

PEACE III PROGRAMME (2007-2013) – PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 Overview

The aim of the PEACE III Programme is to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society and to promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland. Building on the successes and lessons of the PEACE I (1995-1999) and PEACE II (2000-2006) Programmes, PEACE III has a continued and renewed emphasis on reconciliation, with two strategic Priorities: Reconciling Communities and Contributing to a Shared Society. Each Priority has two themes; Priority 1: Reconciling Communities: Building positive relations at the local level and Acknowledging and dealing with the past; and, Priority 2: Contributing to a Shared Society: Creating shared public spaces and Developing institutional capacities for a shared society.

2.0 Introduction

Over the past six months, since the last Monitoring Committee meeting on 22 October 2008, programme implementation has continued across all four themes. By March 2009 a total of 230 applications had been received by the PEACE III Programme and 75 projects recommended for approval with a total value of €149.9m¹. A total of 61² Letters of Offer have been issued with a combined value of €118.9m.

This paper outlines the progress on implementation made to date by priority and theme and includes an update on calls for applications, approved projects and a summary of future steps towards implementation. It will also outline the progress made in relation to programme management.

¹ An exchange rate of 1.28 has been used in all reports issued to date, however for this report and exchange rate of 1.10 has been used.

² 13 Letters of Offer to Conflict Transformation from the Bottom Up application under 1.1 Regional. See Table 2

3.0 Progress on Implementation

The following section outlines the progress on implementation made to date by priority and theme including an update on calls for applications, approved projects and a summary of future steps towards implementation.

3.1 Priority 1, Theme 1: Building Positive Relations at the Local Level

This theme aims to challenge attitudes towards sectarianism and racism and to support conflict resolution and mediation at the local community level. It will support the implementation of strategic models of collaboration between the public, private and community sectors that focus on reconciliation, cultural diversity and equality. The value of this theme is €140m to incorporate Local (€90 -100m) and Regional (€40 – 50m) activities.

Priority 1, Theme 1: Local (€90-100 million)

Local Action Plans have been brought forward by eight self clustered local council groups in Northern Ireland, including Belfast as a single entity, and six County Councils in the Border Region of Ireland. Appendix 1 illustrates the PEACE III Local Action Plan boundaries.

The current clusters are relevant to the period 2008-10 only and were not intended to anticipate the outcome of Review of Public Administration (RPA). From 2011 onwards, clusters will be reconfigured to reflect the RPA arrangements with all clusters having the option to review in 2009-10.

All plans were approved at three Steering Committee meetings, including one two day meeting, during the summer of 2008 and Letters of Offer issued in September 2008. The plans focus on sectarianism and racism and how local authorities, in partnership with the other sectors, aim to address these issues within the boundaries of the councils in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland. The plans complement the work of the each local authority's Good Relations Programme.

The Consortium of the Community Relations Council and Border Action has been commissioned to provide technical support in the development and implementation of the Local Action Plans.

Table 1 below presents the approved applications under this theme.

Table 1: Building Positive Relations at the Local Level (Local Projects) - Approvals

Lead Council	Cluster	Peace III Funding Approved/ Allocated (£)	Peace III Funding Approved/ Allocated (€)
Belfast	Belfast	£6,299,415	
Derry	North West (Omagh, Strabane, Derry)	£4,733,000	
North Down	North Down, Ards, Down	£2,688,849	
Lisburn	Lisburn, Castlereagh	£2,250,000	
Newry & Mourne	Southern (Armagh, Craigavon, Banbridge, Newry and Mourne)	£4,263,571	
Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey, Antrim Carrickfergus	£1,954,868	
Cookstown	Cookstown, Magherafelt, Dungannon, Fermanagh	£3,441,600	
Coleraine	North East (Ballymena, Ballymoney, Larne, Limavady, Coleraine, Moyle	£3,608,589	
Cavan			€2,880,000
Donegal			€4,737,600
Leitrim			€2,032,400
Louth			€2,815,200
Monaghan			€3,600,000
Sligo			€1,960,605
	Totals	£29,239,892	€18,025,805
	TOTAL IN EURO Based on an exchange rate of £1 = €1.1		€50,189,686

The total allocation for the Local Peace Action Plans to date is €50,189,686 out of a total available budget of €90,000,000.

