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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999¹, and in particular Article 33(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 25 August 2009, Ireland submitted through the computer system for data exchange with the Commission a request for the revision of the operational programme for Community assistance from the European Social Fund under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective in Ireland, adopted by Commission Decision C(2007) 5460 of 6 November 2007.
- (2) The proposed revision of the operational programme, including the increase of the Community co-financing rates, is justified by significant socio-economic changes, notably the current serious economic crisis.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 65(g) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 at its meeting, on 23 June 2009, the monitoring committee considered and approved the proposal to amend the content of Decision C(2007) 5460, in particular as regards the text of the operational programme and its financing plan.
- (4) It is appropriate to fix the starting date for the eligibility of new expenditure in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 56(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.
- (5) Decision C(2007) 5460 should therefore be amended accordingly,

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25. [Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1989/2006 (OJ L 411, 30.12.2006, p. 6).]

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision C(2007) 5460 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

“Article 1

The operational programme for Community assistance under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective in Ireland qualifying for transitional support under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective for the programming period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 as set out in Annex I and containing the following priority axes is hereby adopted:

- (a) Increasing Activation of the Labour Force;
- (b) Increasing Participation and reducing Inequality in the Labour Force;
- (c) Technical Assistance.”

(2) Article 3(1) is replaced by the following:

“1. The maximum amount of assistance from the European Social Fund granted under the operational programme, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 375 362 370 and the maximum co-financing rate is set at 41,40%.”

(3) In Article 3, paragraphs 3 and 4 are replaced by the following:

“3. The national counterpart of EUR 531 333 180 may be partly met by Community loans from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and other lending instruments, however for the time being no such loans are foreseen.

4. Within the operational programme referred to in paragraph 1 the maximum amount for assistance and the maximum co-financing rate for each priority axis shall be as set out in the second, third and fourth subparagraphs of this paragraph.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis "Increasing Activation of the Labour Force" referred to under Article 1(a) is set at 38% and the maximum amount for assistance from the ESF to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 246 953 783.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis "Increasing Participation and reducing Inequality in the Labour Force" referred to under Article 1(b) is set at 50% and the maximum amount for assistance from the ESF to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 125 408 587.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis "Technical Assistance" referred to under Article 1(c) is set at 50% and the maximum amount for assistance from the ESF to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 3 000 000."

- (4) Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision.
- (5) Annex II is replaced by the financing plan set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

New expenditure resulting from the amendments referred to in Article 1 of this Decision shall be eligible from 25 August 2009.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 21.10.2009

For the Commission
Vladimír Špidla
Member of the Commission

Regional Competitiveness and Employment

Priority Axis	Fund	Expressed In	Community	National Public	National Private	Total	Cofinancing Rate (%)	EIB	Other
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 = 4 + 5 + 6	8 = 4 / 7 ⁽¹⁾	9 ⁽²⁾	10 ⁽²⁾
1. Increasing Activation of the Labour Force	ESF	T	246,953,783	399,924,593	3,000,000	649,878,376	38.00%		
2. Increasing Participation and reducing Inequality in the Labour Force	ESF	T	125,408,587	125,408,587		250,817,174	50.00%		
3. Technical Assistance	ESF	T	3,000,000	3,000,000		6,000,000	50.00%		
Total			375,362,370	528,333,180	3,000,000	906,695,550	41.40%		

⁽¹⁾ The precise rate used to reimburse payments is the ratio between the Community funding and the Total funding.

⁽²⁾ EIB and Other funding are given for information only.