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Action note heading

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 clarifies the position about the scope to extend YEI in the 2014-2020 ESF Programme.

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Background

Since December 2017 the Managing Authority has issued a series of Action Notes relating to the future of the YEI in the current programme. We are aware of the potentially conflicting and confusing advice we have provided to Grant Recipients for which we apologise.

You are aware the MA has been seeking clarification from the European Commission (EC) to which we have now received a response. This Action Note confirms the YEI position and supersedes all previous Action Notes relating to YEI issued since December.

The position going forward

The EC has confirmed that the YEI can continue to be spent beyond 2018 and up to the end of 2023 providing that the programme meets its N+3 targets.

In light of this clarification, ESF Contract Managers will continue to work through all the Project Change Requests (PCRs) received by the MA in response to Action Note 011/18 to extend existing project end dates and increase project value. We are aware of the urgency relating to this work and can confirm ESF Contract Managers will be in contact with Grant Recipients as soon as possible to confirm the decision.

Grant Recipients are asked to note that due to the N+3 proviso mentioned above, any revised funding agreement issued will include a break clause which will allow the MA to cease project extensions should the programme N+3 targets not be met and therefore funding for the PCRs will no longer be available.

Action

There is no immediate action for Grant Recipients. As mentioned above, ESF Contract Managers will be in touch as soon as possible to advise Grant Recipients of the outcome of their PCR.

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