

East Midlands 2007-13 ERDF Programme – Annual Implementation Report

Purpose of the Paper

This paper aims to provide Local Management Committee (LMC) members with information on the draft 2011 Annual Implementation Report for the 2007-13 ERDF Competitiveness Programme including: the requirement for such a Report; the context in which it has been developed; and the process and timescale for its completion. This paper is for information and agreement.

Recommendation

Members of the LMC are invited to:

- Note the context in which the Annual Implementation Report has been developed;
- Note the process and timescale for its completion; and
- Consider and approve the draft Annual Implementation Report.

1. Background

It is a regulatory requirement that the East Midlands 2007-13 ERDF Competitiveness Programme submits an Annual Implementation Report (AIR) by 30 June each year.

The AIR is intended to provide a clear overview of the implementation of the Operational Programme (OP) each year during the Programming period. It is the key mechanism for demonstrating to regional stakeholders, members of the LMC, the Managing Authority, and the European Commission that the Programme is being delivered in full compliance with Structural Funds Regulations and Implementing Provisions; is achieving its targets; and is engaging effectively with stakeholders.

2. Process and timescale

In accordance with Commission Regulations it is the responsibility of the LMC to monitor the effectiveness and quality of implementation of the OP and to periodically review the Programme's progress. Members of the LMC are requested therefore to consider and approve the 2011 Annual Implementation Report for submission to the Commission by 30 June 2012.

3. Recommendation

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- Note the process and timescale for its completion; and
- Consider and approve the draft Annual Implementation Report.