135%	3.8	4.4	118%	2.6	46%	40%	
1.2 Financial Support for SMEs	55.9	66.3	119%	14.5	15.2	105%	14.2	26%	23%	
<i>1.2 Financial Support for SMEs</i>	37.3	36.0	96%	8.1	8.2	100%	7.3	22%	23%	

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### Commitments and Payments 2000-06 (£m)

Transitional Programme shown in italics	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Grant Paid to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
1.3 <i>Development of Sites and Premises for SMEs</i>	28.5	41.3	145%	8.9	10.0	113%	4.9	31%	24%	
1.3 <i>Development of Sites and Premises for SMEs</i>	11.8	10.0	85%	3.6	2.2	61%	1.4	30%	22%	
<b>Total</b> <b><i>Total</i></b>	106.2	132.1	124%	33.3	35.6	107%	26.4	31%	27%	
<b>Priority2 : Sustainable Rural Development</b>	57.4	57.1	100%	15.5	14.8	96%	11.2	27%	26%	
2.1 Rural Economic	15.6	25.4	162%	7.3	8.4	115%	4.1	47%	33%	

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Transitional Programme shown in italics	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Grant Paid to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
Development										
<i>2.1 Rural Economic Development</i>	5.8	9.0	155%	2.8	3.2	112%	2.9	49%	35%	
2.2 Building Rural Networks	8.4	8.5	102%	4.2	3.8	91%	2.7	50%	44%	
<i>2.2 Building Rural Networks</i>	3.0	3.6	119%	1.5	1.6	108%	1.3	48%	44%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>141%</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>107%</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>36%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>143%</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>111%</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>38%</b>	
Priority 3 : Urban Community Regeneration										
3.1 Capacity Building and	24.0	27.4	114%	11.7	12.2	104%	9.6	49%	45%	

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Transitional Programme shown in italics	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Grant Paid to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
Community Initiatives										
<i>3.1 Capacity Building and Community Initiatives</i>	15.7	21.0	134%	7.9	8.0	101%	4.4	50%	38%	
3.2 Developing the Social Economy	0.7	0.7	97%	0.4	0.3	90%	0.2	50%	47%	
<i>3.2 Developing the Social Economy</i>	0.1	0.1	103%	0.0	0.0	103%	0.0	50%	50%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>113%</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>42%</b>	
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>134%</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>38%</b>	
<b>Priority 4 : Technical Assistance</b>										

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Transitional Programme shown in italics	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Grant Paid to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
4.1 Promoting Effective Programme Management	1.8	1.6	86%	0.9	0.8	86%	0.5	50%	50%	
<i>4.1 Promoting Effective Programme Management</i>	1.0	1.0	98%	0.5	0.5	98%	0.3	50%	50%	
4.2 Raising Awareness of the Programme	1.2	1.2	99%	0.6	0.6	98%	0.5	50%	50%	
<i>4.2 Raising Awareness of the Programme</i>	0.6	0.7	124%	0.3	0.3	96%	0.3	50%	39%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>107%</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>45%</b>	

**OBJECTIVE 2 SPD 2000-06****Annex 2B****Commitments and Payments 2000-06 (£m)**

Transitional Programme shown in italics	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Grant Paid to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
<b>TOTAL</b>										
Objective 2	157.9	196.8	125%	58.3	61.0	105%	44.1	37%	31%	
<i>Transitional related</i>	<i>83.7</i>	<i>92.6</i>	<i>111%</i>	<i>28.5</i>	<i>28.3</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>31%</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>241.6</b>	<b>289.4</b>	<b>120%</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>31%</b>	

<u>OBJECTIVE 3 OP 2000-06</u>										Annex 2c	
<u>Commitments and Payments 2000-06</u>										£m	
	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant				Payment		Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme	Committed		
	1	2	3 = 2/1	4	5	6 = 5/4	8	11 = 4/1	12 = 5/2		
<b>Priority 1 Developing Active Labour Market Policies to Prevent and Combat Unemployment</b>											
Measure 1 Preventing long term unemployment and re-integrating the long term unemployed	30.6	27.0	88%	13.1	11.4	87%	7.8	43%	42%		
Measure 2 Re-integration of the long-term unemployed	4.1	3.9	95%	1.6	1.6	100%	1.5	39%	41%		

<b><u>OBJECTIVE 3 OP 2000-06</u></b>										<b>Annex 2c</b>
<b><u>Commitments and Payments 2000-06</u></b>										<b>£m</b>
	<b>Commitments : Total</b>			<b>Commitment : EU Grant</b>			<b>Payment</b>	<b>Grant Rate</b>		
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
Measure 3 Supporting the transition from education to the labour market	8.7	9.1	104%	4.0	3.8	96%	2.8	46%	42%	
Total - Priority 1	43.5	40.0	92%	18.7	16.9	90%	12.1	43%	42%	
<b>Priority 2 Equal Opportunities for All and Promoting Social Inclusion</b>										
Measure 1 Pathways to employment	38.0	38.4	101%	16.8	16.7	99%	12.8	44%	43%	
Measure 2 Capacity building for community based groups	9.7	9.2	95%	4.0	4.0	98%	3.1	41%	43%	

