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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 is about the scope to extend YEI in the 2014-2020 ESF programme.

### **Cleared**

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# Background

As you are aware (Action Note 008/17 refers) we have been able to review our use of YEI in eligible areas, as it has been confirmed that YEI funding can continue to be spent beyond 2018 but by 2023. The regulations do not set out specific rules on the end of eligibility for the YEI but the programme must still meet the N+3 target.

Existing YEI projects may wish to consider whether to request an extension to the length of their project. However, projects should be aware that because of the requirement of the ESF Programme to meet the N+3 target there will be a need to consider the inclusion of break clauses as part of any potential contract extension.

YEI projects looking to extend the length of the delivery of their existing YEI project, Grant Recipients will be asked to provide evidence of the following:

- Match funding for the extended period
- Current performance against targets
- Continuing need for delivery of your YEI project and
- Details of the relevance of continued YEI activities.

GRs can choose the format of the evidence they provide but good quality, robust and detailed information will allow the MA to make an informed decision on the Project Change Request (PCR).

Grant Recipients currently delivering YEI projects should first consider and determine if they meet the criteria before contacting their Contract Manager to discuss. If it is agreed during that discussion that there is a possibility that the contract can be extended, then a Project Change Request will need to be submitted to the CM with the relevant supporting evidence.

The MA will also discuss and consider the need to publish new calls in eligible areas and the existing process for developing and publishing calls should be followed where there is evidence to support new YEI projects. ESIFs should discuss the need for new YEI calls with their LEP lead.

## Action

If you are a GR delivering a YEI project and feel you meet the criteria to extend please contact your Contract Manager. Any LEPs wishing to develop and publish new YEI calls should contact their LEP lead.

## Contact

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