

PWYLLGOR MENTER, ARLOESI A RHWYDWEITHIAU

Dyddiad :	22 Tachwedd 2006
Amser :	
Lleoliad :	Adeilad Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru, Bae Caerdydd.
Teitl :	Cronfeydd Strwythurol Ewropeaidd 2000–2006: Adroddiad Chwarterol

CRYNODEB

1. Mae'r papur hwn yn nodi'r sefyllfa ddiweddaraf o ran Rhaglenni'r Cronfeydd Strwythurol yng Nghymru, yn ogystal â threfniadau ar gyfer y Rhaglenni Cronfa Strwythurol 2007 – 2013 newydd. Mae'r ffigurau'n dangos y sefyllfa ar ddiwedd Hydref 2006 oni nodir yn wahanol. Mae'r holl ffigurau a ddyfynnwyd yn seiliedig ar y cyfraddau cyfnewid cynllunio presennol o £1: €1.46.
2. Ers yr Adroddiad Chwarterol diwethaf, dyma'r amserlen ar gyfer Pwyllgorau Monitro'r Rhaglenni (PMRh):
 - Cyfarfu PMRh Amcan 1 ar 13 Hydref, yn Sir Fôn;
 - Ni chafodd dyddiad ar gyfer cyfarfod nesaf PMRh Amcan 2 ei gadarnhau hyd yma;
 - Cyfarfu PMRh Amcan 3 ar 20 Gorffennaf yn Rhaeadr ac ar 2 Tachwedd 2006 yn Stadiwm y Mileniwm, Caerdydd;
 - Bydd cyfarfod PMRh INTERREG yn cael ei gynnal ar 15 Rhagfyr yn Wexford, Iwerddon;
 - Cyfarfu PMRh LEADER+ ar 9 Tachwedd 2006;
 - Cyfarfu PMRh Urban II ddiwethaf ar 29 Mehefin a bydd y pwyllgor yn cyfarfod nesaf ar 23 Tachwedd 2006;
 - Cyfarfu Pwyllgor Rheoli EQUAL Cymru ar 13 Tachwedd 2006.
3. Mae adroddiadau gan Gadeiryddion y PMRh wedi eu cynnwys yn **Atodiad 1**.
4. Ar ddiwedd Hydref 2006, roedd Rhaglenni'r Cronfeydd Strwythurol yng Nghymru wedi ymrwmo £1.58 biliwn i 2,814 o brosiectau cymeradwy, sy'n golygu bod cyfanswm gwerth y prosiectau'n £3.815 biliwn. Gellir cysylltu oddeutu 157,516 o swyddi gros sydd wedi eu creu a'u diogelu gyda phrosiectau sydd wedi derbyn arian cyfatebol o'r cronfeydd strwythurol. Mae Amcan 1 yn unig wedi ymrwmo £1.36 biliwn o gyllid, ac wedi cyfrannu tuag at greu a diogelu 139,450 o swyddi gros. Mae'r Pwyllgor yn ymwybodol mai prosiectau unigol sy'n cyflwyno'r data am yr allbynnau ac felly bod angen trin y data yn ofalus, gan y gallai'r ffigurau gynnwys elfen o gyfri dwbl.

ARGYMHELLIAD

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

AMCAN 1

Hynt y Rhaglen Amcan 1

6. Ar 31 Hydref 2006, roedd y Rhaglen Amcan 1 wedi ymrwymo £1.35 biliwn o grant i 1,723 o brosiectau, sy'n gyfanswm o dros £3.24 biliwn o fuddsoddiad mewn prosiectau. Hyd yn hyn, gellir cysylltu oddeutu 60,650 o swyddi gros newydd sydd wedi eu creu ac oddeutu 78,000 o swyddi gros sydd wedi eu diogelu gyda phrosiectau sydd wedi derbyn arian cyfatebol Amcan 1 (gweler y nodyn ym mharagraff 4 ynghylch cyfiri dwbl). Cewch weld manylion yr ymrwymiad a'r gwariant fesul Blaenoriaeth yn Atodiad 2A. Mae mwy o fanylion am hynt y Rhaglen, gan gynnwys dadansoddiad o allbynnau ar gyfer pob Blaenoriaeth, ar gael o Adroddiad Monitro PMRh Amcan 1, sydd i'w weld ar

<http://www.wefo.cymru.gov.uk/default.asp?action=page&ID=1803>

31 Hydref 2006

Cronfa	Nifer y Prosiectau	Cyfanswm Gwerth y Grant a Ymrwymwyd (£m)	Grant a Gymeradwyd fel % o gyllid gwreiddiol y Rhaglen	Grant a Dalwyd ar Wariant Ardystiedig (£m)
ERDF	921	827.9	105	488.9
ESF	637	422.6	101.5	258.7
EAGGF	127	90.4	99	58.0
FIFG	38	15.3	99	8.9
CYFANSWM	1,723	1,356.2	103.3	814.5

RHAGLEN AMCAN 2 A'R RHAGLEN DROSIANNOL

Hynt y Rhaglen Amcan 2 a'r Rhaglen Drosiannol

7. Ar 31 Hydref 2006, roedd 304 o brosiectau cymeradwy, gyda £85.2 miliwn o grantiau wedi eu hymrwymo a chyfanswm o £273.5 miliwn o fuddsoddiad mewn prosiectau. Mae dros 98% o gyllid gwreiddiol y Rhaglen bellach wedi'i ymrwymo. Cewch weld manylion yr ymrwymiad a'r gwariant fesul Blaenoriaeth yn Atodiad 2B.

AMCAN 3

Hynt y Rhaglen Amcan 3

8. Ar 31 Hydref 2006, roedd 544 o brosiectau wedi cael eu cymeradwyo gyda £92.8 miliwn o grant Cronfa Cymdeithasol Ewrop yn cael ei neilltuo a chyfanswm o £220 miliwn wedi ei fuddsoddi mewn prosiectau. Mae dros 99% o gyllid gwreiddiol y Rhaglen bellach wedi'i ymrwymo. Cewch weld manylion yr ymrwymiad a'r gwariant fesul Blaenoriaeth yn Atodiad 2C.

RHAGLENNI MENTRAU CYMUNEDOL

9. Mae'r Rhaglenni Mentrau Cymunedol yn parhau i wneud cynnydd da, fel y dengys adroddiad Cadeiryddion PMRh yn **Atodiadau 1D i 1G**.