Priority 1, Theme 1: Regional (€40 – 50 million)

A call for applications from regional projects challenging attitudes towards sectarianism and racism throughout the eligible region and add value to Local Action Plan activity opened between January and September 2008. Twenty eight full applications were received by the closing date.

The Steering Committee has approved a total of €26.49m up to the end of February 2009. A total of 19 Letters of Offer have been issued, including 13 relating to the Conflict Transformation from the Bottom Up* application (see Table 2). Two further projects are recommended for approval and are awaiting Accountable Department approval.

Table 2 below presents all applications recommended for approval under this theme.

Table 2: Building Positive Relations at the Local Level (Regional Projects) - Approvals

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
Intercomm Ireland	Police and Communities in Transition	£1,065,152		Recommended for Approval
Rural Community Network	Rural Enabler	£2,716,504		Recommended for Approval
TWN	Positive Relations Programme	£2,766,645		LOO Issued
YESIP	Children and Young People Building Positive Relations	£3,142,894		LOO Issued
Groundwork NI	Reconciling Communities Through Regeneration	£988,307		LOO Issued
Edgehill Theological College (of Queen's University Belfast)	Edgehill Theological College Reconciliation and Integration Partner Project	£282,998		LOO Issued
Co-operation Ireland	Irish Peace Centres		€2,999,099	LOO Issued
The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland (CFNI)	From Prison to Peace: Building on Experience	£3,073,458		LOO Issued
The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland (CFNI)	Conflict Transformation from the Bottom Up*	£328,203		LOO Issued
		£1,486,528		LOO Issued
		£455,422		LOO Issued
		£832,781		LOO Issued
			€907,057	LOO Issued
		£269,188		LOO Issued
		£177,839		LOO Issued
		£381,254		LOO Issued
		£200,588		LOO Issued
			€749,962	LOO Issued
			€475,302	LOO Issued
			€466,510	LOO Issued

			€909,477	LOO Issued
TOTALS		£18,167,761	€6,507,407	
	TOTAL IN EURO Based on an exchange rate of £1 = €1.1		€26,491,944	

The total amount approved by Steering Committee for Building Positive Relations at the Local Level (Regional Projects) to date is €26,491,944 out of a total available budget of €50,000,000.

Please see Table A in Appendix 2 for the 1.1 Regional projects that have been rejected, withdrawn, deferred and are still to be considered.

3.2 Priority 1, Theme 2: Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past (€50 million)

This theme is implemented by the Consortium of the Community Relations Council and Border Action. By 31 January 2009, the Steering Committee for Theme 1.2 had recommended, for approval, 42 applications with a total value of €20.7m. Twenty two Letters of Offer have been issued, six in February 2009.

The Consortium has sub-divided this theme and will invite applications under three strands:

Strand 1 - Addressing the Past in Public Memory

This Strand aims to support actions that explore the legacy and memory of the conflict through truth recovery, documentation, story telling and the recording of complex history and experience.

The Consortium invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Strand 1 through public advertisement during the week ending 3 October 2008, with a submission deadline of 7 November 2008. 44 EOIs were received requesting a total value of €37m. A call for full applications will be made in April 2009 and an information workshop has been organised for 8 April 2009.

Strand 2 – Support for Participation

Strand 2 aims to provide advice, counselling and support services for victims, their relatives and those who care for them. It also aims to build the capacity of individuals to deal with the transition to peace and reconciliation and ensure victims and survivors are able to deal with the past.

Strand 2 opened on Friday 20 June 2008 and closed on 31 January 2009. Applications are being assessed upon receipt and are being presented to the Steering Committee on an ongoing basis. The Consortium has undertaken development work including workshops and advice clinics since the call was opened.

Fifty-two applications have been received with 19 having been considered by Steering Committee. Fourteen applications with a combined value of €5.2m have been recommended for approval.

Table 3 below lists those projects which have been recommended for approval by Steering Committee.

