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Foreword

The European Community's Structural Funds (the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) - Guidance Section and the financial instrument for fisheries guidance (FIFG)) pursue six priority objectives:

Objective 1: the economic adjustment of regions whose development is lagging behind;

Objective 2: the social and economic conversion of declining industrial areas;

Objective 3: action to combat long-term unemployment and facilitate the occupational integration of young people and people in danger of exclusion from the labour

narket;

Objective 4: the adaptation of workers to industrial change by means of measures to prevent

unemployment;

Objective 5a: the adjustment of agricultural and fishery structures in the framework of the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP);

Objective 5b: the economic diversification of vulnerable rural areas;

Objective 6: the economic adjustment of regions with an extremely low population density.

Objectives 1, 2, 5b and 6 are known as regional objectives, as they form the basis for measures in specific eligible regions or subregions.

For the period 1994-1999, the Structural Funds will have a budget of some ECU 150 billion, nearly 70% of which is earmarked for regions eligible for assistance under Objective 1.

Development programmes

Structural Fund assistance takes the form of non-refundable grants to Member States for the financing of development programmes put forward by them and approved by the European Commission.

The programmes implement either Community initiatives, which are designed to remedy specific problems at Community level, or national and regional development strategies agreed with the European Commission.

CSFs and SPDs

In practical terms, these strategic agreements negotiated between the Member States, the regions and the Commission are published in official documents of two types: Community support frameworks (CSFs) and single programming documents (SPDs). The main difference between the two is that the programmes have to be adopted before CSFs can be implemented, where as the SPDs, as their name suggests, may be put into practice directly. Member States use the simplified SPD procedure to programme aid for regions eligible under Objective 2 (with the exception of Spain), 5b and 6 and some 10 Objective 1 regions.

Further information

This brochure contains summary information on all regional development programmes adopted in 1994. Abstracts of the SPDs adopted for Objective 1 and 2 regions are available from the Directorate-General for regional policies (DG XVI, fax: +32.2.2966003). DG XVI also publishes information sheets on the CSFs.



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Programme for the environment

The European Commission has approved an operational programme to improve the water supply and purification system and the treatment of waste, with a view to supporting tourism and the agri-foodstuffs sector in particular.

The European Community is putting up 62.1% of the total investment. The rest is covered by the Irish authorities and the private sector. The Community finance is provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The programme's main measures are as follows:

- Sub-programme for water: development of water supply plans; installation of disposal systems to prevent water pollution; support for the government's water management programme to promote rural development.
- Sub-programme for waste: improvement of hazardous waste treatment; streamlining of rubbish collection services, with the emphasis on the sorting and recycling of waste.
- Sub-programme for coastal protection: safeguarding of economic activities threatened by coastal erosion; biotope protection; development of a national coast management strategy.
- Sub-programme for the monitoring of environmental research and development: research capacity-building with a view to balanced and sustainable development; promotion of clean technologies and reduction of industrial waste.
- Sub-programme for technical assistance



Ireland

Programme for the environment

Technical and Financial Information:

Objective:

1

ERDF programme No.:

94.04.09.002

Date of decision:

29/07/94

Number of decision:

(C94) 1971/1

Financial Information by sub-programme:

Sub-programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECU)	EC contribution (in MECU)
Water	71.7	44.5
Waste	37.7	23.0
Coastal protection	6.3	4.7
Monitoring of environmental R&D	6.3	3.1
Technical assistance	3.6	2.7
Total	125.6	78.0

The Community is contributing 62.1% to the overall estimated costs.

The various Funds will contribute as follows:

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF):

100%

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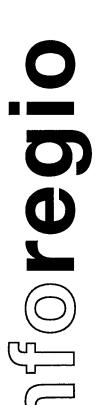
Ireland Programme for tourism

The European Commission has approved an operational programme to optimise tourist development by means of assistance for both the private and the public sectors. The programme will build on the achievements of the previous period, and develop new products.

The European Community is putting up 57% of the total investment. The rest is covered by the Irish authorities and the private sector. The Community finance is provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF).

