

European Social Fund Programme 2014-2020

Citizen's Summary 2016








Programme Overview

The strategic aim of the ESF Programme 2014-2020 in Northern Ireland is to combat poverty and enhance social inclusion by reducing economic inactivity and to increase the skills base of those currently in work and future potential participants in the workforce. This aim is to be realised through the three thematic objectives of the 2014-2020 programme which focus on:

- Priority 1: Promoting access to employment
- Priority 2: Social inclusion, and
- Priority 3: Skills for growth.

Through activity in each of its thematic objectives, the ESF programme aims to enable participants to access, and to overcome their barriers to sustainable employment. The programme also seeks to enhance social inclusion providing specialist, tailored training and employment support projects for people with a disability and to focus on households as a means of preventing individuals from disengaging from employment, education or training by improving their family environment. The delivery of priority 3 provides a key pathway for the delivery of a greater volume of higher levels skills to the Northern Ireland workforce.

Progress as at 31 December 2016

| Investment Priority | No of Operations | Funding Allocation | Participants Supported |
|---|------------------|--------------------|---|
| 8 (i) Unemployed & Economically Inactive | 20 | €44.42 million |  4,973 unemployed  2,577 economically inactive |
| 8 (ii) Not in employment, education or training | 13 | €23.49 million |  1,712 participants |
| 9 (i) (a) Disability | 24 | €56.65 million |  3,315 individuals with a disability |
| 9 (i) (b) Community Family Support | 5 | |  560 families  681 participants |
| 10 (iv) Apprenticeships | 1 | €35.61 million |  12,213 participants |

Programme Performance

| Investment Priority | Expenditure to date | Key Performance Indicators ⁽¹⁾ |
|---|---------------------|--|
| 8 (i) Unemployed & Economically Inactive | €12.85 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 1,196 unemployed participants progressed into employment ✚ 592 inactive participants progressed into employment |
| 8 (ii) Not in employment, education or training | €9.09 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 378 participants progressed into employment ✚ 494 participants engaged in education/training |
| 9 (i) (a) Disability | €24.25 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 279 participants progressed into employment ✚ 291 participants engaged in education/training |
| 9 (i) (b) Community Family Support | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 88 participants progressed into employment ✚ 143 participants engaged in education/training |
| 10 (iv) Apprenticeships | €30.53 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 6,566 participants achieved Level 2 qualifications ✚ 4,647 participants achieved Level 3 qualifications |

(1) Programme activity commenced in 2015 and will continue until 2022. At this early stage a significant number of participants are still engaged on the programme, therefore there is limited opportunity for results to manifest.

Related Documents

[Operational Programme](#)

Read the full NI ESF Operational Programme 2014-2020

Annual Implementation Report 2016

Read the full version of the Annual Implementation Report for 2016

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