Table 3: Acknowledging & Dealing with the Past Strand 2 – Recommended for Approval

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
The Ely Centre	Project Elohim	£336,423		Recommended for Approval
Saver/Naver	Practical steps towards reconciliation	£440,352		Recommended for Approval
F.A.I.R.	Support and Active Care Respite for Excluded Dependents (SACRED)	£375,472		Recommended for Approval
Cavan Family Resource Centre	Buandóchas (B) Counselling	£310,501		Recommended for Approval
Ashton Community Trust	Bridge of Hope	£396,376		Recommended for Approval
Holy Trinity Centre	Out of Hours Counselling Service	£161,531		Recommended for Approval
The Messines Fellowship	Citizenship and Fellowship Education (CAFE)	£417,557		Recommended for Approval
Falls Women's Centre	Falls Women's Centre Training & Employment Project	£158,833		Recommended for Approval
Best Cellars Music Collective	Peace Radio	£134,455		Recommended for Approval
Survivors of Trauma	A Future Together	£260,291		Recommended for Approval
Tara Centre	TARA - ICADP	£440,284		Recommended for Approval

The Pat Finucane Centre	The Legacy Project	£397,243		Recommended for Approval
Relatives for Justice	Participative Transitional Support	£479,615		Recommended for Approval
RAFT	Transcending Trauma	£408,169		Recommended for Approval
TOTALS		£4,717,102		
TOTAL IN EURO				
Based on an exchange rate of £1 = €1.1			€5,188,812	

Please see Table B in Appendix 2 for the 1.2, Strand 2 projects that have still to be considered or have been withdrawn.

Strand 3 – Securing the future

This Strand aims to support innovative actions that will help prevent an outbreak of violence in the future by taking action to repair relationships and by engaging the wider community in peace-building and reconciliation work.

The Consortium opened a call for Strand 3, ‘Securing the Future’, between 14 April 2008 and 13 June 2008. Sixty five full applications were received requesting €32million. 28 applications have now been approved under this strand at a total value of €13.5m and 22 Letters of Offer issued.

Table 4 below lists those projects which have been issued with Letters of Offer and those recommended for approval by Steering Committee.

Table 4 – Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past – Strand 3 – LoO issued and recommended for approval

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
An Teach Ban Centre for Peace Building	Remember and Change		€569,072	LOO Issued
C.A.L.M.S. (Community Action for Locally Managing Stress)	Gateways to Health	£235,031		LOO Issued
Communities Connect – Dundalk Institute of Technology	Deepening the Peace – Widening the Web		€571,564	Recommended for Approval
Community Dialogue	Securing Our Future- 3 Steps into dialogue	£329,148		LOO Issued
Creggan Neighbourhood Partnership	The Goal Project	£376,082		LOO Issued
Curriculum Development	Education for Reconciliation		€581,644	Recommended

Unit				for Approval
Diversity Challenges	The Way We Were – Uncovering our Shared Past	£100,000		LOO Issued
Donegal Network Community Workers Co-operative	Harnessing Equality for Lasting Peace		€626,246	LOO Issued
Expac	Conflicts of Interest		€574,013	LOO Issued
Falls Community Council	Belfast Conflict Transformation Consortium	£977,859		Recommended for Approval
Forward Learning LTD	Knowing me, Knowing you! A Historical and Cultural Adventure	£310,498		LOO Issued
Healing Through Remembrance	Whatever you say, say something	£818,557		LOO Issued
Incore	Journeys Out	£477,787		LOO Issued
Innishowen Partnership Company Ltd.Unit	Youth 52 – Securing the Future		€642,357	LOO Issued
Irish Football Association	Football for all Project	£526,880		LOO Issued
Irish Trade Union Trust Ltd	Building Peace Through Solidarity	£317,212		Recommended for Approval
North West Play Resource Centre (The Playhouse)	Theatre of Witness	£327,670		LOO Issued
Peace and Reconciliation Group	Dealing with the Past, shaping the Future	£240,700		LOO Issued
South Armagh Rural Women's Network	Behind the Masks	£333,079		LOO Issued
Taughmonagh Community Forum	Sharing the Future	£334,366		LOO Issued
Teach Oscail – Tullacmongan Resource Centre	Tullacmongan / Cavanaleck Cross Border Youth Project		€440,000	LOO Issued
The Corrymeela Community	Corrymeela Facing the Future with NICRAS	£201,330		LOO Issued
Trademark	Consolidating the Peace	£247,499		LOO Issued
Ulster Peoples College	People History Initiative	£278,227		LOO Issued
Wave Trauma Centre	The Trauma Training Learning Pathway	£875,392		Recommended for Approval
Youth Action	Peace Dividend for Young People	£546,823		Recommended for Approval
Youth Initiatives	Crosslinks Culture Connections - (CROSSLINKS)	£330,865		LOO Issued
Youth Link: N.I.	Community Capacity Building Strategies		€540,824	LOO Issued
TOTALS		£8,185,005	€4,545,720	
TOTAL IN EURO				
Based on an exchange rate of £1 = €1.1			€13,549,226	

