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Definitions and Acronyms

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The following is an explanation of the terminology used in the Programme Guidance documents. Where lead partners or delivery agents have any uncertainty over these or any other terms used in the Programmes, they should consult with the Managing Authority.

Acronyms:

AA	Audit Authority
ACR	Annual Control Report
AIR	Annual Implementation Report
ARM	Annual Review Meeting
CA	Certifying Authority
CEF-E	Connecting Europe Facility - Energy
COESIF	Coordination Committee for European Structural and Investment Funds
DA	Delivery Agent
EC	European Commission
EGESIF	Group of Experts in Structural and Investment Funds
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESF	European Social Fund
ESFD	Scottish Government European Structural Funds Division
ESIF	European Structural & Investment Funds
ETC	European Territorial Co-operation
FEI	Financial Engineering Instruments
IAD	Scottish Government Internal Audit Division
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
JPMC	Joint Programme Monitoring Committee
LA	Local Authorities
LP	Lead Partner
MA	Managing Authority
MS	Member State (of the EU)
NUTS	Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics

OP	Operational Programmes
PA	Partnership Agreement
RTDI	Research & Technological Development & Innovation
SARP	Scrutiny and Risk Panel
SCO	Simplified Cost Options
SF	Structural Funds
SG	Scottish Government
SI	Strategic Intervention
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises - as defined by the EC: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/facts-figures-analysis/sme-definition/index_en.htm
TA	Technical Assistance
YEI	Youth Employment Initiative

Definitions:

Annual Control Report	Report on audit and compliance from AA to EC, each year
Annual Implementation Report	Report on delivery from MA to EC, each year
Beneficiary	A public or private body responsible for initiating or both initiating and implementing operations
Challenge Fund	Competitive process for selecting Operations
Delegated Acts	Subordinate or technical Regulations
Europe 2020	The EU's growth strategy
Fiche	Draft EC Guidance
Final recipient	An organisation receiving support from a SF programme
Grant	Contribution to the project from the SF
Grant Scheme	Activity run by an Operation to provide grants to enterprises
Implementing Acts	Subordinate or technical Regulations
Intervention Rate	The SF contribution to the Net Eligible Costs of a project (expressed as a percentage)
Match Funding	Contribution to the project from the LP, DA or other funder.
N+3	Principle outlining the timescale for programme expenditure to be declared to the European Commission. N is the commitment year. +3 is the year by the end of which allocations to programmes in N have to be spent (or returned to the EC)
National Rules	The rules for the delivery of the programmes, as defined by the MA in line with the regulations
Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics	A hierarchical system for dividing up the economic territory of the EU
Operational Programmes	National programmes agreed between SG and EC
Participant	An individual receiving support from a SF programme
Partnership Agreement	Document setting out how the UK programmes will align with Europe 2020 and how the ESI funds will be invested
Regulation	EC legislation underpinning the SF programmes
Technical Assistance	Funding received by the MA to support delivery of the Programmes

