



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMISSION DECISION

of 7-XII-2007

adopting the operational programme for Community assistance from the European Regional Development Fund under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective in the region of Yorkshire and Humber in the United Kingdom

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,
Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999¹, and in particular Article 32(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 14 May 2007, the United Kingdom submitted to the Commission a proposal for an operational programme for Yorkshire and Humber fulfilling the conditions for the Regional competitiveness and employment objective pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.
- (2) The operational programme has been drawn up by the United Kingdom within the framework of the partnership referred to in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.
- (3) The Commission has appraised the proposed operational programme and considers that it contributes to the achievement of the objectives set out in Council Decision 2006/702/EC of 6 October 2006 on the Community strategic guidelines on cohesion² and in the national strategic reference framework³.
- (4) The proposal for an operational programme contains all the components referred to in Article 37(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.
- (5) In accordance with Article 37(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, the operational programme includes a justification for the thematic, geographical and financial concentration on the priorities laid down in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25. Regulation as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1989/2006 (OJ L 411, 30.12.2006, p. 6).

² OJ L 291, 21.10.2006, p.11

³ Decision C(2007)3583 of 30 July 2007

of 5 July 2006 on the European Regional Development Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1783/1999⁴.

- (6) It is appropriate to fix the maximum rate and the maximum amount of the contribution from the Funds for the operational programme and each priority axis, as referred to in Article 53(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.
- (7) Aid granted under the operational programme should comply with the State aid rules that are in force and any other applicable provision of Community law.
- (8) The proposed operational programme should therefore be adopted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The operational programme for Community assistance under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective in the region of Yorkshire and Humber for the programming period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 as set out in Annex I and containing the following priority axes is hereby adopted:
 - a) Promoting Innovation and R&D;
 - b) Supporting and stimulating successful enterprise;
 - c) Sustainable communities;
 - d) Economic infrastructure for a competitive economy;
 - e) Technical assistance
2. An indicative list of major projects which are expected to be submitted under the operational programme is set out in Annex II.

Article 2

Expenditure actually paid under the operational programme shall be eligible from 1 January 2007.

Article 3

1. The maximum amount of assistance from the European Regional Development Fund granted under the operational programme, as calculated with reference to the public eligible expenditure, is set at EUR 583,580,959 and the maximum co-financing rate is set at 50 %.
2. The allocation from the European Regional Development Fund to the regions concerned by a transitional support pursuant to Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 is set at to EUR 271,041,326.
3. The national counterpart of EUR. 583,580,959 may be partly met by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other lending instruments.
4. Within the operational programme referred to in paragraph 1 the maximum amount for assistance and the maximum co-financing rate for each priority axis shall be as set out in the second to sixth subparagraphs of this paragraph.

⁴ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p.1.

- The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 1 is set at 57.01% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the public eligible expenditure, is set at EUR 112,379,531.
- The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 2 is set at 51.45% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the public eligible expenditure, is set at EUR 264,465,832.
- The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 3 is set at 51.06% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the public eligible expenditure, is set at EUR 116,716,192.
- The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 4 is set at 36.88% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the public eligible expenditure, is set at EUR 66,676,166.
- The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis 5 is set at 50% and the maximum amount for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the public eligible expenditure, is set at EUR 23,343,238.

5. The corresponding financing plan is set out in Annex III.

Article 4

Any public support under the operational programme shall comply with the procedural and substantive State aid rules applicable at the time when the public support is granted.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 7-XII-2007

*For the Commission
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ANNEX I

Operational programme (*this document*)

ANNEX II

Indicative list of major projects

South Yorkshire's High Capacity Digital Communications Infrastructure (*Annex H of the operational Programme at page 255*)

ANNEX III

Financing Plan (*below*)

Operational Programme

Commission Reference NR: 2007UK162PO000

Title: Yorkshire and Humberside England ERDF Regional Competitiveness and Employment programme

Period of Eligibility: 01/01/2007 - 31/12/2015

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1. (in euro)

Regional Competitiveness and Employment			
	Structural Funding (ERDF)	Cohesion Fund	Total
2007	137,840,691		43,340,317
In regions without TS	42,040,317		85,019,774
In regions with TS	85,019,774		
2008	119,781,138		42,881,124
In regions without TS	42,881,124		87,870,014
In regions with TS	87,870,014		
2009	83,738,001		43,738,749
In regions without TS	43,738,749		56,000,265
In regions with TS	56,000,265		
2010	76,002,079		44,613,021
In regions without TS	44,613,021		31,388,669
In regions with TS	31,388,669		
2011	87,618,184		45,505,792
In regions without TS	45,505,792		12,012,392
In regions with TS	12,012,392		
2012	68,668,547		46,415,907
In regions without TS	46,415,907		12,262,649
In regions with TS	12,262,649		
2013	69,841,919		47,344,228
In regions without TS	47,344,228		12,497,693
In regions with TS	12,497,693		

Grand Total	583,880,889	
In regions without TB	313,836,833	313,836,833
In regions with TB	271,044,056	271,044,056

2.

(in euro)

Priority Axis	Fund	Expressed In	Regional Competitiveness and Employment					Total	Co-financing Rate (%)	EIB	Other
			Community	National Public	National Private	7 = 4 + 5 + 6	8 = 4 / 7 * 100				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 = 4 + 5 + 6	8 = 4 / 7 * 100	9 %	10 %		
P1. PRIORITY 1: Promoting Innovation and R&D	ERDF	T	112,379,631	64,743,217	0	187,122,748	87,81%				
P2. PRIORITY 2: Supporting and stimulating successful enterprises	ERDF	T	264,485,832	248,631,681	0	513,117,413	51,48%				
P3. PRIORITY 3: Sustainable Communities	ERDF	T	116,716,192	111,868,293	0	228,584,485	51,88%				
P4. PRIORITY 4: Economic Infrastructure for a Competitive Economy	ERDF	T	66,976,160	114,694,632	0	181,670,792	36,88%				
P5. PRIORITY 5: Technical Assistance	ERDF	T	23,343,238	23,343,238	0	46,686,476	59,99%				
Total			583,880,889	663,980,969	0	1,167,161,918	66,00%				

11 The pro-rata ratio used to reimburse payments is the ratio between the Community funding and the Total funding in EIB and Other funding and given for information only.