Please see Table C in Appendix 2 for the 1.2, Strand 3 projects that have been withdrawn under this theme.

3.3 Priority 2, Theme 1: Creating Shared Space (€2 million)

This theme seeks to tackle the problems of separation of communities and address the underlying problems of sectarianism, racism and prejudice by encouraging the development of physical environments and regeneration of urban, rural and border areas that appear derelict, segregated, underused, threatening and/or unwelcome.

The call for applications was opened between 15 November 2007 and 5 September 2008. Thirty full applications were received by the closing date and a total of nine applications have been approved by Steering Committee with a value of €53.57m. The JTS has worked closely with Accountable Departments to facilitate the process of moving from Steering Committee approval to the issue of the Letter of Offer. To date six Letters of Offer have now been issued under this theme.

Table 5 below presents Steering Committee approved applications under theme 2.1.

Table 5: Creating Shared Public Spaces – LoO Issued and Recommended for Approval.

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
Ilex	The Peace Bridge	£13,343,476		LOO Issued
Monaghan County Council	Clones/Erne East Community Sports Partnership		€ 7,803,451	LOO Issued
Omagh District Council	OASIS	£3,989,500		LOO Issued
Belfast City Council (020)	Skatepark	£370,000		LOO Issued
Cavan County Council	Castlesanderson - All Ireland Scouting/Jamboree Centre		€ 3,052,000	LOO Issued
Skainos Ltd	The Skainos Project	£6,125,831		LOO Issued
Department for Social Development, Belfast Regeneration Office*	The Glen Community Complex (Bacon Factory) Redevelopment	£4,595,603		Recommended for Approval
Donegal County Council	Pettigo/Tullyhommon - The Termon Project		€8,400,000	Recommended for Approval
Department for Social Development	The Peace Museum and Exhibition Area (SS Nomadic)	£2,774,780		Recommended for Approval
TOTALS		£31,199,190	€19,255,451	
TOTAL IN EURO				
Based on an exchange rate of £1 = €1.1			€3,574,560	

Please see Table D in Appendix 2 for 2.1 projects that have been rejected, withdrawn or are still to be considered.

3.4 Priority 2, Theme 2: Key Institutional Capacities (£40 million)

This theme aims to develop the capacity of key institutions to deliver services in a manner that contributes to a shared society across Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.

The theme has been divided in two areas:

Area 1 – Piloting Innovative Service Delivery Models; and

Area 2 – European and International Networking and Exchange of Good Practice.

Following consultation with the Accountable Departments a call for applications opened for both Areas between 31 March 2008 and 5 September 2008. This was followed by a further call for Area 2 over two months up to 15 December 2008. A further call has been opened on a rolling basis on 9 March 2009 for both Area 1 and Area 2.

A total of 26 full applications have been received with 15 applications considered by two Steering Committees. Eight were received under Area 1 and seven under Area 2. The remaining 11 applications are still to be considered by Steering Committee.

Area 1: Piloting Innovative Service Delivery Models

Eight full applications have been considered under Area 1. The NI Prison Service's Challenging Hate Crime Project (£844,048) has been recommended for approval. Four applications were rejected. The remainder are still undergoing assessment.