TARGEDAU N+2 AR GYFER 2006

Canran y Gwariant yn Erbyn Targedau Dadrwywiad Blynnyddol 2006 ar 31 Hydref 2006			
Rhaglen	2006 Targed Blynnyddol (£m)	2006 Gwariant hyd 31 Hyd 06 (£m)	%canran Gwariant yn Erbyn Targed
Amcan 1 ERDF	102.151	80.078	78%
Amcan 1 ESF	54.588	44.420	81%
Amcan 1 EAGGF	10.755	9.054	84%
Amcan 1 FIFG	2.791	3.176	114%
Amcan 2	11.084	5.140	46%
Amcan 3	13.142	10.497	80%
Leader+	1.151	1.314	114%
Urban	1.090	0.884	81%
Interreg	3.967	6.691	169%

10. Ac eithrio Amcan 2, mae WEFO wedi cyflawni dros 78% o darged N+2 2006 ar gyfer yr holl raglenni a chronfeydd, ac mae'n hyderus y byddant wedi'u cyflawni erbyn diwedd y flwyddyn.
11. Mae Amcan 2 yn parhau i fod yn fater dan sylw, gyda gwariant ar hyn o bryd oddeutu £5.9 miliwn yn brin o'r ffigwr targed. Mae WEFO yn y broses o gymeradwyo nifer o brosiectau ôl-weithredol (cyfanswm grant o £2.9 miliwn), ac yn gweithio'n agos gyda noddwyr i sicrhau eu bod yn gwario i'r rhagamcan ac y byddant yn cyflwyno ceisiadau amserol.

CYTUNDEB O HYDER

12. Ym mis Hydref, cytunodd y Comisiwn Ewropeaidd (DG Regio) Gytundeb o Hyder gyda Llywodraeth y Cynulliad. Mae'r Cytundeb hwn, sy'n ymwneud ag ERDF, yn dirprwyo cyfrifoldebau archwilio allweddol o DG Regio i Wasanaeth Archwilio Mewnol Llywodraeth y Cynulliad. Dyma'r cytundeb cyntaf o'i fath gan unrhyw Gyfarwyddiaeth UE, ac mae'n adlewyrchu'n dda ar ansawdd yr archwilio a gynhelir gan ein harchwilwyr ein hunain a rheolaeth y rhaglen gan WEFO.

RHAGLENNI CRONFEYDD STRWYTHUROL 2007 - 2013

13. Darperir adroddiadau rheolaidd i'r Pwyllgor ar y rhaglenni Cronfeydd Strwythurol newydd 2007 – 2013. Mae Fframwaith Cyfeirio Strategol Cenedlaethol y DU bellach wedi'i gwblhau, ac fe'i cyhoeddwyd ar 23 Hydref.

Ymgynghori ar y Rhaglen Gygyfeirio

14. Daeth yr ymgynghori ar Raglen Gydgyfeirio 2007-2013 i ben ar 6 Hydref. Mae adroddiad dechreuol yn crynhoi'r 127 ymateb ffurfiol a dderbyniwyd wedi'i gyflwyno fel papur i'w ystyried yng nghyfarfod y Grŵp Rhanddeiliaid allanol ar 8 Tachwedd, ac mae i'w weld ar <http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?action=page&ID=1585>. Roedd y papur yn canolbwyntio ar Ddadansoddiad a Strategaeth, Blaenoriaethau, Themâu Trawsbynciol a Threfniadau Gweithredu. Mae adroddiad mwy manwl yn cael ei baratoi.
15. At ei gilydd, mae ymatebwyr wedi bod yn gyffredinol gadarnhaol ynghylch ffocws y rhaglen a'r blaenoriaethau a nodwyd. Mae llai o gytundeb ynghylch sut y gellid dyrannu adnoddau a chafwyd ceisiadau am wybodaeth bellach am gynlluniau gweithredu. Ymhlith themâu eraill a gododd o'r ymgynghori y mae'r angen am esboniad pellach ar Gynllun Gofodol Cymru a Fframweithiau Strategol ynghylch trefniadau gweithredu; amrediad y ffocws ar Agenda Lisbon; yr angen i gryfhau cyfeiriadau at botensial y sector twristiaeth; y cydbwysedd rhwng sgiliau lefel sylfaenol ac is a sgiliau lefel uwch i gefnogi'r economi wybodaeth a phwysigrwydd rôl Addysg Uwch yn natblygiad economaidd.

Ymgynghori ar Fframweithiau Strategol i'r Rhaglen Gydgyfeirio

16. Yn yr ymgynghori ar y rhaglenni Cronfeydd Strwythurol 2007 - 2013, cafwyd cytundeb ynghylch yr angen i fabwysiadu ymagwedd fwy strategol i'r defnydd o'r cronfeydd. Mae'r trefniadau a ddewiswyd i gynorthwyo'r gwaith o gynnal yr ymagwedd yn cynnwys datblygu a defnyddio Fframweithiau Strwythurol. Bydd y rhain yn darparu trosolwg strategol eglur ac arweiniad ar y mathau o brosiectau a threfniadau cyflwyno a fydd yn cyflwyno orau Flaenoriaethau'r Rhaglen.
17. Daeth yr ymgynghori ar y Fframweithiau Strategol i ben ar 31 Hydref ac mae'r ymatebion yn cael eu dadansoddi ar hyn o bryd.

Dyraniadau Awydd i Gystadlu a Chyflogaeth Rhanbarthol

18. Cyhoeddodd y Prif Weinidog ddyraniad Cymru i raglenni Awydd i Gystadlu a Chyflogaeth Rhanbarthol Dwyrain Cymru ar 23 Hydref 2006. Mae'r rhain yn ffurfio rhan o Fframwaith Cyfeirio Strategol Cenedlaethol y DU (NSRF) a gyhoeddwyd gan yr Adran Fasnach a Diwydiant ar 23 Hydref 2006. Mae i'w weld ar wefan yr Adran Fasnach a Diwydiant (<http://www.dti.gov.uk/consultations/page28796.html>). Mae swyddogion wedi gweithio'n agos gyda Llywodraeth y DU a'r Gweinyddiaethau Datganoledig i sicrhau cytundeb ar ddyraniadau sy'n cynrychioli bargaen deg i Gymru. Bydd y dyraniadau yn golygu £81.7 miliwn o arian i Ddwyrain Cymru (sy'n debygol o godi i dros £90 miliwn unwaith bo'r cyfrifiadau i ystyried chwyddiant wedi digwydd). Mae'n rhaid cymryd hyn yng nghyd-destun gostyngiad cyffredinol o oddeutu hanner o'r rhaglenni blaenorol i'r DU yn gyfan. Mae Llywodraeth y Cynulliad yn disgwyl ymgynghori ar y rhaglenni drafft hyn ar ddechrau Rhagfyr.

