

Consultation: European Structural Funds 2014-2020 Programmes



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

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Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes **No**

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Please tick as appropriate

Yes No

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Question 1 - The table in part 5 provides an overview of the proposals under each of the EU 2020 headings – Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive – matched against the relevant thematic objective and investment priorities. Do you think the investment priorities are the most appropriate ones for the activity suggested?

*ExHA is a coalition of organisations calling for urgent action to transform Scotland's existing housing stock and make it fit for the 21st century. It includes private, public and third sector organisations focussed on the fuel poverty and climate change agendas. Members include WWF Scotland, Energy Action Scotland, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, the Energy Saving Trust, Chartered Institute of Housing, the Association for the Conservation of Energy, Consumer Futures Scotland, Age Scotland, Shelter Scotland and others.
(www.existinghomesalliancescotland.co.uk).*

Given the Scottish and EU Governments' various targets (many legislative commitments) on fuel poverty, carbon reduction, energy efficiency/demand reduction and climate change it seems entirely irrational not to utilise this funding stream to help deliver on these. We fundamentally believe there is a real need for the Scottish Government to embrace the principal that EU Structural funds should be used to support the Scottish Government's efforts on retrofitting homes.

In terms of sustainable development, tackling social exclusion and creating jobs this activity has been shown to be highly effective. Hence its adoption by the Scottish Government.

With the coming reduction in ECO, the Scottish Government Spending Review and Budget estimates of resources available for climate change and fuel poverty targets will not be delivered without alternative funding streams.

We point to the SFHA response for more detailed argument and evidence and fully support the position regarding making this fund available for retrofitting of homes.

Question 2 – Section 6 sets out the linkages between Structural, Rural and Fisheries Funds as well as linkages to other EU Funding Programmes. We would welcome stakeholder comments on these linkages in order to help us develop this thinking further

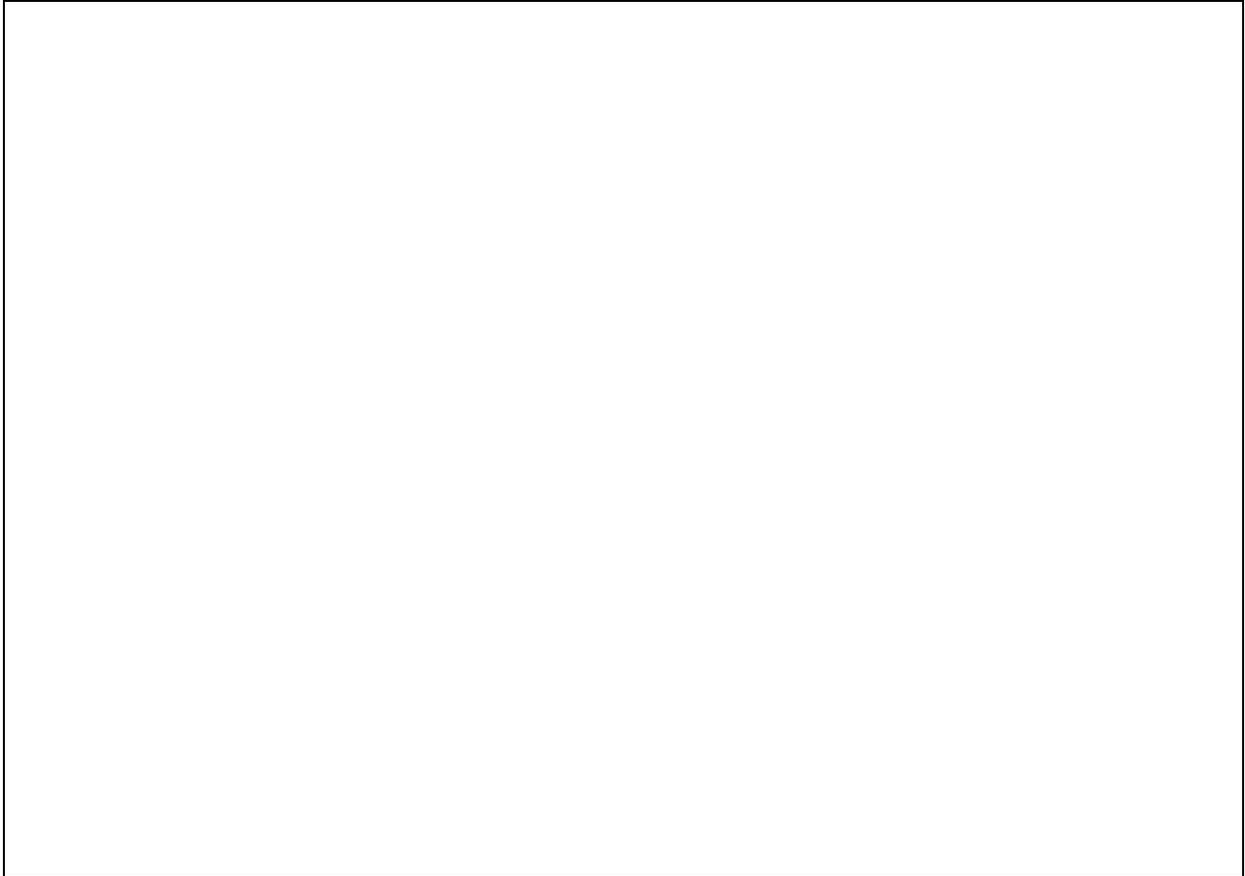
Question 3 - Do you think the new proposals will have a positive or negative impact on the protected characteristics and wider issues of inclusion and participation?

Question 4 - If you think there will be a negative impact on the protected characteristics or inclusion and participation please provide suggestions as to what could be done differently to diminish this impact.

Question 5 - Please provide your views for improving the process for design, procurement, delivery, monitoring and evaluation to strengthen delivery of sustainable development.



Question 6 – Do you have any further comments on the proposals outlined in this document?

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