Area 2: European and International Networking/ Exchange of Good Practice

Eighteen full applications were received under Area 2. Seven applications have been considered to date. Two have been rejected, one withdrawn and the remainder are still undergoing assessment.

Table 6 below presents the approved application under theme 2.2.

Table 6: Key institutional Capacities – Approvals / recommended for Approval

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
Northern Ireland Prison Service	Addressing Hate Crime	£844,048*		Recommended for Approval
TOTAL IN EURO Based on an exchange rate of £1 = €1.1			€28,453	

*The amount originally requested was £800,000, however as a result of the Economic Appraisal the Steering Committee decided to increase the amount of funding.

Please see Table E in Appendix 2 for 2.2 projects that have been rejected, deferred, withdrawn, progressed to Economic Appraisal or still to be considered.

3.5 Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance (TA) is used by the Managing Authority to finance programme preparation, monitoring, administrative/technical support, evaluation, audit and inspection. A total of €19,973,507 is allocated from the programme to fund TA (6% of total programme as authorised by Article 46 (1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.

Of this €19.9m budget, a total of €7,180,262 has been allocated to the Consortium of Border Action and Community Relations Council in Northern Ireland. This relates to two contracts:

Contract	Value (€)
The provision of technical support in the development and implementation of the local element of Priority 1, Theme 1 Reconciling Communities	€2,852,846
Implementation of Priority 1, Theme 2 Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past	€4,327,416
Total	€7,180,262

The remaining €12,793,245 Technical Assistance will fund the core activities of SEUPB as Managing Authority for the a period of nine years from 2007 – 2013 and until the programme is effectively closed. This has been subdivided across a number of budget headings and phased throughout the lifetime of the programme. The budget allocations for the SEUPB TA budget are given in table 7 below.

Table 7 – SEUPB Technical Assistance Budget Headings

Budget Heading	Allocation 2007 – 2015 (€)
Corporate Expenditure	4,500,000
Joint Technical Secretariat	1,650,000
Managing Authority	793,245
Communications/PR	1,600,000
Audit Authority	1,000,000
Audit and Finance	750,000
Monitoring and Evaluation	2,000,000
PEACE Network	500,000
TOTAL	12,793,245

3.6 Summary

The overall progress made in implementing the PEACE III Programme is summarised in the table below.

Table 8 – Summary of all Themes

	Priority / Theme	Allocation (€m)	Projects Approved (No)	Projects Approved (Value) (€m)	Commitment (%)
1.1	Building Positive Relations at the Local Level (Local)	90	14	50.2	55.8
1.1	Building Positive Relations at the Local Level (Regional)	50	21	26.5	53
1.2	Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past.	50	51	18.7	37.4
2.1	Creating Shared Space	82	9	53.6	65.4
2.2	Key Institutional Capacities	40	1	0.9	2.3
	Sub – Total	313	96	149.9	47.9
3.	Technical Assistance	20	4	14.7	73.5
	Grand Total	333	99	164.6	49.4

4.0 Programme Management

In accordance with Article 60 of Community Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, the Managing Authority is responsible for managing the Operational Programme and ensuring its implementation.

4.1 Regulatory Requirements

Since the last Monitoring Committee meeting, the following documents have been prepared and submitted in accordance with Regulations:

- **Description of Management and Control Systems.** Art 71 of Council Regulation (EC) 1083/2006 requires that this document is submitted within 12 months of Commission approval of the programme. Submission was required by 6 November 2009. The document was prepared by the Managing Authority and submitted by the Audit Authority on 5 March 2009.
- **Annual Control Report.** Art 62 of Council Regulation (EC) 1083/2006 requires that Audit Authority submit the Annual Control Report by 31 December each year from 2008 to 2015. The first PEACE III Annual Control Report was submitted on 22 December 2008.

4.2 The Review Process

In the case of an application to the programme being unsuccessful, the Lead Partner, on behalf of the Partnership, may seek a review of that decision. The applicant may request a de-briefing session where they will be afforded the opportunity to discuss, either over the telephone or in a meeting, the reasons for rejection with a member of staff from the JTS or Intermediate Body. During this discussion, the scoring and the basis for the decision taken will be communicated to the applicant.