Hynt Rhaglen Draws Ffiniol

19. Mae'r Fenter Gymunedol INTERREG gyfredol wedi'i phrif ffrydio fel rhan o gynigion y Comisiwn ar gyfer Cronfeydd Strwythurol ôl-2006. Mae Rhaglen Cydweithrediad Tiriogaethol (TC) Iwerddon/Cymru 2007-13 olynol yn cael ei datblygu'n ddwyochrog rhwng swyddogion o WEFO (yn gyfochrog â gwaith y Grŵp Llif-gwaith Cydweithrediad Tiriogaethol yng Nghymru) a Chynulliad Rhanbarthol y De a'r Dwyrain yn Iwerddon. Y corff diwethaf, fel yr Awdurdod Rheoli dynodedig, sy'n arwain ar ran y ddwy Aelod Wladwriaeth. Gan mai rhaglen ar y cyd yw hon, mae WEFO yn parhau i gyfrannu'n weithgar at ei chynnwys, datblygiad a gweithrediad gan ddylanwadu arnynt hefyd. Disgwylir i'r Rhaglen ddrafft, sy'n debygol o weithredu ar sail debyg i'r un gyfredol, gael ei chyhoeddi ar gyfer ymgynghori yn ddiweddarach eleni.
20. Dyma'r themâu sy'n ymddangos ar gyfer y Rhaglen Draws Ffiniol: Arloesi ac Awydd i Gystadlu, Sgiliau ar gyfer Awydd i Gystadlu ac Integreiddio Cyflogaeth, Newid Hinsawdd a Chynnaladwyedd Amgylcheddol, Adfywiad Cynaliadwy o Gymunedau.

DIWEDDARIAD O WAITH YMCHWIL A GWERTHUSO

Arolwg o Farn Cwsmeriaid 2006

21. Mae WEFO wedi derbyn adroddiad terfynol drafft Arolwg o Agwedd Cwsmeriaid 2006. Mae'r arolwg yn arolygu safbwyntiau ymgeiswyr ar y prosesau ymgeisio a gwerthuso i Arian Amcanion 1, 2, 3 a INTERREG IIIA. Mae'r canfyddiadau yn rhoi cipolwg o'r modd y mae cwsmeriaid yn gweld perfformiad WEFO.
22. At ei gilydd, roedd 78 y cant o ymgeiswyr (mewn cymhariaeth â 71 y cant yn 2005) yn fodlon neu'n fodlon iawn â'r gwasanaeth cyffredinol a gawsant gan WEFO. Roedd boddhad mawr ynghylch gwasanaeth y Tîm Dilysu Prosiect (tîm Erthygl 4) a'r Tîm Rheoli Cyllid (tîm Erthygl 10), yn enwedig o safbwynt eu proffesiynoldeb. Mae ymgeiswyr am arian rhwng 2004 a 2005 yn llawer mwy bodlon gyda'r gwasanaethau talu y maent wedi'u defnyddio nag ymgeiswyr cyn-2004, gyda 72% bellach yn fodlon â'r modd y caiff ymholiadau am daliadau eu trin.
23. Mae'r adroddiad yn nodi meysydd ar gyfer gwelliant pellach, megis:
 - gwell rheolaeth o ddisgwyliadau ymgeiswyr yn nhermau pa adborth/gwybodaeth y gallent ei ddisgwyl/ei disgwyl ac yma mha gyfnodau amser yn ystod y broses werthuso;
 - rhoi cyngor safonol i ymgeiswyr ar hynt eu cais drwy negeseuon e-bost;
24. Mae nifer o brosiectau ymchwil a gwerthuso eraill ar y gweill ar hyn o bryd gan gynnwys:
 - Arolwg o'r Rheini a Adawodd ESF 2005
 - Gwerthusiad 'Ymbarél' o Brosiectau Mawr sydd wedi'u Cwblhau
 - Gwersi a Ddysgwyd o raglenni Cronfeydd Strwythurol 2000 – 2006

- Rhag-Werthusiad o Raglenni Cydgyfeirio drafft.

Rhoddir manylion eu hynt ym Mhapur Diweddariad o Waith Ymchwil a Gwerthuso PMRh Amcan 1, sydd i'w weld ar

<http://www.wefo.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?action=page&ID=1803>

SYMUD I SWYDDFA LLYWODRAETH CYNULLIAD CYMRU NEWYDD YM MERTHYR TUDFUL

25. Symudodd y mwyafrif o staff WEFO a weithiai ym Mharc Cathays, a'r holl staff a weithiai yn Swyddfa Cwm Cynon, i swyddfa Merthyr Tudful ar 23 Hydref 2006. Bydd y staff sy'n parhau yng Nghaerdydd, ac sy'n gweithio'n bennaf ar daliadau, yn symud i Ferthyr Tudful yn Ionawr 2007.

Ers y symud, mae rhif llinell gymorth Ymholiadau Cyffredinol WEFO wedi newid i 0845 0103310.

WEFO

Tachwedd 2006

**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 has met once, at the Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris, Anglesey on 13 October 2006. This was followed by two visits to the Holyhead Town Centre Regeneration and Celtic Gateway ERDF projects.
2. Members acknowledged the challenging task for meeting the N+2 targets for 2006, but also noted the positive progress and proactive approaches being undertaken by WEFO to ensure adequate spend by project sponsors.
3. The PMC considered the management of the funds for the remaining programming period, including issues relating to project performance, grant and at risk projects. As part of WEFO's ongoing review of the progress of Priorities and Measures, the PMC were also informed that WEFO may need to ask the PMC to agree, by written procedure, virements between Priorities before the end of 2006. Members noted with approval the steps WEFO are taking to manage the programme through to the end of 2008.
4. Members noted the proportion of Objective 1 resources distributed to rural and valleys local authority areas and the outputs that had been achieved. WEFO noted the variations in terms of commitment, spend and beneficiaries. It should be noted also that the spend and commitment levels at local partnership levels only applied to around 50% of Objective 1 funds. Improvements in terms of more robust monitoring data, particularly relating to beneficiaries, will be introduced as part of the next round of Structural Funds Programmes 2007–2013.
5. Members were given an update on the current research and evaluation activity being undertaken by WEFO, as well as a summary of the main issues emerging from the six Objective 1 Thematic Advisory Groups. The PMC noted the Ex-ante Evaluation on lessons learned for the benefit of the next Programmes 2007 – 2013.
6. The PMC received an update on the Consultation exercise for the Convergence Programmes 2007–2013, and noted the general positive feedback received via the four Welsh Assembly Government regional events held across West Wales and the Valleys during September 2006.
7. A date for the Objective 1 PMC's next meeting will be subject to the European Commission's formal agreement of the Operational Programmes for the next round of European Structural Funds 2007–2013.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE OBJECTIVE 2 PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE

