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## Proposed Changes to Activity Implementation Plans (AIPs) - Post PEIL PMC Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

### **Amendments 1 (Technical Changes to reflect revised CPR):**

For those activities based on Direct Staff Costs Plus 40% first paragraph in Section 3 (ESF FUNDED ELEMENT OF ACTIVITY) to be changed from:

*The Simplified Costs Option under Article 14(2) of 1304/2013 ESF Regulation is to be applied to the operations of this activity. This means that ESF claims will be made up of eligible direct staff costs plus 40% to cover the remaining eligible costs of an operation.*

### **Replace by:**

*The Simplified Costs Option under Article 68b(1) of 1303/2013 ESF CPR is to be applied to the operations of this activity. This means that ESF claims will be made up of eligible direct staff costs plus 40% to cover the remaining eligible costs of an operation.*

### **The following AIPs to be amended:**

- ESF 1.5: EU Intra Mobility;
- ESF 2.3: Garda Youth Diversion Projects;
- ESF 2.4: Young Persons Probation Projects;
- ESF 2.6: Disability Project (Ability);
- ESF 2.7: Integration and employment of Migrants;
- ESF 2.8: Tus Nua;
- ESF 2.9: Gender Equality;
- ESF 3.1: Third Level Access;
- ESF 3.2: Back to Education Initiative;
- ESF 3.3: Adult Literacy; and
- ESF 4.9: Defence Forces Employment Support Scheme

## **Amendment 2 (Technical Changes to reflect revised CPR):**

For Youthreach Activities (both ESF 2.2. & 4.5) which is based on Direct Staff Costs Plus 15% (up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018) first paragraph in Section 3 (ESF FUNDED ELEMENT OF ACTIVITY) to be changed from:

*The Simplified Costs Option under Article 68(1) (b) of 1303/2013 CPR is to be applied to the operations of this activity. This means that ESF claims will be made up of 1) eligible direct staff costs plus a flat rate of 15% to cover indirect costs, and, 2) other direct costs (e.g. allowances paid to participants).*

### **Replace by:**

*The Simplified Costs Option under Article 68(b) of 1303/2013 CPR is to be applied to the operations of this activity up until 31 December 2018. This means that ESF claims will be made up of 1) eligible direct staff costs plus a flat rate of 15% to cover indirect costs, and, 2) other direct costs (e.g. allowances paid to participants).*

*From 1 January 2019 the Simplified Costs Option under Article 68b(1) of 1303/2013 ESF CPR is to be applied to the operations of this activity. This means that ESF claims will be made up of 1) eligible direct staff costs plus 40% to cover indirect costs, and, 2) other direct costs (e.g. allowances paid to participants).*

## **Amendments 3 (Department of Justice and Equality Activities) – Change in Beneficiary & Contact Details**

<b>AIP Ref No:</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Proposed Amendments</b>
ESF 2.3	Garda Youth Diversion Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Beneficiary Body: Civil Justice and Equality Service Delivery – Funds Administration AND Criminal Justice – Community Safety Policy Division (both Department of Justice and Equality);</li><li>- Certification Roles (Section 8) &amp; Implementation Contact (section 11) also to be modified to reflect change.</li></ul>
ESF 2.7	Integration and employment of Migrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Beneficiary Body: Civil Justice and Equality Service Delivery – Funds Administration</li></ul>
ESF 2.9	Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Beneficiary Body: Civil Justice and Equality Service Delivery – Funds Administration</li></ul>

#### **Amendment 4: SICAP Activity (Technical Change to reflect Commission adoption of SSUC proposal)**

Section 3 (ESF FUNDED ELEMENT OF ACTIVITY) to be changed from:

*The ESF in Ireland has proposed a simplified cost option (SCO) as the basis for the ESF SICAP claim process. The simplified cost option calculates an average SICAP direct staff salary cost (Plus 40%) which is then multiplied by the reported numbers of actual direct staff in each year. Subject to approval at European level, this will be used from 2018 onwards. The ESF will verify claims by reviewing relevant documentation as outlined in the Delegated Act.*

**To:**

*The ESF will provide co-financing on the basis of the SSUC set out Annex XVII of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2019/xxxx where the adopted simplified cost option calculated an average SICAP direct staff salary cost (Plus 40%) which will then be multiplied by the reported number of actual direct staff in each year.*

#### **Amendment 5: Re-allocation of the Priority 1 Performance Reserve**

- In line with Hugh Geoghegan's e-mail of 15 October last requesting that PMC approval of OP amendments the MA propose to re-allocate €25,687,360 from Priority 1 to Priority 3. Accordingly it is proposed to increase the allocation for the Adult Literacy activity (ESF 3.3) to €117,244,510.
- As Momentum activity withdrawn from PEIL and no claim submitted to the Commission its total allocation under priority 1 (€13.7m) will form part of the re-allocation to Adult Literacy. The additional re-allocation will be based on how the other priority 1 activities perform going forward subject to PMC approval.
- Proposed revised allocation for Adult Literacy: €117,244,510.

#### **Amendments 6: Re-allocation of funds within Priority 4 (YEI)**

- As Momentum activity withdrawn from PEIL and no claim submitted to the Commission total allocation under priority 4 (€13.8m) to be re-allocated to Youthreach activity.
- Approval sought for the re-allocation of €20m from Community Training Centres (CTC) activity to Youthreach.

- The MA is of the opinion that the Youth Employment Support Scheme (YESS) activity is unlikely to use up its current allocation of €16m. Accordingly the MA seeks the approval of the PMC to re-allocated €4m from this activity to Youthreach.
- Proposed revised allocation for Community Training Centres (CTC) activity: €40m.
- Proposed revised allocation for Youthreach: €138,956,387.
- Proposed revised allocation for YESS: €12m.

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