On the basis of this feedback, the applicant may then make a written request for a review of the decision not to fund. Upon receipt of a written request for a review the Managing Authority will convene the Review Panel, which comprises Members of the Monitoring Committee, who were not involved in the original decision making process, and an independent member.

A total of five Review Panels have been held, four since the last Programme Monitoring Committee. The details of each meeting and the decisions taken are listed in the table below.

Table 9 - Number of Reviews by Programme and Decision

Date of Review Panel	Applicant Name	Project Title	Intermediate Body	Measure	Outcome
11/04/2008	Strabane District Council	Mourne Link	JTS	2.1	Decision Upheld
21/01/2009	Community Visual Images @ Creative Media Partnerships	The Insight Project (Inclusion, Interaction, Innovation)	The Consortium	1.2	Decision was to reassess (subsequently withdrawn)
21/01/2009	Border Action	Implementation of the Partnership Principle in Theme 1.1	JTS	2.2	Decision upheld
09/02/2009	Derry City Council	North West Regional Sports Campus	JTS	2.1	Decision was to reassess
05/02/2009	Cresco Trust	Roots and Wings Project	JTS	1.1	Decision upheld

On three occasions the Steering Committee's decision has been upheld. On two occasions the Review Panel Members concluded that there had been 'a failure in the adherence to procedures or systems that materially affected or could have affected the decision.'

The application from Community Visual Images @ Creative Media Partnerships has subsequently been withdrawn and no further action is required. The Derry City Council application is in the process of being re-assessed by the JTS and brought back to the Steering Committee to be considered.

4.3 Information and Publicity Update.

4.3.1 Overview

As the programme has rolled out, information and publicity activity has been directed to supporting the calls for applications, providing resources to assist Lead Partners meet their information and publicity obligations, reviewing Lead Partner communication plans, and providing advice and approval for Lead Partner publicity activities.

4.3.2 Website Development

The review of the SEUPB website and consultation with stakeholders provided the technical specifications for the development of the website to make it more interactive and to improve access to information. Following a tender process, a supplier has been appointed and the work is underway. Following intensive testing, it is expected that the work will be completed during the summer 2009. The Managing Authority has contributed to the consultation to ensure information and reports to the Monitoring Committee Members is easily accessible. In the interim, full information is provided via the existing website: www.seupb.eu.

4.3.3 Events

Information Roadshows

Sixteen PEACE III information roadshows were delivered across the eligible region during January and February 2009. Ten roadshows were held in Northern Ireland and six were held in the Border Region of Ireland. The purpose of the roadshows was to inform citizens and potential beneficiaries of the programmes and the added value of the assistance of the European Union. The events were primarily targeted at community and voluntary groups and were organised in conjunction with the County Council PEACE Partnerships in the Border Region of Ireland and the PEACE III clusters of local councils in Northern Ireland.

The involvement of the County Council and Cluster PEACE Partnerships ensured that roadshows complemented ongoing local information and publicity activities and helped to manage the expectations of previous beneficiaries by outlining how the 2007-2013

programme differs from its predecessors. The Consortium of CRC/Border Action for PEACE III Measure 1.2 contributed to all of the roadshows.

Balmoral Show

Following the success of last year's activity, plans are being made, in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel and the Northern Ireland Structural Funds Information and Publicity Network, to provide a stand at the Balmoral Show 2009 (May 13-15). This stand will provide information on all the Structural Funds programmes operating in Northern Ireland. By participating in this activity the programme will meet the requirement of undertaking an 'annual major information action', targeted at the general public and designed to raise awareness of the programme and EU Cohesion policy in general.

4.3.4 Networking

An initial meeting of the Information and Publicity Network for Lead Partners took place in June 2008, and since then Communications has been included in the Lead Partner workshops organised by the Joint Technical Secretariat. Information and support is provided at these meetings to ensure Lead Partners are complying with their obligations under EC Regulation 1828/2006. For example a '*Publicity Guide for Lead Partners and Projects*' has been published and updated to explain how to meet the legal obligation to acknowledge the European Union's contribution from the European Regional Development Fund to operations. It is intended that the information and publicity network will meet annually, to complement and support ongoing programme workshops.

