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European Structural Funds 2000-06 – Progress Reports

European Social Fund (ESF)

2000-6 programme

Progress to date:- (Up to 1st May 2008)

1. Expenditure

Category	Approvals £	Spend £
LSC Co-financing	£140,816,562	£ 130,145,156
Jobcentre plus Co-financing	£ 19,411,786	£ 17,233,065
SEEDA Co-financing	£ 13,688,066	£ 13,226,567
Direct Bids	£ 94,075,404	£ 89,978,088
Global Grants	£ 6,200,319	£ 6,001,453
Technical Assistance	£ 1,821,840	£ 1,765,053
Total	£ 276,013,977	£ 258,349,382

2. Results (based on 535 closed projects)

In terms of outcomes on the programme the following has been achieved:

Outcome	Numbers	%
Total beneficiaries	259,673	100
Employment	79,854	48
Further training	29,491	18
Voluntary work	3,157	2
Positive outcomes total	112,502	67
Qualifications obtained	90,259	54
Total known outcomes	167,949	
Males	126,773	49
Females	132,906	51
Ethnic minorities	34,823	13
People with a disability	28,140	11

- A positive outcome is defined as employment, further training or voluntary work.
- % figures for positive outcomes and qualifications based on known outcomes

Conclusion - satisfactory progress continues to be made on the programme which has been formally extended to 31 December 2008. N+2 de-commitment target for 2007 has been met, there is no formal N+2 target for 2008 (the Berlin profile where the European commission where funds unspent within 2 years are lost to the programme) but the aim will be to ensure that final expenditure is as close to the SE programme allocation as possible and outcomes are maximised. Key issues going forward include management of risk on projects and preparations for closure

Annex 1

A **comparison** for key indicators set out in England Operational Programme and equal opportunities data is set out at Annex 1.

Indicator	PROGRAMME (2000-2008) FORECAST	CUMULATIVE national ACHIEVEMENT (to end Aug. 07)	SE regional position (to end Jan 08)
% in work on leaving	41%	44%	48%
% gaining a positive outcome on leaving	80%	65%	67%
% young people unemployed less than 6 months	62%	56%	56%
% adults unemployed less than 12 months	36%	49%	37%
% beneficiaries completing their courses	75%	85%	90%
% gaining a qualification	45%	39%	38%

3. Equal Opportunities total projected outcomes on the programme

Indicator	Forecast (SE Equal ops. MAP)	Projections from all projects closed and current	%
Beneficiaries		470,971	100%
Number of males	53%	239,026	50.7%
Number of females	47%	231,945	49.3%
Ethnic minorities	12%	122,915	26%
People with disability	15%	59,035	13%