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## PEACE II - BUILDING ON SUCCESS

The EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation has provided almost £456m (€707m) for projects in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.

The Programme aims to help Northern Ireland become a more stable and peaceful society and to promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.

The Programme has been extended by a further two years for the period 2005-2006 and will provide an additional £120m (€160m).

As Chief Executive of the Special EU Programmes Body, which has responsibility for managing the PEACE II Programme, I am delighted that the PEACE II measures under the extension are now open for applications.

This guide gives you some details on what type of projects can be funded and who to apply to. If you have any queries, or need further information, please contact one of the Implementing Bodies directly. Remember we are all here to help you.

I would encourage as many projects as possible to apply for funding so that we can build on the many successes of the PEACE II Programme to date.



**Pat Colgan**  
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**Special EU Programmes Body**

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS THE PEACE II PROGRAMME?

The EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland (PEACE II) is a unique EU funding Programme for all of Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland (Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo).

The PEACE II Programme aims to help Northern Ireland become a peaceful and stable society and to promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.

### WHO IS MANAGING THE PEACE II PROGRAMME?

The PEACE II Programme is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), one of the six North/South Bodies set up under the BELFAST (Good Friday) AGREEMENT.

The SEUPB has offices in Belfast and Omagh. It has contracted a range of organisations (Implementing Bodies) to manage different parts of the Programme - you should apply for funding directly to the appropriate organisation.

### WHAT IS THE TIME PERIOD FOR THE EXTENSION?

The PEACE II Programme has been extended for a further two years for the period 2005-2006.

This means that there is new money available to issue new letters of offer up to December 2006. The money can be spent up to December 2008. However, please note that the Programme must meet strict spend targets every year, so the time that you will have to spend your money must be agreed with your Implementing Body.

## **WHAT MEASURES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED?**

The extension applies to 13 measures within the Programme. To further simplify the Programme there is only one Implementing Body for each measure. We have included the name of the Implementing Body and their contacts in appendix 1.

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

All organisations can apply for funding, except political parties and proscribed organisations.

Organisations eligible to apply include, for instance, the following: community and voluntary sector, private sector, faith based organisations, sporting and cultural organisations.

It is important to note that whilst the Programme is being extended this does not mean that current projects will necessarily be extended - some may receive new funding, others may not.

Every project must make a new application, and will be assessed on its merits against the revised peace distinctiveness criteria.

The PEACE II Programme recognises that in order to achieve the objectives of peace and reconciliation it is important that the Programme is inclusive, open, and accessible to all.

The Programme would particularly welcome applications from groups who have not previously applied, especially from those under-represented within the Programme. In this context we note that in some measures there is an under-representation of applications from Protestant working class areas, isolated rural communities and ethnic minority groups. All applications when received will be assessed on merit against standard criteria.

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## **WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS CAN THE PROGRAMME FUND?**

All projects funded under PEACE II must:

- Address the legacy of conflict i.e. address problems or situations in your community which came about as a result of the Troubles; and/or
- Take opportunities arising from peace i.e. make the most of the opportunities for community and economic development arising from peace, thereby promoting a stable and peaceful society.

Projects must also promote reconciliation and mutual understanding.

## **HOW TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM?**

There are two parts to your funding application (**A** and **B**). Both parts must be completed, in full, before your application will be considered complete.

**PART A** can be completed via the website at [www.eugrants.org](http://www.eugrants.org). If you do not have access to the Internet you may request an application form from your Implementing Body.

**PART B** is a paper-based form. It can be downloaded from [www.eugrants.org](http://www.eugrants.org) or you can obtain a copy direct from the Implementing Body. Both parts of the form must be completed and delivered by the specified closing date.

You should complete the application form in your own words. The form has been designed to help you think about your project in a structured way. You do not need a consultant to complete the application form. You are best placed to describe in your words what you want to do.

The **PART B** applications form has 8 straightforward sections:

**Section 1:** Project Details - simply tell us about your project

**Section 2:** Peace and Reconciliation - tell us how your project will promote peace and reconciliation. As some applicants may find this difficult to explain we have added some more notes below to help you.