The Managing Authority has participated in the Information and Publicity Network established by the Department of Finance and Personnel for the EU programmes operating in Northern Ireland.

4.3.5 Web-based TV Programme

The initial interest amongst the Northern Ireland Structural Funds programmes to work together to produce a web-based television programme (EUTV) has not come to fruition. However, as an integral part of the programme's Communication Plan, the Managing Authority is continuing to explore how best to use web-based television activities to effectively meet information and publicity goals.

4.3.6 Media Monitoring and Media Relations

The key printed media throughout the eligible area has been monitored. Since September 2008 there have been 176 mentions of the PEACE III Programme in newspapers. Of those 176 mentions, 60 were positive, 109 were classed as neutral and 7 carried negative messages. Examples of press coverage are included in Appendix 3.

In partnership with each County Council and Local Councils Cluster PEACE Partnership, the local media were informed about the PEACE III Information Roadshow in their area and received a post event press release and photograph. Considerable local media attention was generated.

5.0 Conclusion

The Managing Authority is content that the progress on implementation to date is in line with the overall aim of the PEACE III Programme which is to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society and promote reconciliation.

The Managing Authority is also content that the approved projects to date reflect all eligible regions and are encouraged by the high level of participation on Steering Committees and Working Groups.

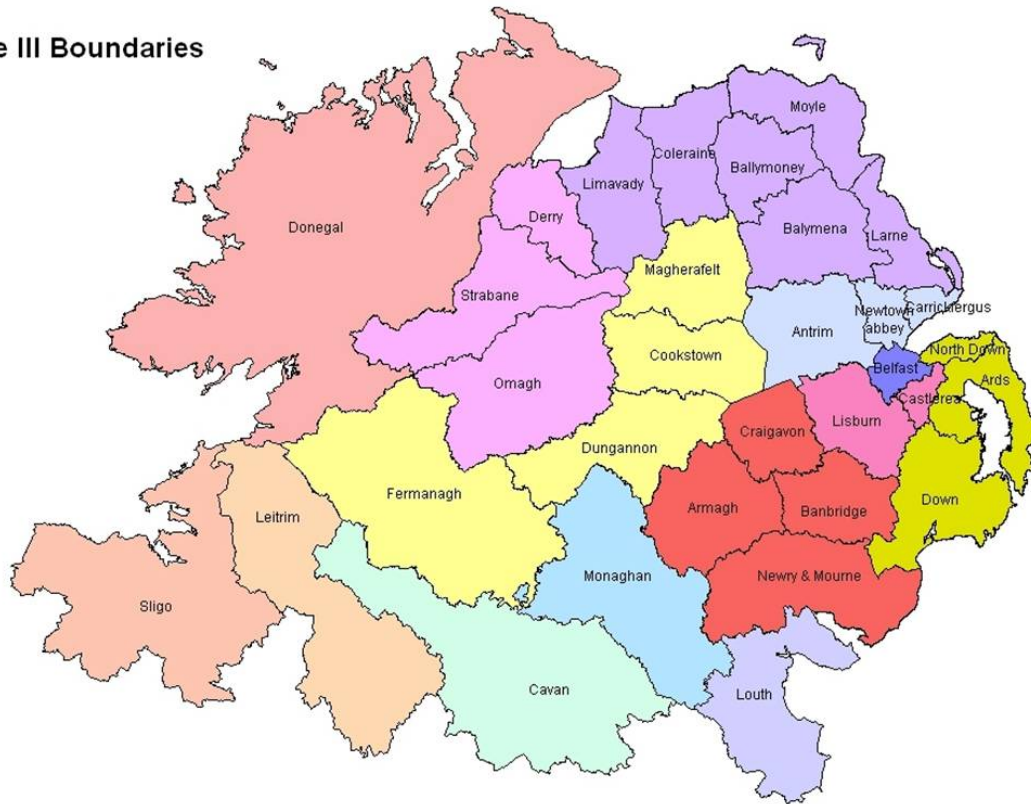
6.0 Recommendation

The Monitoring Committee is requested to:

