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A SPECIAL PEACE II EXTENSION EDITION

The extension to the Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation was officially launched on 3 June 2005.

- This is a two year extension to the Peace II Programme and will last until December 2006.
- There will be €144 million available under this extension with the possibility of this raising another €16 million to €160 million.
- The extension applies to 13 measures within the Programme.

The Peace II Programme is managed by the Special European Union Programmes Body (SEUPB). If you would like further information on the extension and how to apply for funding, you are welcome to attend any of the PEACE II information events held by SEUPB at the following venues throughout June 2005.

Date	Time	Venue	Area
09 June 2005	11:00am to 1:00pm	Farset Centre	West Belfast
10 June 2005	2:00pm to 4:00pm	The Conference Hall, Stranmillis	South Belfast
13 June 2005	7:00pm to 9:00pm	The Mount Conference Centre	East Belfast
14 June 2005	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Verbal Arts Centre	Derry
15 June 2005	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Ballymena Show Grounds	Ballymena
17 June 2005	11:00am to 1:00pm	Poyntzpass Community Regeneration	Armagh
20 June 2005	2:00pm to 4:00pm	Station Centre	Omagh
21 June 2005	2:00pm to 4:00pm	The Holyrood Hotel	Bundoran
22 June 2005	11:00am to 1:00pm	Corcaghan Centre	Monaghan
23 June 2005	11:00am to 1:00pm	Carlingford Community Resource Centre	Dundalk
24 June 2005	2:00pm to 4:00pm	The Market House	Ballynahinch
30 June 2005	11:00am to 1:00pm	NICVA	North Belfast

If you require any further information, please contact David Matthews at the Special EU Programmes Body on 028 9026 6690, or alternatively email david.matthews@seupb.org

The Peace Programme Extension

The Peace Programme aims to help Northern Ireland become a stable and peaceful society and to promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Regions of Ireland. The extension applies to 13 measures within the Programme and there is one Intermediary Funding Body (IFB) that delivers the funding for each measure.

The measures that will receive funding from the extension are listed below. Organisations should visit www.eugrants.org to find out when each measure will open, or contact the relevant IFB which will also be listed on the site.

Measure	Implementing Body
1. Economic Renewal	
1.1 Business Competitiveness and Development	DETI 028 9052 9496
1.3 New Skills and Opportunities	Proteus 028 9037 1023
1.5 Positive Action for Women	Training for Women Network 028 9031 9888
1.11 Rural Reconciliation and Regeneration	Rural Development Council 028 8676 6980
2. Social Integration, Inclusion and Reconciliation	
2.1 Reconciliation for Sustainable Peace	Community Relations Council 028 9022 7500
2.2 Developing Children and Young People	YESIP 028 3741 5404
2.4 Pathways to Inclusion, Integration and Reconciliation Of Victims	Community Foundation NI 028 9024 5927
2.7 Developing Low Community Capacity and Promoting Active Citizenship	Community Foundation NI 028 9024 5927

3. Locally-based Regeneration and Development Strategies

3.1 Local Economic Initiatives for Developing Local Communities	All 26 Local Strategy Partnerships
3.3 Building Better Communities and Improving Rural Communities in the Border Region	County Council Taskforces

5. Cross Border Co-operation

5.2 Improving Cross Border Public Sector Co-ordination	SEUPB 028 9026 6660
5.3 Developing Cross Border Reconciliation and Understanding	ADM/CPA 00353 477 1340
5.4 Promoting Joint Approaches to Social, Education, Training and Human Resource Development	ADM/CPA 00353 477 1340

Who can apply?

All organisations can apply for funding, with the exception of political parties and proscribed organisations. Eligible organisations include:

- Community and voluntary sector groups
- Faith based organisations
- Sporting organisations
- Cultural organisations
- Private and public sector

Every group must make a new application and these will be assessed against recently revised Peace distinctiveness criteria. The main crux of any application will centre around the Peace and Reconciliation criteria. All applications must satisfy and address the conditions set out by the Peace distinctiveness criteria, which means applications must:

- Address the Legacy of the Conflict: Address problems or situations in your community which came about as a result of the Troubles and/or
- Take opportunities arising from Peace: Make the most of opportunities for community and economic development arising from Peace, thereby promoting a stable and peaceful society.

Peace II Extension History

A consultation on the extension to Peace II, facilitated by the SEUPB, took place in September 2004. This was subsequently approved by both the British and Irish governments. Consequently, the European Council agreed in October to continue its funding for peace and reconciliation work in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties for a further two years.

Despite opposition from a few countries, the European Parliament passed the extension in early January. The final hurdle of the legislation process was overcome in February when the European Council of Ministers ratified Parliament's legislation and ruling.

Consequently the Special EU Programmes Body — the managing authority for the Programme — launched details of this Programme on 3 June.

Speaking at the launch, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, Danute Hubner, said: "The European Union understands that economic and social development in support of peace and reconciliation at grassroots level is not a short term process. In the face of current difficulties in the peace process, this decision demonstrates the continued solidarity and support of the European Union towards permanent peace in the region."

Further details of opening dates will appear on the NICVA website as they open. If you require any further information or have any other queries pertaining to other details, please

contact James Lavery on 028 9087 7777 or james.lavery@nicva.org

Measure 1.1 of the Peace Extension Open

£5 million Peace II funding to support economic revitalisation

European funding is now available through the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI), following last week's announcement of the two-year extension and additional funding of the Peace II Programme.

DETI is seeking applications from community development and social economy organisations looking to develop flexible workspace units.

The Economic Revitalisation Measure aims to encourage economic co-operation in interface areas or areas of community conflict.

The provision of workspace units for new businesses aims to stimulate job creation through either a new build or the renovation of derelict or abandoned buildings.

£5 million has been made available to generate new businesses and jobs in deprived areas of Northern Ireland.

Projects must benefit areas defined as New Targeting Social Need, demonstrate partnership/consultation with the local community and complement other regeneration initiatives.

The scheme is being funded through the European Union (EU) Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland (PEACE II).

Applications for the funding must be submitted to DETI by 1600 hrs on Thursday 7 July 2005.

Further information on this funding is available at www.eugrants.org or can be obtained by contacting DETI on 028 9052 9587.

Online Information



For all the events affecting the voluntary and community sector within Northern Ireland visit: www.nicva.org



Grant Tracker has been designed by NICVA as a one-stop funding resource for voluntary and community groups in Northern Ireland. It functions as a searchable website and CD ROM and is supported by the staff from NICVA's Funding Advice Service. Visit: www.grant-tracker.org



European Information Network

This site provides a definitive list of EU information providers in Northern Ireland, as well as providing links to a whole host of related European, regional and national websites. Visit: <http://www.europe.org.uk>

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