**Section 3:** Horizontal Principles - there are some common principles to all EU programmes - we need you to tell us how you meet these.

**Section 4:** Project Management - tell us how you will manage the project if you get a grant.

**Section 5:** Project Costs - we ask you to detail how much your project will cost.

**Section 6:** Implementing Body questions - as all the measures are different, the Implementing Bodies are asking here for additional detail on your project.

**Section 7:** Social Fund - if you are applying for ESF funds we need a bit more information about the numbers of people you are going to train.

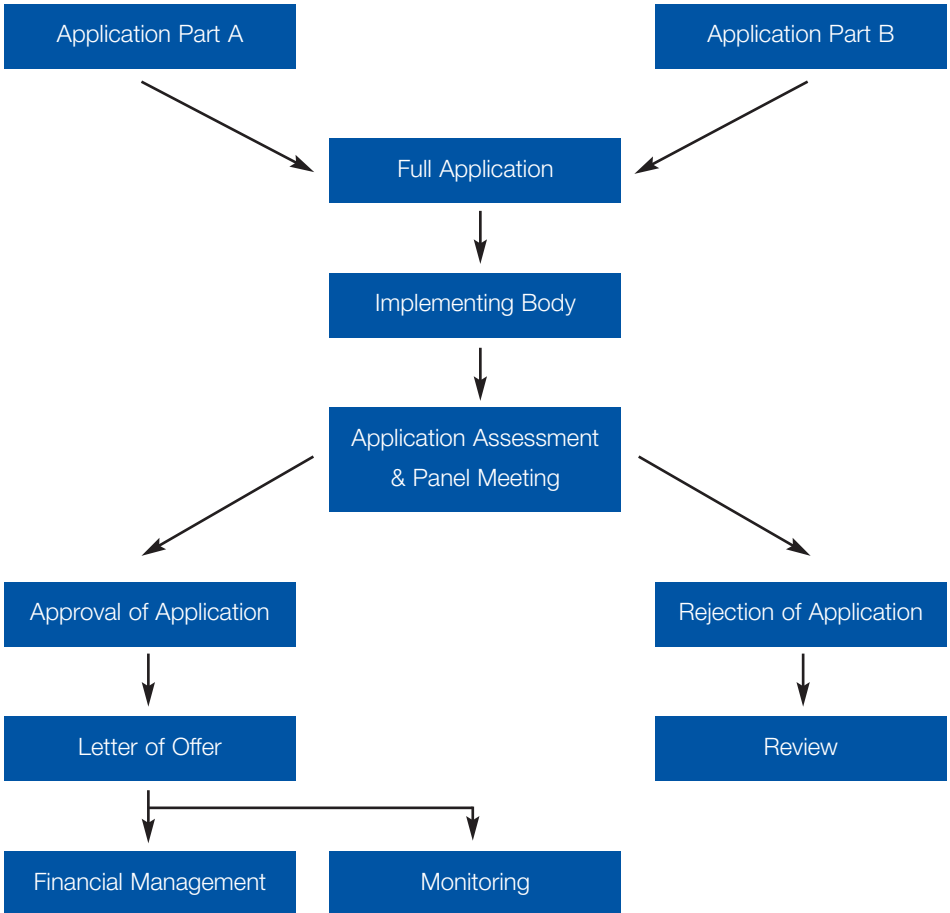
And that is it! We are not saying that filling in an application form is easy - it is not, but we have tried to keep it as simple as possible.

One approach that some people find useful is to sit down in a group and discuss the questions in order. Bounce around ideas. Don't try to do it all on your own! Keep notes of your discussion, even use a blank form and fill in rough answers. One person then goes away and writes up the answers in detail.

Remember if in doubt, check first with your Implementing Body that the type of project that you want to do is eligible. There is no point wasting time filling in an application form for the wrong measure, or when the closing date has past. Give the Implementing Body a call - they are there to help.

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The stages involved in applying for funding under the PEACE II Programme are as follows.



