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PEACE IV Programme Monitoring Committee

European Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland for 2014 – 2020 (PEACE IV)

Programme Rules Paper

1.1   The Programme Rules describe and explain the rules of PEACE IV and give guidance on all phases of the project lifecycle. In the spirit of simplification, a common set of rules have been developed for the INTERREG and PEACE Programmes. The detailed Programme Rules document is attached for your reference.

1.2   The rules laid down in the document are mandatory and are the primary rules of the Programme. They are based on relevant European regulations, and in particular the regulations that relate to European Territorial Cooperation.

1.3   The Rules are especially relevant to Lead Partners who are expected to be familiar with the overall content of the Rules, as they are responsible for all project phases from development to closure. Furthermore, Lead partners should use the rules for information purposes and distribute the information to all project partners to ensure the smooth and correct implementation of the rules at all levels.

1.4   The rules are being made available at the beginning of the Programme period in order to inform applicants of the rules prior to application. Changes to the rules will kept to a minimum during the programme period.

1.5   The Rules provide detailed guidance on key issues, for example:

- responsibilities of lead partners
- eligibility of expenditure
- simplified cost options
- budgeting

- procurement

- State Aid

- risk management

- information and communication

- monitoring and reporting

1.6   The Programme Rules are the day to day operating rules and are intended to be a reference guide providing support and assistance to projects.

The Monitoring Committee is requested to note:

(a) That a common set of rules have been developed and are available to applicants;

(b) The rules are common with the INTERREG Programme;