

Appendix 1

ESIF Programme Priority Areas

- 1 The SCR ESIF Programme (2014 – 2020) is sub-divided into two main pots (ERDF and ESF) and divided across priority areas, each with their own notional budget allocations.

ERDF is allocated to support the following priorities:

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2b – Developing Information and Communications Technology products and services, e-commerce, and enhancing demand for Information and Communications Technology

3a - Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators.

3c - Supporting the creation and the extension of advanced capacities for products, services and development.

3d - Supporting the capacity of small and medium sized enterprises to grow in regional, national and international markets and to engage in innovation processes

4a - Promoting the production and distribution of energy derived from renewable resources.

4b - Promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in enterprises.

4c - Supporting energy efficiency, smart energy management and renewable energy use in public infrastructure, including in public buildings, and in the housing sector.

4e - Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multimodal urban mobility and mitigation-relevant adaptation measures.

4f - Promoting research and innovation in, and adoption of, low-carbon technologies.

ESF is allocated to support the following priorities:

1.1 - Increasing access to employment for residents who are not in work or in low pay roles and will involve innovative approaches which add value to existing support

1.2 - Supporting young people who are Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET) or at risk of becoming NEET to develop sector specific skills to support either progression into employment, further education or training

1.4 – Support for active inclusion in skills and employment for disadvantaged community groups

2.1 - Increasing access to lifelong learning for people in work

2.2 - Increasing skills in the labour market and good employer practice. This programme will work with education establishments and employers.