

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?

In response to the proposed investments priorities Includem feel able to comment on proposal 1, 10 and 11. We would on the whole support the proposals although we feel that proposal 1 could be linked with 10 and 11 in terms of vocational pathways being developed for particularly vulnerable and socially excluded young people as education leading to sustainable employment is clearly a benefit to the individual, the community and to Scotland.

With regard to proposal 10 and 11 Includem would wholly support and be particularly keen to contribute as we have many years' experience delivery community based interventions for Scotland's most excluded young people and families. Community, family and household interventions are a very important area to be targeting resources at as the evidence shows that supporting individuals in the own home setting is particularly productive.

Includem has been supporting young people into employment via our Transitional Support project which predominantly targets the young people who have come through Includem's 'core' program. The 'core' program will have prepared them for employment by empowering the young people and their families to overcome barriers that would previously have prevented them from entering into the world of work.

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

No Comment

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?

In terms of poverty and social inclusion Includem feels that the proposals will have a positive impact if correctly delivered and would support the plan that the third sector are well positioned for this role.

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.

N/A

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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