1. The Objective 2 & Transitional Programme continues to make excellent progress with 304 projects approved by the end of September 2006, committing over £85 million ERDF.
2. The PMC has not met since the last reporting period.
3. Since the last report WEFO has contacted PMC members by written procedure to seek their agreement to recommendations for the continued effective financial management of the Programme. The PMC was asked to:
 - a) note the content of the draft Objective 2 & Transitional Programme Annual Implementation Report 2005 issued by WEFO's Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Branch, and agree to the document being forwarded to the Commission in accordance with Article 37 of Council Regulation 1260/1999.
 - b) agree the use of retrospection in 2006 to assist with achieving the December N+2 target.
 - c) agree the following recommendations:
 - i) virement of €1.46m (£1m based on an exchange rate of €1.46:£1) from Priority 1 Measure 1 Core (Support for Enterprise, Innovation and SME Development) to Priority 3 Measure 1 Core (Capacity Building, Community Initiatives and Development of the Social Economy in Urban Communities). This was required to cover potential retrospection spend in Priority 3 Measure 1 and to assist in reducing the resulting high level of over commitment.
 - ii) virement of €394,316 (£270,080 based on an exchange rate of €1.46:£1) from Priority 4 Measure 1 Core (Promoting Effective Programme Management) to Priority 3 Measure 1 Core. Similarly, this was required to cover potential retrospection spend in Priority 3 Measure 1 and to assist in reducing the resulting high level of over commitment.
4. The date of the next meeting of the Objective 2 PMC is yet to be confirmed and will be subject to sufficient/appropriate items for discussion.

John Griffiths AM

October 2006

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

1. I am pleased to report that the Objective 3 programme is still progressing well and, at the end of October had committed £92.8m (99 %) of the total budget available to 544 projects in East Wales.
2. At the PMC held in Rhayader on 20 July WEFO were encouraged to continue its close monitoring of projects that may be underperforming, and to make best use of all available options for managing the remainder of the Programme. The PMC were informed that the Objective 1 PMC had agreed to contact current project Sponsors to find out if they would spend their allocated funds or if they were likely to decommit. From the responses WEFO would be able to make decisions on further commitment. WEFO also proposed that funds that were to be redistributed would be made available for further commitment through significant changes to current projects.
3. As the meeting was not quorate PMC members agreed by written procedure that Objective 3 Sponsors should be contacted regarding the above. As a result, many Sponsors expressed an interest in increasing their ESF approval amounts. WEFO are now appraising projects that have expressed an interest in increasing their ESF.
4. The PMC received an update on the progress and consultation of the draft National Strategic Reference Framework and on the preparations for the 2007-2013 Structural Fund Programmes. Members also received an update on current research and evaluation activity being undertaken by WEFO.
5. The PMC were requested to endorse recommendations relating to Cross Cutting Themes Research. Members suggested that guidance for the new programme needs to be more specific.
6. The PMC received an update on Lessons Learnt from 2000 - 2006 Structural Fund Programmes. A consultation paper was issued to the PMC during June 2006. The resulting evidence from the 3 PMC's and Local Partnerships together with lessons learned from programme evaluations, will be drawn into a synthesis paper.
7. PMC also received an up date on the measuring of 'soft' outcomes in the Objective 1 and 3 Programmes. A study has been carried out within WEFO, working with a small sample of Objective 3 Projects. A draft report has been received and the agreed final report will be sent to Members.
8. At the PMC meeting held in Cardiff on 2 November the PMC discussed and agreed the Virements proposals made by WEFO. The Virements are required in order to ensure that there are sufficient funds available in each Measure and Priority and resources need to be transferred between Measures and Priorities; the latter will require the agreement of the Commission. All financial

modifications to the Community Support Framework (CSF) need to be agreed by the GB Monitoring Committee; their next meeting is on 15 November.

9. Representatives from WCVA / WLGA offered to assist WEFO to contact project sponsors to identify any further underspend, which could then be released to support other projects that are in the pipeline, and also to ask their organisations to identify any match funding that could be used to assist projects that could take up identified underspend monies.
10. The PMC received an update on the Leavers Survey; it will be published shortly on the RME section of the WEFO website.
11. The PMC received an update on the 2006 Customer Attitude Survey. The fieldwork is now complete and a draft Report has been received by WEFO. The final Report will be published on the WEFO website shortly. The broad message from the Contractors is that service levels continue to be good and are improving in some areas.
12. A further update on the Lessons Learned from the 2000-2006 Structural Funds programme was received. This has been a substantial exercise comprising several strands of work: the Ex-ante Evaluation Contractors' assessment of previous evaluations; WEFO's consultation with TAG's, PMC's and other Partnerships; and RME's consultation with other divisions of WEFO. The findings are still being drawn together, and a finalised paper will be published shortly.
13. Members have requested that another meeting be held before Easter. A date and venue are as yet to be confirmed.

Mike German AM

November 2006

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

1. The EQUAL Wales Management Committee has not met since the last report
2. Two of the three Round 1 Development Partnerships (DPs) have now been completed. There is a delay with the remaining DP as all project staff have left the sponsor organisation. WEFO are working with the finance section to clear the outstanding application.
3. All 17 Action 1 DPs have now been completed.
4. WEFO invited the 15 Action 2 DPs to apply for additional funding; five requests, totalling £1,843,294, were received and all have been approved. WEFO have completed 3 requests, the remaining 2 will be completed once the additional paperwork has been received.
5. The theme A DP, North Merthyr Tydfil Regeneration Partnership, featured in a TV documentary for BBC 1 Wales as part of a series entitled 'My Health'. The programme considered the effects of poverty on health. Filming took place in Merthyr Tydfil and in Poland, the transnational partnership; it focused on the 'get cooking' group, where people on tight budgets (usually people on benefits) participate in cookery lessons with healthy eating menus. The programme showed the project in a positive light, highlighting that it was community based with an ethos to empower participating individuals.
6. The EQUAL Team has completed the first cycle of monitoring visits; the second cycle will begin in January 2007.
7. Only 5 of the Action 2 DP's have so far applied for Action 3 monies. The remaining 10 DP's have indicated that they will be applying for their funding in January 07.
8. A meeting will be held between the EQUAL Team and Tribal CTAD to discuss the Welsh Mainstreaming opportunities on the Equal Works website at the beginning of November. An event, involving all DPs, has been planned for 8 December.
9. The next meeting will be held on 13 November 06 when Curiad Calon Cymru Development Partnership, a round 2 Partnership, will give a presentation.