## WHAT ARE THE PEACE DISTINCTIVENESS CRITERIA?

In **PART B** of the application form (Section 2) there are some specific questions in relation to the Peace distinctiveness criteria.

In your answer to question 6 you should identify how you are helping to address the legacy of the conflict and/or taking opportunities from peace. You are then asked to identify which of the areas, sectors and groups that your project will assist. A full list of these follow.

Areas
Disadvantaged area(s) experiencing or which have experienced relatively high levels of violence.
Area(s) such as sectarian interfaces where inter-community conflict and dispute is high and community relations are correspondingly poor.
Disadvantaged area(s) whose image and attractiveness as an investment location has been adversely affected by local violence or community tension.
Area(s) suffering the effects of physical dereliction (including damaged infrastructure) as a consequence of the conflict.
Area(s) isolated by border closures.
Area(s) with high concentrations of displaced persons as a result of the Troubles.
Area(s) where social and economic development has been inhibited by the conflict, illustrated by demographic and labour market patterns/structures, and low levels of income, skills and qualifications, and consequently displays relatively high levels of multiple deprivation.
Other area(s) not included above but which are clearly relevant to the framework for the application of the PEACE II programme.

## Sectors

Tourism relating to actions to address the negative image of the region by appropriate marketing activities, facilitating the development of the tourism product and by complementary skills enhancement.

Entrepreneurship including ICT and business services particularly in the context of those areas, groups/communities also targeted in the programme.

The Arts and Sport particularly in the context of those areas, groups/communities also targeted in the programme.

Other sector(s) not included above but which are clearly relevant to the framework for the application of the PEACE II programme.

## Groups/Communities

Victims of conflict, i.e. the surviving, injured and/or disabled - either physically or psychologically - of violent, conflict-related incidents and those who care for, or are related to them, along with close relatives who mourn their dead.

Ex-prisoners and their families, i.e. qualifying prisoners who were or would have been released under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement.

Displaced persons, i.e. those who have involuntarily moved from areas of violence or from interface areas, or communities in which there is a concentration of such displaced persons.

Young people, women and older workers insofar as they have been prevented from fulfilling their potential in society or in the labour market.

Former members of the security and ancillary services facing additional employability needs.

Other groups/communities not included above but which are clearly relevant to the framework for the application of the PEACE II Programme.

In question 7 we ask you how your project will pave the way to reconciliation.

Reconciliation as defined\* by the PEACE II Programme has 5 interwoven and related strands:

1. Building positive relationships.
2. Acknowledging and dealing with the past.
3. Developing a shared vision of an interdependent and fair society.
4. Significant cultural and attitudinal change.
5. Substantial social and economic and political change.

To qualify for the awarding of a score under reconciliation, projects **must** address the first strand “Building Positive Relationships” and at least **two** of the other strands.

Nothing in the criterion “Building Positive Relationships” should be seen as excluding “single identity” projects, where such projects can be seen to be contributing to building positive relationships. To help you understand how we define reconciliation we have included more detail on the strands overleaf:

\* Based on Hamber and Kelly (2004).

### **Building positive relationships**

Relationship building or renewal following violent conflict addressing issues of trust, prejudice, intolerance in this process resulting in accepting commonalities and differences, and embracing and engaging with those who are different to us.

### **Acknowledging and dealing with the past**

Acknowledging the hurt, losses, truths and suffering of the past. Providing the mechanisms for justice, healing, restitution or reparation, and restoration (including apologies if necessary and steps aimed at redress). Individuals and institutions acknowledge their own role in the conflicts of the past, accepting and learning from it in a constructive way so as to guarantee non-repetition.

### **Developing a shared vision of an interdependent and fair society**

The articulation of a common vision of an interdependent, just, equitable, open and diverse society. The development of a vision of a shared future requiring the involvement of the whole society, at all levels.

### **Significant cultural and attitudinal change**

Changes in how people relate to, and their attitudes towards, one another. The culture of suspicion, fear, mistrust and violence is broken down and opportunities and space opened up in which people can hear and be heard. A culture of respect for human rights and human difference is developed creating a context where each citizen becomes an active participant in society and feels a sense of belonging.

