



**ENGLAND AND GIBRALTAR EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND
CONVERGENCE, COMPETITIVENESS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME 2007-2013**

NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

Project	Organisation	Funding (ESF and Match)	Duration	Brief Description
ESF National Publicity	European Social Fund Division	£934,570	10/8/2007 – 31/12/2010	<p>ESF Technical Assistance will be used to support the implementation of the Communication Plan for the 2007-2013 ESF programme in England and Gibraltar. The information and publicity measures covered by the plan are a key priority of the TA strategy. Specific information and publicity activity covered by the project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the England and Gibraltar ESF Programme 2007-2013 launch event, • maintenance and updating of the national ESF website, • production of the national ('ESF at work') e-zine,

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • production of programme publications and promotional materials, • production and distribution of ESF plaques and posters, and • nationally organised ESF events and meetings - including the ESF regional publicity network.
ESF IT Systems Development	European Social Fund Division	£5,000,000	1/1/2008 - 31/12/2010	<p>In line with the requirements of the regulations governing the ESF programme for 2007-2013 a new business process has been developed which requires the development and implementation of a new IT system to support the delivery of the new programme at all levels.</p> <p>The project will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifications and business requirements • System and infrastructure design • Software development • Hardware and software implementation • Testing • Post implementation support • User training • Quality management and review
Higher Education	Higher Education ESF Services Ltd	£407,717	1/1/2008 - 31/12/2009	<p>The project will help to support the effective participation of HE in the new programme. Although the scope for HE provision is more limited in the 2007-2013 programme than in previous programmes there is a continuing role for effective HE participation. TA will enable HE to be effectively represented at committee meetings and to provide support to HE regional</p>

				<p>associations in respect of ESF involvement at regional level. The project will also include a large scale dissemination programme to HEIs on widening participation and business links building on successful projects supported in the 2000-2006 programme to mainstream them more widely within the HE sector.</p>
Third Sector Effective Delivery	Third Sector European Network (TSEN)	£686,504	1/1/2008 – 31/3/2011	<p>The project will enable TSEN to represent third sector interests in the ESF programme and to assist third sector organisations to access ESF.</p> <p>The project will support a range of activities including attendance at monitoring and sub-committees, monitoring of third sector involvement in the programme, dialogue with third sector regional representation on regional ESF committees, dissemination to the sector through events, publications and the web, transfer of good practice and research. TSEN will liaise with the national evaluation team to agree annual activity and to avoid duplication of activity.</p>
Age Management	The Age and Employment Network (TAEN)	£725,599	1/4/2008 – 30/9/2011	<p>The project will offer a range of support to ESF providers and stakeholders to assist in the re-engagement of older people into employment and to assist older workers to enhance their skills and qualifications.</p> <p>The project will support a range of measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • briefing seminars on age management and related issues • a new web site to raise awareness of best practice and tackle disadvantages associated with age;

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> development of guides, updates and other literature for ESF stakeholders on age management issues. <p>The ESF Operational programme has a strong commitment to meeting the needs of older people and workers and this application will support other eligible activity in the national TA strategy.</p>
Adult Learners' Week 2008 - 2011	National Institute of Adult Continuing Education	£4,011,028	1/7/2008 - 31/12/2011	<p>Each May, the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) delivers Adult Learners' Week, the UK's largest celebration of learning, and one of the country's largest "not for profit" campaigns. With its national profile, the campaign is key to securing flagship publicity for the ESF as it offers support for adults to overcome disadvantage and to contribute effectively to the workforce.</p> <p>The objectives and target audiences of the project dovetail impeccably with those of the ESF programme and – through publicity and promotional activities - will contribute significantly to the two main priorities in England: (1) extending employment opportunities, and (2) developing a skilled and adaptable workforce.</p> <p>Adult Learners' Week provides 18 years of evidence of successful and measurable ESF coverage and awareness. The campaign has also provided real articulation of the links between ESF priorities and those of the UK Government.</p>
ESF	Birmingham	£779,801	1/7/2008 –	Birmingham City Council (BCC) will host an Innovation,

Innovation, Transnationality and Mainstreaming Co-ordinating Body	City Council		30/6/2011	Transnationality and Mainstreaming (ITM) Unit to support the Managing Authority (MA) with the successful Management and Co-ordination of ITM in the new ESF programme 2007-13. The Unit will provide support to the MA on the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - developing guidance - calls for proposals - thematic networks - supporting projects - transnational contact point.
ESF Cross Cutting Themes	European Social Fund Division	£320,356	1/8/2008 – 31/12/2010	This project will focus on training and awareness raising for the cross cutting themes of gender equality and equal opportunities and sustainable development. Activities will include: pre-course consultation; the production of a Training Needs Analysis report to help inform the design and delivery of training workshops; development of training materials and draft guidance; delivery of training workshops targeting a range of Managing Authority, Co-financing Organisation and non Co-financing Organisation staff; and development and delivery of awareness-raising presentations aimed at ESF regional committees and the national Programme Monitoring Committee.
ESF Article 13	European Social Fund Division	£810,000	1/9/2008 – 31/12/2011	In line with the requirements of the European Commission Regulations, Article 13 verification work will be formulated and actioned by the Managing Authority. The TA will contribute to the establishment and operation of a national monitoring programme. This will involve some of the verification work being contracted out to external organisations (through DWP procurement arrangements).

				<p>The TA project will fund the use of externally procured support to supplement the work of the central Managing Authority Article 13 Verification Team in its day to day work. Under the direction of the Managing Authority, some elements of Article 13 verification activity will be delegated to externally contracted support to complete.</p>
ESF Evaluation	ESF Evaluation Team	£1,741,120	1/10/2008 – 31/03/2011	<p>This project will support the implementation of the evaluation strategy and plan for the England and Gibraltar ESF programme. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cohort surveys of a sample of participants to provide evidence of the longer term outcomes of ESF participants and information on their characteristics, expectations and experiences; and • ad hoc research on specific themes such regional ESF frameworks, gender equality and equal opportunities, publicity and in-work training.
ESF-Works	Tribal Education Ltd	£1,680,000	1/11/2008 – 31/12/2010	<p>ESF-Works will be a website and multimedia database which will capture and make available good practice and products developed under the 2007-2013 England and Gibraltar ESF programme.</p> <p>Complementing the main ESF website, Co-financing Organisation (CFO) websites and other resources, it will offer a unique, wide ranging and in-depth record of the activities and</p>

				<p>outcomes of projects and participants.</p> <p>ESF-Works will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a platform for sharing and disseminating best practice; • show how projects are achieving the ESF priorities to extend employment opportunities and develop a skilled and adaptable workforce; • be a useful resource for policy makers, programme designers, managers and projects and participants themselves.
Equal Technical Assistance	ECOTEC Research & Consulting Limited	£74,538	1/1/2009 - 30/6/2009	<p>This project will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional operational closure work to be undertaken in 2009 for closing the EQUAL programme. • Completion of the GB EQUAL National Support Unit's contribution to the EQUAL programme Final Report to the European Commission • Co-ordination and compilation of contributions from Scotland and Wales into the Final Report
National Offender Management	National Offender Management	£949,650	1/1/2009 – 31/3/2010	<p>The project will support activity outlined in the NOMS Co-financing Plan. The three main strands of activity will be:</p>

Service Technical Assistance	Service (NOMS)			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• contract and procurement preparation for early CFO activity;• development of the Case Assessment and Tracking System and Geographic Information System for use by the NOMS CFO;• social enterprise development.
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