**REPORT BY THE 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 106 projects from Rounds 1-8 were formally approved at the end of September 2006. This represents ERDF grant awards of £32.452m (€47.381m) in the cross-border area and a 97% take-up of the Programme allocation.

Programme Monitoring Committee

2. In February 2006 the Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) agreed, by written procedure, to open a round eight call for projects to utilize the remaining balance of €1.036 in Priority 1 Measure 2, and to close all other Measures to new projects
3. The last meeting of the PMC took place on 16 June 2006 at the St Brides Hotel, Saundersfoot where the Annual Implementation Report for 2005 was considered prior to submission to the European Commission.
4. The PMC also agreed proposals for re-allocation of funding coming back into the Programme, through the reduction in the Irish grant rate from 75% to 50% post December 2005. In addition there were funds coming back into the Programme from under-spends on completed projects.
5. The Committee were informed that the Programme N+2 target was well on track with a figure of €27.973 grant on defrayed expenditure to 31st May 2006 against a target of €28.118m ERDF grant spend by 31 December 2006.
6. The next PMC meeting will take place on 15 December in Wexford, Ireland.

Remaining funds

7. In June 2006 the PMC agreed to allow ongoing projects to put forward proposals for extensions to utilise remaining funds within the Programme.
8. A rolling call for bids across all Measures was notified by Partnership Bulletin in July 2006 with the proviso that any project submitted by 15 September 2006 would receive priority attention.

Progress of Cross Border Programme

9. The current INTERREG Community Initiative has been mainstreamed as part of the Commission's proposals for post-2006 Structural Funds. The successor Ireland/Wales 2007-13 Territorial Co-operation (TC) Programme is being developed bi-laterally between officials from WEFO (in parallel with the work of the Territorial Co-operation Work-stream Group in Wales) and the Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly in Ireland. The Southern and

Eastern Regional Assembly, as the Managing Authority designate, is leading on behalf of both Member States. As this is a joint Programme, WEFO is continuing to actively contribute to and influence its content, development and operation.

10. The emerging themes for the Programme are:

- Innovation and Competitiveness
- Skills for Competitiveness and Employment Integration
- Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
- Sustainable Regeneration of Communities

11. It is expected that the draft Programme, which is likely to operate on a similar basis to the existing one, will go out for consultation later in the year

Christine Gwyther AM

October 2006

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE LEADER+ PMC

1. The LEADER+ PMC last met on June 26 2006 and will next meet on 9 November 2006, their final meeting. This is an update on progress since my last report.
2. Implementation of the programme is progressing well. Forty Action 1 projects have been approved, together with thirteen in Action 2. The majority of projects will run to the end of the programme, i.e. June 2008.
3. Progress has continued on committing remaining funds. As well as two projects currently being assessed, enhancements to existing Action 2 projects have been sought. After a “bidding round” process, two projects were selected. One of these has had its enhancement approved and the other is currently under appraisal.
4. Networking for the LEADER+ Programme in Wales is being delivered through the UK LEADER+ Network, through Local and Regional Development Planning (LRDP Kantor) Ltd. Welsh activities have been re-assigned to the National Assembly’s Department of Enterprise, Innovation and Networks (formerly the WDA rural team). Two of the UK LEADER+ Network conferences for 2006 have been held; the first was in Llandudno, the second in Dunadry, Northern Ireland. The final, conference will take place in Nairn, Scotland, in November.
5. At its last meeting the PMC endorsed proposals for virement of funds within Actions. These proposals are now with the Commission.
6. As part of its inclusive way of working, the PMC will receive minutes of the LEADER+ Consultation Group, a group composed of LEADER+ groups in Wales and representatives of the Welsh Assembly Government.
7. At its 9 November meeting, the PMC will receive an update on post-2006 issues, in particular 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,
Planning and Countryside**

October 2006

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

1. The last meeting of the URBAN II Programme Monitoring Committee was on 29 June 06.
2. The PMC was updated on progress towards the N+2 target. At the time of the meeting around £868,000 ERDF needed to be spent in order to reach the target. Projects are now thought to have incurred enough expenditure to meet the target, so efforts are focusing on ensuring that claims are submitted.
3. The PMC approved the Annual Implementation Report for 2005 with minor changes.
4. A West Wrexham Succession Strategy Group has been set up to discuss regeneration in West Wrexham after the URBAN II Programme. A Memorandum and Articles of Association are being finalised. The group is working on a Community Transport Project and will inform the work of a Learning Co-ordinator in Wrexham County Borough Council.
5. A Technical Assistance project was approved on 25 July 2006 to fund two posts in Wrexham County Borough Council until 2007; it is expected that, from 2007, only one post will be funded from Technical Assistance.
6. The Programme's Capital Strategy for West Wrexham is progressing well: building work is underway on two of the three remaining projects.
7. WEFO has received an application to fund the Coedpoeth Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Centre. The project has been allocated the remaining funding in Priorities 1 and 2 by the URBAN II Assessment Panel.
8. The next meeting of the PMC will take place on 23 November 2006. The agenda includes updates on progress towards the N+2 target, the 2007 to 2013 round of structural funds for East Wales and the succession strategy for West Wrexham.

Karen Sinclair AM

October 2006

ANNEX 1 - OBJECTIVE 1 SPD 2000-06

Commitments and Payments 2000-06 (£m)

		Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate		
		Total	Commitment to October 2006	%	Total Available	Committed to October 2006	%	Forecast Commitment to end 2006	Eligible Grant to October 2006	Eligible Grant Forecast to end 2006	Program me	Committed
		1	2	3 = 2/1	4	5	6 = 5/4	7	8	9	10 = 4/1	11 = 5/2
Priority 1 - Expanding and Developing the SME Base												
Measure 1 - Financial Support to SME's	ER	166.43	195.396	11	66.293	67.122	10	66.005	60.332	60.401	40%	34%
	DF	1		7			1					
				%			%					
Measure 2 - Promoting Entrepreneurship and Increasing the Birth Rate of SME's	ER	108.87	107.734	99	47.278	52.303	11	44.663	27.959	28.876	43%	49%
	DF	7		%			1					
				%			%					
Measure 3 - Developing Competitive SME'S	ER	119.36	128.412	10	59.173	60.794	10	60.840	41.590	42.505	50%	47%
	DF	3		8			3					
				%			%					
Measure 4 - Promoting Adaptability and Entrepreneurship	ES	182.80	178.406	98	79.689	77.497	97	85.410	53.154	53.173	44%	43%
	F	6		%			%					
				%			%					
Measure 5 - Providing Sites and Premises for SME's	ER	141.79	216.034	15	58.068	65.974	11	66.586	36.472	41.112	41%	31%
	DF	3		2			4					
				%			%					
Total - Priority 1		719.27	825.982	11	310.50	323.690	10	323.504	219.507	226.06	43%	39%
		1		5	1		4			7		
				%			%					
ERDF		536.46	647.576	12	230.81	246.193	10	238.094	166.353	172.89	43%	38%
		5		1	3		7			4		
				%			%					
ESF		182.80	178.406	98	79.689	77.497	97	85.410	53.154	53.173	44%	43%
		6		%			%					
				%			%					
Priority 2 - Developing Innovation and the Knowledge Based Economy												
Measure 1 - ICT Infrastructure	ER	21.322	10.158	48	7.854	3.370	43	3.369	3.034	2.985	37%	33%
	DF			%			%					
				%			%					
Measure 2 - Stimulate and Support	ER	99.796	120.166	12	55.037	55.745	10	54.304	32.232	32.042	55%	46%