### **Substantial social, economic and political change**

The social, economic and political structures which gave rise to the conflict and estrangement are identified, reconstructed or addressed, and transformed.

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## ARE THERE ANY CLOSING DATES?

All the Implementing Bodies have different opening and closing dates. These are normally advertised in the press, or are available

on [www.eugrants.org](http://www.eugrants.org).

Remember, you can always ‘phone the Implementing Body for details.

## HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?

Every application will be assessed and scored by a panel of people established

by the Implementing Body. The points will be awarded on the following basis:

Element	Weighting
Distinctiveness	20%
Reconciliation	20%
Horizontal Principles	10%
Measure specific criteria	50%

You must score at least 13% on distinctiveness criteria and 13% on reconciliation, and receive at least 65% overall to be eligible for funding. All projects over 65% may not necessarily receive funding if there are more peace projects than there is funding.

The minutes of all selection panels will be made available upon request.

The Implementing Body will be able to tell you the names of the people on the panel who assessed your application.



APPENDIX 1:

MEASURE	
1.1	Business Competitiveness and Development
1.3	New Skills and Opportunities
1.5	Positive Action for Women
1.11	Rural Reconciliation
2.1	Reconciliation for Sustainable Peace
2.2	Developing Children and Young People
2.4	Pathways to Inclusion, Integration and Reconciliation of Victims
2.7	Developing Low Community Capacity and Promoting Active Citizenship
3.1	Local Economic Initiatives for Developing Local Communities
3.3	Building Better Communities and Improving Rural Communities in the Border Region
5.2	Improving Cross Border Public Sector Cooperation
5.3	Developing Cross Border Reconciliation and Understanding
5.4	Promoting Joint Approaches to Social, Education, Training and Human Resource Development

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Proteus	028 9037 1023	ADM/CPA	047 71340
To be appointed		ADM/CPA	047 71340
RDC	028 8676 6980		
CRC	028 9022 7500	ADM/CPA	047 71340
YESIP	028 3741 5404	ADM/CPA	047 71340
To be appointed		ADM/CPA	047 71340
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Local Strategy Partnerships (see Appendix 2)			
		County Council Led Task Forces (see Appendix 2)	
SEUPB	028 8225 5750	SEUPB	048 8225 5750
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## APPENDIX 2: LOCAL STRATEGY PARTNERSHIPS AND COUNTY COUNCIL LED TASK FORCES

Antrim <i>LSP</i>	028 9446 3113	Limavady <i>LSP</i>	028 7776 0306
Ards <i>LSP</i>	028 9182 6913	Lisburn <i>LSP</i>	028 9260 5406
Armagh <i>LSP</i>	028 3752 9600	Magherafelt <i>LSP</i>	028 7939 7979
Ballymena <i>LSP</i>	028 2566 0444	Moyle <i>LSP</i>	028 2076 2225
Ballymoney <i>LSP</i>	028 2766 0253	Newry and Mourne <i>LSP</i>	028 3026 6933
Banbridge <i>LSP</i>	028 4066 0609	Newtownabbey <i>LSP</i>	028 9034 0193
Belfast <i>LSP</i>	028 9032 8532	North Down <i>LSP</i>	028 9127 8028
Carrickfergus <i>LSP</i>	028 9335 8000	Omagh <i>LSP</i>	028 8225 0202
Castlereagh <i>LSP</i>	028 9079 2501	Strabane <i>LSP</i>	028 7138 1308
Coleraine <i>LSP</i>	028 7034 7050		
Cookstown <i>LSP</i>	028 8676 4714	Cavan	049 437 1827
Craigavon <i>LSP</i>	028 3831 2577	Donegal	074 917 2526
Derry <i>LSP</i>	028 7130 8466	Leitrim	071 965 0400
Down <i>LSP</i>	028 4461 7667	Louth	042 935 3116
South Tyrone <i>LSP</i>	028 8772 0312	Monaghan	047 38140
Fermanagh <i>LSP</i>	028 6632 9225	Sligo	071 915 6697
Larne <i>LSP</i>	028 2827 0742		

