

PRTL Cycle 5

Note on European Funding

Under the Department of Finance's National Eligibility Rules for Expenditure co-financed by the ERDF in 2007-2013:

"No project/operation may be funded by more than one source of European Funding"

The Exchequer element of the PRTL Capital funding (01/05/00 to date) and the PRTL Recurrent funding (01/01/07 to date) has been fully eligible for co-financing by the ERDF and this will continue to be the case for future PRTL funding in the current NDP period (2007-2013).

Although ERDF co-funding is not returned directly to the institutions any project funded under the PRTL cycle 5 is considered to be ERDFable.

This has implications for institutions when identifying potential matching funds for proposed PRTL cycle 5 projects.

There was agreement, following discussions and interpretation, that:

- a project submitted to the PRTL cannot also be in direct receipt of EU funding and thus EU funding would not be eligible to be used as matching funding.
- EU funding secured for the wider thematic area or facility in which a project is located, is not considered direct funding for the proposed project.
- successful PRTL projects may not be eligible to leverage further funding from the EU for that exact same project while they are in receipt of PRTL funding.
- a new project developed and enabled as a result of PRTL cycle 5 funding (i.e. the results and outputs of the PRTL project are utilised to form the basis for, or an elemental part of, a proposed new project not in receipt of PRTL funding) is likely to be eligible to seek EU funding. However clarification should be sought from the relevant authority (i.e. either Regional Assembly, Government Department or directly from the EC) as to whether that new project is permitted to seek non-ERDF co-funded financing.