Demand for ICT	DF			0%			1%					
Measure 3 - Support for the Development of Innovation and Research and Development	ER DF	197.718	234.880	11%	99.438	107.739	10%	109.024	67.838	70.523	50%	46%
Measure 4 - Skills for Innovation and Technology	ES F	52.734	51.504	98%	25.506	24.007	94%	26.270	11.535	14.692	48%	47%
Measure 5 - Clean Energy Sector Developments	ER DF	69.165	88.718	12%	35.057	33.176	95%	36.000	5.198	9.949	51%	37%
Total - Priority 2		440.735	505.426	11%	222.892	224.037	10%	228.967	119.837	130.191	51%	44%
ERDF		388.001	453.922	11%	197.386	200.030	10%	202.697	108.302	115.498	51%	44%
ESF		52.734	51.504	98%	25.506	24.007	94%	26.270	11.535	14.692	48%	47%
Priority 3 - Community Economic Regeneration												
Measure 1 - Community Action for Social Inclusion	ES F	14.159	13.774	97%	9.130	8.199	90%	9.122	3.067	3.268	64%	60%
Measure 2 - Partnership and Community Capacity Building	ER DF	39.142	36.931	94%	25.728	25.961	10%	25.523	22.142	22.350	66%	70%
Measure 3 - Regeneration of Deprived Areas Through Community Led Action	ER DF	78.883	109.988	13%	55.074	60.438	11%	58.520	35.853	36.744	70%	55%
Measure 4 - Support for the Creation and Development of Businesses in the Social Economy	ER DF	40.153	37.329	93%	25.808	20.202	78%	22.567	11.380	11.789	64%	54%
Total - Priority 3		172.336	198.022	11%	115.741	114.800	99%	115.732	72.442	74.151	67%	58%
ERDF		158.178	184.248	11%	106.611	106.601	10%	106.610	69.375	70.882	67%	58%
ESF		14.159	13.774	97%	9.130	8.199	90%	9.122	3.067	3.268	64%	60%
Priority 4 - Developing People												
Measure 1 - Preventative and Active Employment Measures	ES F	193.888	201.596	10%	115.606	111.157	96%	118.740	71.494	75.003	60%	55%

Measure 2 - Social Inclusion	ES F	130.76 4	154.265	11 8 %	79.636	77.397	97 %	82.660	57.544	58.915	61%	50%
Measure 3 - Lifetime Learning for All	ES F	155.18 0	163.063	10 5 %	77.800	78.284	10 1 %	77.639	46.492	49.728	50%	48%
Measure 4 - Improving the Learning System	ER DF	94.786	108.063	11 4 %	47.157	49.159	10 4 %	48.943	37.943	38.859	50%	45%
Measure 5 - Improving the Participation of Women in the Labour Market	ES F	32.652	48.167	14 8 %	21.589	24.703	11 4 %	25.256	11.312	12.244	66%	51%
Measure 6 - Anticipation and Analysis of Skills Needs	ES F	8.809	4.468	51 %	4.342	2.053	47 %	2.460	1.624	1.632	49%	46%
Total - Priority 4		616.07 8	679.622	11 0 %	346.13 1	342.753	99 %	355.698	226.409	236.38 1	56%	50%
ERDF		94.786	108.063	11 4 %	47.157	49.159	10 4 %	48.943	37.943	38.859	50%	45%
ESF		521.29 3	571.559	11 0 %	298.97 4	293.594	98 %	306.755	188.466	197.52 3	57%	51%
Priority 5 - Rural Development and the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources												
Measure 1 - Processing and Marketing of Agricultural Products	EA GG F	117.39 0	93.887	80 %	20.651	18.777	91 %	20.303	13.183	14.188	18%	20%
Measure 2 - Training: Services to Help Farmers Adapt and Diversify	EA GG F	18.472	13.489	73 %	8.185	8.665	10 6 %	8.449	6.617	6.800	44%	64%
Measure 3 - Forestry	EA GG F	33.006	36.163	11 0 %	13.196	13.276	10 1 %	13.296	7.927	8.336	40%	37%
Measure 4 - Promoting the Adaptation and Development of Rural Areas - Not Spatially Targeted	EA GG F	22.195	52.274	23 6 %	7.669	19.495	25 4 %	8.017	10.668	4.713	35%	37%
Measure 4 - Promoting the Adaptation and Development of Rural Areas - Spatially Targeted	EA GG F	20.180		0 %	10.110		0 %	11.576		7.209	50%	0%
Measure 5 - Investment in Agricultural Holdings	EA GG	25.482	37.537	14 7 %	7.997	7.920	99 %	7.997	5.330	6.201	31%	21%