<b><u>OBJECTIVE 3 OP 2000-06</u></b>										<b>Annex 2c</b>
<b><u>Commitments and Payments 2000-06</u></b>										<b>£m</b>
	<b>Commitments : Total</b>			<b>Commitment : EU Grant</b>			<b>Payment</b>		<b>Grant Rate</b>	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
Measure 3 The development of business opportunities in the social economy	5.7	5.8	101%	2.5	2.5	98%	1.7	44%	43%	
Measure 4 Local development to promote Social Inclusion	2.1	1.7	82%	0.9	0.8	81%	0.5	45%	44%	
Total - Priority 2	55.6	55.1	99%	24.3	23.8	98%	18.1	44%	43%	
<b>Priority 3 Lifelong Learning</b>										
Measure 1 Increasing participation in	33.3	33.5	101%	15.3	14.4	94%	7.5	46%	43%	

<b><u>OBJECTIVE 3 OP 2000-06</u></b>										<b>Annex 2c</b>
<b><u>Commitments and Payments 2000-06</u></b>										<b>£m</b>
	<b>Commitments : Total</b>			<b>Commitment : EU Grant</b>			<b>Payment</b>	<b>Grant Rate</b>		
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
Lifelong Learning and developing guidance and learning systems										
Measure 2 Increasing participation and attainment in Lifelong Learning.	11.0	10.9	99%	4.4	4.3	99%	4.2	40%	40%	
Total - Priority 3	44.4	44.4	100%	19.7	18.7	95%	11.7	44%	42%	
Priority 4 Promoting Business Competitiveness										
Measure 1 Supporting management and workforce	30.6	24.9	81%	11.9	10.9	92%	8.4	39%	44%	

<b><u>OBJECTIVE 3 OP 2000-06</u></b>										<b>Annex 2c</b>	
<b><u>Commitments and Payments 2000-06</u></b>										<b>£m</b>	
	<b>Commitments : Total</b>			<b>Commitment : EU Grant</b>			<b>Payment</b>		<b>Grant Rate</b>		
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme	Committed		
development in SMEs											
Measure 2 Skills and knowledge development for the workforce in SMEs	15.5	12.2	79%	4.9	4.9	100%	4.8	31%	40%		
Measure 3 Encouraging innovation, R&D and the Information Society for growth	9.2	8.1	88%	2.9	3.0	103%	1.9	31%	37%		
Measure 4 Support to encourage and develop entrepreneurship	5.7	5.1	90%	2.4	1.9	81%	1.5	42%	38%		
Measure 5 Anticipation and analysis of skills	1.9	1.7	91%	0.7	0.7	100%	0.5	35%	38%		

<b><u>OBJECTIVE 3 OP 2000-06</u></b>										<b>Annex 2c</b>
<b><u>Commitments and Payments 2000-06</u></b>										<b>£m</b>
	<b>Commitments : Total</b>			<b>Commitment : EU Grant</b>			<b>Payment</b>		<b>Grant Rate</b>	
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
needs										
Total - Priority 4	62.9	52.0	83%	22.7	21.4	94%	17.0	36%	41%	
Priority 5 Promoting Gender Equality within the Labour Market										
Measure 1 Pathways to participation and promoting attitudinal change	12.9	14.8	115%	5.6	6.5	115%	3.0	44%	44%	
Measure 2 Promoting attitudinal change	1.5	1.9	123%	0.7	0.7	100%	0.7	44%	36%	
Total - Priority 5	14.4	16.7	116%	6.3	7.2	114%	3.7	44%	43%	

<b><u>OBJECTIVE 3 OP 2000-06</u></b>										<b>Annex 2c</b>
<b><u>Commitments and Payments 2000-06</u></b>										<b>£m</b>
	<b>Commitments : Total</b>			<b>Commitment : EU Grant</b>			<b>Payment</b>	<b>Grant Rate</b>		
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme	Committed	
<b>Priority 6 : Technical Assistance</b>										
Measure 1 : Technical Assistance (Rule 11.2)	2.1	2.0	94%	1.0	0.9	93%	0.8	45%	44%	
Measure 2 : Technical Assistance (Rule 11.3)	2.7	2.6	97%	0.9	0.8	94%	0.6	32%	31%	
<b>Total - Priority 6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>36%</b>	
<b>Total All Priorities</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>42%</b>	
<b>Notes</b>										

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							£m	
	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment	Grant Rate
	Total	Commitment to February 2007	%	Total Available	Commitment to February 2007	%	Eligible Grant to February 2007	Programme
The Financial Allocation includes virement proposals agreed by September 05 Objective 3 PMC.								
The Total Costs Committed include an agreed adjustment with the Commission of -£7.879m and withdrawal of restropsective expenditure -£8.105m. Grant Committed and Grant Paid include an agreed adjustment of -£3.269m and withdrawal of restropsective expenditure -£3.651m								
The Committed total costs, grant and Payment to March 2006 include virements relating to projects approved after December 2003 in measures closed as a result of the Mid Term Review								