The programme's main measures are as follows:

- Continued development of the tourist potential of the natural and cultural heritage, and in particular development of outdoor leisure pursuits and support for the establishment of a large visitors' centre in Dublin.
- In the public sector, support for tourist-orientated arts activities (in particular, refurbishment assistance for major institutions such as the National Museum); furthermore, a new measure will involve replenishing the national fishing reserves, thus promoting an important off-season tourist activity.
- In the private sector, implementation of at least four large-scale projects intended to boost the tourist industry in terms of volume, revenue and impact on the economy as a whole.
- Increased support for marketing, in particular to develop off-season international tourist events.
- Development of training in the field of tourism, centred on both traditional activities and new needs, in particular with a view to developing hiking paths.
- Technical assistance measures.



Ireland

Programme for tourism

Technical and Financial Information:

Objective:

ERDF programme No.:

94.04.09.003

Date of decision:

29/07/94

Number of decision:

(C94) 1972

Financial Information by sub-programme:

Sub-programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECU)	EC contribution (in MECU)
Natural and cultural heritage	155	116
Development of new products	355	171
Marketing	154	63
Training	136	102
Technical assistance	6	4
Total	806	456

The Community is contributing 57% to the overall estimated costs.

The various Funds will contribute as follows:

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF):

77.63%

European Social Fund (ESF):

22.37%

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Ireland Programme for economic infrastructure

The European Commission has approved an operational programme to improve the economic infrastructure in the fields of energy and communications, and bring it in line with the rest of the Community.

The European Community is putting up 34% of the total investment. The rest is covered by the Irish authorities and the private sector. The Community finance is provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The programme's main measures are as follows:

- Sub-programme for energy: targeted investment to increase energy efficiency and promote renewable forms of energy and the use of peat as an energy source.
- Sub-programme for communications: improvement of the cost-efficiency of postal and telecommunications services.
- Sub-programme for technical assistance with the management, monitoring and assessment of the programme.



Ireland

Programme for economic infrastructure

Technical and Financial Information:

Objective:

1

ERDF programme No.:

94.04.09.005

Date of decision:

29/07/94

Number of decision:

(C94) 1971/2

Financial Information by sub-programme:

Sub-programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECU)	EC contribution (in MECU)
Energy	236.9	68.8
Communications	80.4	37.5
Technical assistance	2.3	1.7
Total	319.6	108.0

The Community is contributing 34% to the overall estimated costs.

The various Funds will contribute as follows:

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF):

100%

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Ireland Programme for transport

The European Commission has approved an operational programme to help provide the Republic of Ireland with a more efficient transport infrastructure as a means of promoting the development of the production sector, and enabling the creation of sustainable jobs and counteracting the negative effects of the country's remote location.

The European Community is putting up 63.15% of the total investment. The rest is covered by the Irish authorities and the private sector. The Community finance is provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The programme's main measures are as follows:

- National sub-programme for investment in transport infrastructure of significance for national and international communications: national road network (trunk and secondary roads); main rail links under the trans-European networks; commercial ports; national airports.
- Sub-regional sub-programme for investment in key transport infrastructure at sub-regional and local level: B-road network in a local economy context; Dublin public transport and related urban planning; regional ports.
- Technical assistance with management, monitoring and assessment.

Ireland

Programme for transport

Technical and Financial Information:

Objective:

1

ERDF programme No.:

94.04.09.006

Date of decision:

29/07/94

Number of decision:

(C94) 1971/3

Financial Information by sub-programme:

Sub-programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECU)	EC contribution (in MECU)
National infrastructure	827.950	557.400
Sub-regional infrastructure	578.280	330.600
Total	1406.230	888.000

The Community is contributing 63.15% to the overall estimated costs.

The various Funds will contribute as follows:

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF):

100%

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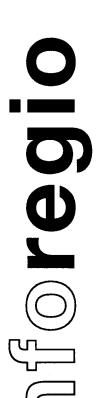
Ireland Programme for industrial development

The European Commission has approved an operational programme to develop internationally competitive industrial activity in Ireland, involving Irish and foreign businesses capable of making an optimal contribution to self-generated employment growth.