Measure 6 - Promoting Local Economic Development	F ER DF	74.912	101.120	13 5 %	30.257	32.070	10 6 %	35.237	17.194	18.303	40%	32%
Measure 7 - A Sustainable Countryside - Enhancement and Protection of the Natural Environment and Countryside Management	EA GG F	45.837	44.935	98 %	23.066	22.308	97 %	22.790	14.228	14.451	50%	50%
Measure 8 - Support for Recreational Opportunities and management of the natural environment	ER DF	32.258	36.811	11 4 %	15.584	15.925	10 2 %	15.865	12.253	13.278	48%	43%
Measure 9 - Support for Fisheries and Aquaculture	FIF G	34.913	32.531	93 %	15.526	15.313	99 %	15.523	8.936	8.667	44%	47%
Total - Priority 5		424.64 5	448.747	10 6 %	152.24 0	153.749	10 1 %	159.054	96.336	102.14 5	36%	34%
ERDF		107.17 0	137.931	12 9 %	45.840	47.995	10 5 %	51.102	29.447	31.581	43%	35%
EAGGF		282.56 2	278.285	98 %	90.874	90.441	10 0 %	92.429	57.953	61.897	32%	32%
FIFG		34.913	32.531	93 %	15.526	15.313	99 %	15.523	8.936	8.667	44%	47%
Priority 6 - Strategic Infrastructure Development												
Measure 1 - Accessibility and Transport	ER DF	130.88 5	227.743	17 4 %	62.705	67.332	10 7 %	67.400	36.082	42.543	48%	30%
Measure 2 - Energy infrastructure	ER DF	16.900	11.688	69 %	7.312	2.870	39 %	7.109	1.061	1.092	43%	25%
Measure 3 - Strategic Employment Sites	ER DF	130.04 9	200.162	15 4 %	46.784	66.770	14 3 %	64.308	26.374	28.906	36%	33%
Measure 4 - Environmental Infrastructure	ER DF	90.715	70.942	78 %	31.596	26.589	84 %	28.002	7.452	6.912	35%	37%
Total - Priority 6 (All ERDF)		368.54 8	510.535	13 9 %	148.39 7	163.561	11 0 %	166.819	70.969	79.452	40%	32%

Priority 7 - Technical Assistance												
Measure 1 - Promoting Effective Programme Management	ER DF	19.593	19.118	98 %	9.805	9.569	98 %	9.459	5.432	5.484	50%	50%
Measure 2 - Promoting Effective Programme Management	ES F	0.673	1.008	15 0 %	0.319	0.504	15 8 %	0.318	0.279	0.301	47%	50%
Measure 3 - Raising Awareness of the Programme	ER DF	8.758	10.559	12 1 %	4.379	4.774	10 9 %	5.200	1.101	1.283	50%	45%
Measure 4 - Raising Awareness of the Programme	ES F	6.510	6.604	10 1 %	3.254	3.380	10 4 %	3.573	2.344	2.762	50%	51%
TOTAL - Priority 7		35.534	37.289	10 5 %	17.757	18.227	10 3 %	18.550	9.156	9.830	50%	49%
ERDF		28.351	29.677	10 5 %	14.184	14.343	10 1 %	14.659	6.533	6.767	50%	48%
ESF		7.183	7.612	10 6 %	3.573	3.884	10 9 %	3.891	2.623	3.063	50%	51%
Total - All priorities		2,777.1 47	3,205.62 3	11 5 %	1,313.6 59	1,340.81 7	10 2 %	1,368.324	814.656	858.21 8	47%	42%
ERDF		1,681.4 97	2,071.95 2	12 3 %	790.38 8	827.882	10 5 %	828.924	488.922	515.93 4	47%	40%
ESF		778.17 4	822.855	10 6 %	416.87 0	407.181	98 %	431.448	258.845	271.71 9	54%	49%
EAGGF		282.56 2	278.285	98 %	90.874	90.441	10 0 %	92.429	57.953	61.897	32%	32%
FIFG		34.913	32.531	93 %	15.526	15.313	99 %	15.523	8.936	8.667	44%	47%

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

OBJECTIVE 2 SPD 2000-06

Commitments and Payments 2000-06 (£m)

Transitional Programme shown in italics	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment		Grant Rate		
	Total	Commi tment to Octobe r 2006	%	Total Ava ilable	Commi tment to October 2006	%	Forecast Commitme nt to end 2006	Eligible Grant to Octobe r 2006	Forecast Eligible to end 2006	Progra mme	Commi tted
	1	2	3 = 2/1	4	5	6 = 5/4	10			11 = 4/1	12 = 5/2
Priority 1 : Developing Sustainable & competitive Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)											
1.1 Support for Enterprise, Innovation and SME Development	23.73	24.517	103	10.939	10.353	95	10.939	6.663	7.638	46%	42%
<i>1.1 Support for Enterprise, Innovation and SME Development</i>	5		%	939		%					
	8.230	11.092	135	3.7	4.444	11	4.446	2.191	3.005	46%	40%
			%	55		8%					
1.2 Financial Support for SMEs	55.92	66.273	119	14.472	15.210	10	15.224	13.833	14.377	26%	23%
	5		%	472		5%					
<i>1.2 Financial Support for SMEs</i>	37.33	36.000	96%	8.1	8.172	10	8.185	6.971	7.805	22%	23%
	0			45		0%					
1.3 Development of Sites and Premises for SMEs	28.53	34.006	119	8.8	7.894	89	8.864	4.080	4.525	31%	23%
	2		%	64		%					
<i>1.3 Development of Sites and Premises for SMEs</i>	11.83	10.049	85%	3.5	2.183	61	3.686	1.091	1.151	30%	22%
	7		%	80		%					
Total	108.1	124.796	115	34.275	33.457	98	35.027	24.576	26.539	32%	27%
	92		%	275		%					
Total	57.39	57.141	100	15.480	14.799	96	16.317	10.253	11.961	27%	26%
	7		%	480		%					
Priority2 : Sustainable Rural Development											
2.1 Rural Economic Development	15.70	22.916	146	7.3	7.300	10	7.982	2.941	3.111	47%	32%
	6		%	20		0%					
<i>2.1 Rural Economic Development</i>	5.818	9.032	155	2.8	3.161	11	3.166	2.826	2.868	49%	35%
			%	30		2%					
2.2 Building Rural Networks	8.321	8.540	103	4.1	3.798	91	4.162	2.360	2.507	50%	44%
			%	62		%					
<i>2.2 Building Rural Networks</i>	3.313	3.524	106	1.4	1.539	10	1.552	0.975	1.343	44%	44%
			%	54		6%					
Total	24.02	31.456	131	11.482	11.098	97	12.144	5.301	5.618	48%	35%
	7		%	482		%					
Total	9.132	12.556	137	4.2	4.700	11	4.717	3.801	4.211	47%	37%

