

MONITORING COMMITTEE

for Operational Programme II

Empowering People for More Jobs and a Better Quality of Life
Cohesion Policy (2007-2013)

ESF Technical Assistance 2007-2013

27 May 2010

TA Indicative Financial Plan

On 5th December 2007, an indicative financial plan - highlighting the total allocation per TA Component - was presented and approved by the MC.

A. Furniture and Equipment	€430,500
B. Implementation of Cohesion Policy	€2,134,205
C. Information and Publicity	€1,200,000
D. Evaluation	€550,000
E. Capacity Building	€750,000

Changes proposed to Indicative Financial Plan

After 3 years of implementation of the Programme, it has become necessary to amend the financial allocation of the original plan, in order to provide a better response to the new needs.

For this reason, the following changes in the financial allocation of TA Components are being proposed:

- a) Increase under Implementation of Cohesion Policy;
- b) Decrease in allocation under Furniture and Equipment;
- c) Decrease in allocation under Capacity Building;
- d) Decrease in allocation under Evaluation;
- e) Changes in the Communication Plan.

a) Increase in allocation under the Implementation of Cohesion Policy Component

The Programme is reaching its peak:

- More operations are being approved;
- Payments have started to accelerate;
- Considerable increase in demand in first level of control function;
- Strengthening of the monitoring process;
- Implementation on the ground of Aid Schemes is gaining momentum;
- IB Management Costs.

This has brought about: a need to increase capacity within a number of organisations involved in the management and implementation of the Programme.

b) Decrease in allocation under Furniture and Equipment Component

- The first 3 years of implementation witnessed a low level of Furniture and Equipment expenditure compared to the amount which was allocated originally;
- Due to the ‘frontloading’ nature of this Component, it is not expected that there will be another surge in expenditure in the next years.

It is being proposed that the funds allocated under this Component should be decreased and funds transferred to the Implementation Component.

C) Decrease in Allocation under Capacity Building (training) Component

- The amount spent on Capacity Building/Training expenditure has to date been lower than expected;
- The MA has adopted a train the trainers approach to ensure more sustainability of the actions funded.

It is being proposed that funds allocated under this Component should be decreased and funds transferred to the Implementation of Cohesion Policy Component.

d) Decrease in allocation under the *Evaluation Component*

- The Mid Term evaluation was contracted at a lower budget than originally allocated;
- Some delay was experienced in the implementation of the mid-term evaluation which is also bound to impact the planned thematic evaluations;
- Following conclusions derived from the “Tracer Study 2004-2006 for ESF Interventions”, it results that, in view of the dynamic nature of ESF-funded projects, a Sample-Based Cohort Study is deemed more appropriate compared to the development of a full-scale tracking system, as originally planned.

It is being proposed that funds allocated under this Component should be decreased and funds transferred to the Implementation of Cohesion Policy Component.

e) Decrease in allocation under the *Information and Publicity Component*

- Updated market research and experience during 2007-2009 has shown that there is room for decreasing the amount allocated to the Information and Publicity Component.
- A number of publicity actions are being implemented by the Beneficiaries. These are complementing the publicity initiatives carried out by the Managing Authority.

It is being proposed that the funds allocated under this Component should be decreased and funds transferred to the Implementation of Cohesion Policy Component.

Proposed TA Budget Breakdown

	Approved (Total)	Proposed (Total)
	€	€
A. Furniture and Equipment	430,500	39,405
B. Implementation of Cohesion Policy	2,134,205	3,900,000
C. Information and Publicity	1,200,000	600,000
D. Evaluation	550,000	355,300
E. Capacity Building	750,000	170,000



Thank you!



Operational Programme II – Cohesion Policy 2007-2013
Empowering People for More Jobs and a Better Quality of Life
Event part-financed by the European Union
European Social Fund (ESF)
Co-financing rate: 85% EU Funds; 15% National Funds



Investing in your future

Planning and Priorities Co-ordination Department
Office of the Prime Minister