The European Community is putting up 36.18% of the total investment. The rest is covered by the national authorities and the private sector. The Community finance is provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF).

The programme's eight sub-programmes are as follows:

- Local industry: development of business competitiveness and human resources, laying particular emphasis on productive potential and profitability with a view to creating lasting employment.
- Inward investment: support for inward investment likely to generate productive jobs, technology transfer, entrepreneurial skills and new markets for local industry.
- Research and development: infrastructure, financial and training measures to meet the current and forecast needs of all industrial sectors with respect to the use of technology.
- Commercial development: information, promotion, expertise and advice on marketing, to ensure that businesses are better prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the single market.
- Gaeltacht: various specifically regional services, intended to lay sound foundations for the job creation which is a prerequisite for the economic, social and cultural development of the Gaeltacht region.
- Food industry: a set of integrated measures to ensure more coherent development of this strategic sector.
- Sites and buildings: development of sites and construction and modernisation of industrial buildings to stimulate economic activity and attract investment.
- Technical assistance with implementation (information and management, and ongoing and external evaluation).



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Programme for industrial development

Technical and Financial Information:

Objective:

1

ERDF programme No.:

94.04.09.007

Date of decision:

14/11/94

Number of decision:

C(94) 2613

Financial Information by sub-programme:

Sub-programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECU)	EC contribution (in MECU)
Local industry	516	220
Inward investment	497	108
Research and development	499	269
Commercial development	363	99
Gaeltacht	144	46
Food industry	732	254
Sites and buildings	84	25
Technical assistance	10	7
Total	2844	1029

The Community is contributing 36.18% to the overall estimated costs.

The various Funds will contribute as follows:

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF):	69.97%
European Social Fund (ESF):	14.97%
European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF)	15.06%

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Programme for local urban and rural development

The European Commission has approved an operational programme designed to support measures to assist local businesses in Ireland and the integrated development of urban and rural areas, the targeted improvement of urban districts and villages, the restoration of buildings of special interest, and cultural and tourist development.

The European Community part-financing will amount to 61.17% of total investment, the remainder being provided by the national authorities and the private sector. This Community finance is being provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF).

The programme comprises three sub-programmes:

- Sub-programme for local businesses: support for action by the County Enterprise Boards (CEBs) to foster endogenous development, in particular technical and financial assistance for small business development. Each CEB will establish a County Enterprise Plan to identify local potential and establish business services designed to increase innovative and marketing capacity.
- Sub-programme for the integrated development of areas designated as disadvantaged and other areas: assistance for appropriate, independent community initiatives to develop local potential. Each community will prepare an integrated local development plan containing all the indicators necessary for implementation. There are two strands to this sub-programme: business creation and development, infrastructure and environment, and transport services; and education and training, services for the unemployed, and community development.
- Five major initiatives in five county boroughs for the integrated development of key urban sectors; measures to improve conditions in towns and villages, with a focus on environmental improvements; restoration of buildings of special interest; and provision of cultural amenities in the Temple Bar district of Dublin, to stimulate inner city regeneration.



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Programme for local urban and rural development

Technical Information:

Objective:

1

ERDF programme No.:

94.04.09.004

Date of decision:

07.12.1994

Number of decision:

C(94) 3446

Financial Information by sub-programme:

Sub-programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECU)	EC contribution (in MECU)
Local businesses	137.819	75.845
Integrated development	136.945	97.144
Urban renewal	136.062	77.056
Technical assistance	9.273	6.955
Total	420.099	257.000

The Community is contributing 61.17% to the overall estimated costs.

The various Funds will contribute as follows:

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF): European Social Fund (ESF): 70.00%

European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF):

22.17%

7.78%

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Abbreviations

CI Community initiative

CIP Community initiative programme. This is a programme which

implements a Community initiative

CSF Community support framework

EAGGF European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund

EIB European Investment Bank

ERDF European Regional Development Fund

ESF European Social Fund

GGGlobal grant

OP Operational programme. This is a programme which implements a

Community support framework

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