			%	84		0%					
Priority 3 : Urban Community Regeneration											
3.1 Capacity Building and Community Initiatives	21.63 7	24.130	112 %	10. 490	10.848	10 3%	11.815	7.732	6.848	48%	45%
3.1 Capacity Building and Community Initiatives	15.71 9	18.151	115 %	7.8 60	7.828	10 0%	8.419	3.767	3.214	50%	43%
3.2 Developing the Social Economy	0.721	0.700	97%	0.3 61	0.326	90 %	0.326	0.215	0.195	50%	47%
3.2 Developing the Social Economy	0.079	0.082	103 %	0.0 40	0.041	10 3%	0.041	0.016	0.012	50%	50%
Total	22.35 8	24.830	111 %	10. 851	11.174	10 3%	12.142	7.947	7.043	49%	45%
Total	15.79 9	18.233	115 %	7.9 00	7.869	10 0%	8.460	3.783	3.225	50%	43%
Priority 4 : Technical Assistance											
4.1 Promoting Effective Programme Management	2.178	1.552	71%	1.0 89	0.776	71 %	0.838	0.449	0.420	50%	50%
4.1 Promoting Effective Programme Management	1.042	1.024	98%	0.5 21	0.512	98 %	0.521	0.336	0.311	50%	50%
4.2 Raising Awareness of the Programme	1.176	1.159	99%	0.5 88	0.576	98 %	0.588	0.112	0.091	50%	50%
4.2 Raising Awareness of the Programme	0.590	0.728	123 %	0.2 95	0.283	96 %	0.295	0.097	0.089	50%	39%
Total	3.354	2.711	81%	1.6 77	1.352	81 %	1.426	0.561	0.511	50%	50%
Total	1.632	1.752	107 %	0.8 16	0.795	97 %	0.816	0.433	0.400	50%	45%
TOTAL											
Objective 2	157.9 31	183.793	116 %	58. 285	57.081	98 %	60.738	38.385	39.711	37%	31%
Transitional related	83.96 0	89.682	107 %	28. 480	28.163	99 %	30.310	18.270	19.797	34%	31%
Total	241.8 90	273.475	113 %	86. 765	85.244	98 %	91.048	56.655	59.508	36%	31%

Total Available EU Grant includes 4% Performance Reserve - £3.801m (Objective 2 £2.529, Transitional £1.272m)
The financial allocation includes all virements

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OBJECTIVE 3 OP 2000-06											
Commitments and Payments 2000-06											
											£m
	Commitments : Total			Commitment : EU Grant			Payment			Grant Rate	
	Total	Commitment to October 2006	%	Total Available	Commitment to October 2006	%	Forecast Commitment to end 2006	Eligible Grant to October 2006	Forecast to end 2006	Program me	Committed
	1	2	3 = 2/1	4	5	6 = 5/4	7	8	9	11 = 4/1	12 = 5/2
Priority 1 Developing Active Labour Market Policies to Prevent and Combat Unemployment											
Measure 1 Preventing long term unemployment and re-integrating the long term unemployed	32.561	25.902	80 %	14.135	10.937	77 %	12.143	7.136	7.357	43%	42%
Measure 2 Re-integration of the long-term unemployed	7.032	3.927	56 %	3.133	1.601	51 %	1.636	1.494	1.581	45%	41%
Measure 3 Supporting the transition from education to the labour market	9.290	9.109	98 %	4.041	3.844	95 %	4.240	2.697	2.700	43%	42%
Total - Priority 1	48.882	38.938	80 %	21.309	16.382	77 %	18.018	11.327	11.638	44%	42%
Priority 2 Equal Opportunities for All and Promoting Social Inclusion											
Measure 1 Pathways to employment	39.160	36.477	93 %	17.338	15.824	91 %	16.028	12.267	10.499	44%	43%
Measure 2 Capacity building for community based groups	9.441	9.001	95 %	4.156	3.849	93 %	3.932	2.787	2.770	44%	43%

Measure 3 The development of business opportunities in the social economy	7.513	4.480	60 %	3.316	1.957	59 %	2.154	1.595	1.615	44%	44%
Measure 4 Local development to promote Social Inclusion	2.096	1.720	82 %	0.943	0.764	81 %	0.764	0.482	0.570	45%	44%
Total - Priority 2	58.209	51.678	89 %	25.753	22.394	87 %	22.878	17.131	15.454	44%	43%
Priority 3 Lifelong Learning											
Measure 1 Increasing participation in Lifelong Learning and developing guidance and learning systems	29.111	30.194	104 %	12.258	13.044	106 %	12.413	6.649	7.501	42%	43%
Measure 2 Increasing participation and attainment in Lifelong Learning.	13.060	11.037	85 %	5.288	4.389	83 %	5.897	3.994	3.917	40%	40%
Total - Priority 3	42.171	41.231	98 %	17.546	17.433	99 %	18.309	10.643	11.418	42%	42%
Priority 4 Promoting Business Competitiveness											
Measure 1 Supporting management and workforce development in SMEs	28.120	24.555	87 %	10.202	10.854	106 %	12.217	6.964	8.545	36%	44%
Measure 2 Skills and knowledge development for the workforce in SMEs	15.553	12.225	79 %	5.382	4.887	91 %	4.889	4.816	4.834	35%	40%
Measure 3 Encouraging innovation, R&D and the Information Society for growth	7.808	8.048	103 %	2.596	2.891	111 %	2.891	1.703	1.902	33%	36%
Measure 4 Support to encourage and develop entrepreneurship	4.739	5.238	111 %	2.017	1.961	97 %	2.303	1.351	1.698	43%	37%
Measure 5 Anticipation and analysis of skills needs	1.590	1.732	109 %	0.611	0.667	109 %	0.671	0.389	0.484	38%	39%
Total - Priority 4	57.811	51.798	90 %	20.809	21.260	102 %	22.971	15.223	17.463	36%	41%
Priority 5 Promoting Gender Equality within the Labour Market											
Measure 1 Pathways to participation and promoting attitudinal change	11.860	14.764	124 %	5.166	6.495	126 %	6.899	2.232	3.219	44%	44%
Measure 2 Promoting attitudinal change	2.568	1.894	74 %	1.140	0.681	60 %	0.683	0.683	0.683	44%	36%
Total - Priority 5	14.428	16.658	115 %	6.306	7.177	114 %	7.582	2.915	3.902	44%	43%
Priority 6 : Technical Assistance											

Measure 1 : Technical Assistance (Rule 11.2)	1.814	2.005	111 %	0.955	0.886	93 %	0.912	0.748	0.809	53%	44%
Measure 2 : Technical Assistance (Rule 11.3)	2.200	2.621	119 %	0.852	0.800	94 %	0.852	0.627	0.651	39%	31%
Total - Priority 6	4.014	4.626	115 %	1.807	1.686	93 %	1.763	1.375	1.461	45%	36%
Total All Priorities	225.516	204.930	91 %	93.530	86.331	92 %	91.523	58.615	61.336	41%	42%
Notes											
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 restropective expenditure -£8.105m. Grant Committed and Grant Paid include an agreed adjustment of -£3.269m and withdrawal of restropective 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											