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Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) Funding

Who

All ESF beneficiary organisations currently delivering YEI projects, European Social Fund Division, IBs, GLA and LEPS.

What

This Action Note provides an update to the Action Note issued on 21 March 2018 regarding scope to extend YEI in the 2014-2020 ESF Programme.

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Background

On 21 March the ESF Managing Authority (MA) issued Action Note 0014/18 which referenced the MA seeking urgent clarification from the European commission regarding the potential for YEI contracts in the current programme to be extended. This Action Note provides an update on progress.

Update

Since Action Note 0014/18 was issued the MA has been in contact with our European Commission Desk Officer. Discussions so far have confirmed that YEI contracts beyond 2018 are permissible within the limits of the YEI-specific pre-financing allocation which equates to approximately €63m. The MA is urgently working through extension requests received so far to establish the extent to which requests can be met within that funding allocation. Alongside this we are continue to negotiate with the European Commission with the aim of seeking to establish a process through which any extension requests which cannot be met within the pre-financing limit can be funded. We expect a response from the Commission w/c 9 April and, immediately following this, will issue a further Action Note to update you on progress.

Action

No action is required. Recipients are asked to note the contents of this Action Note.

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