- **Note** the progress to date on implementation of the programme

APPENDIX 1 - Map of PEACE III Local Action Plan Cluster Boundaries

Peace III Boundaries



APPENDIX 2 – Tables of applications under PEACE III that have not been approved

Table A – Theme 1.1 Building Positive Relations at the Local Level (Regional Projects) – rejections, withdrawals, deferrals and to be considered

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
Irish School of Ecumenics	Transforming Together	£3,130,251	€3,443,276	Rejected
Northern Ireland Trade Union and Education Social Centre	Lets Live and Work Together	£1,794,932	€1,974,425	Rejected
Cresco Trust	Roots and Wings Project	£1,718,610	€1,890,471	Rejected
The Rainbow Project	Celebrate Diverstiy – Sexual Orientation Project	£331,900	€365,090	Rejected
Atlantic Corridor (NI) Ltd	The Diamond Project	£180,273	€198,300	Rejected
Irish School of Ecumenics	Ecumenics in Action	£1,994,690	€2,194,159	Rejected
Foroige	Active Citizenship Exchange	£3,544,112	€3,898,523	Rejected
Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities	Our Shared Future	£1,270,294	€1,397,323	Rejected
Western Education and Library Board	Youth Sport – Building Positive Relations	£993,500	€1,092,850	Rejected
Leargas	Ncompassing School Communities	£2,193,305	€2,412,636	Rejected
Drake Music Project Northern Ireland	Music Unites – building relations using disabled accessive music and arts activities as a bridge	£508,200	€559,020	Rejected
Department of Education PLATO	Promoting Teaching Through the Olympics	£2,600,000	€2,860,000	Rejected
Department of Education	Places to Learn: Engaging more Young People in STEM	£3,100,000	€3,410,000	Rejected
Department of Education	Traveller Education Co-ordinators Project	£999,603	€1,099,563	Rejected
Migrants Rights Centre Ireland	Promoting Active participation and inclusion of vulnerable migrant workers in NI and the Border Region	£2,016,630	€2,218,293	Withdrawn
Queen's University, Belfast	Peace-building for sustainable communities	£599,021	€658,923	To be withdrawn following meeting
Dundalk Institute of Technology	Transforming Conflict in Border Communities Project	£2,475,984	€2,723,582	Deferred
Pobal	Promoting Integration North South	£3,360,354	€3,696,389	To be considered
Northern Ireland Trade Union and Education Social Centre	Lets Live and Work Together	£1,599,572	€1,759,528.86	To be considered

Table B: Theme 1.2 Acknowledging & Dealing with the Past Strand 2 – to be considered and withdrawn

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
F.A.I.R	Borderlands Essentials Skills Training foundational I.T. (BESTFIT)	£300,613.00		To be considered
CALMS	P.R.O.A.C.T	£243,174.00		To be considered
F.A.I.R	Borderlands Outreach and Befriending Catalyst for Active Transition	£341,262.00		To be considered
West Tyrone Voice	Looking to the Future	£305,430.00		To be considered
Trauma Recovery Network	The Trauma Recovery Hub – Connecting Head and Heart	£220,625.29		To be considered
The Bytes Project	Essential Learning for a New Life	£105,927.00		To be considered
F.A.I.R	Innovation in Modular Peace and Reconciliation Training (IMPART)	£287,213.00		To be considered
Northern Ireland Anti Poverty Network	Right Here Right Now	£351,394.00		To be considered
Conflict Trauma and Resource Centre	Beyond Conflict	£423,223.00		To be considered
Institute for Counselling and Personal Development	RENEW – Community Challenge and Change for Peace and Reconciliation	£409,323.00		To be considered
Cunamh	Peace In Mind/Suaimhneas Intinne	£350,856.61		To be considered
Towards Understanding and Healing	Dealing with the Past through Storytelling and Positive Encounter Dialogue	£248,839.00		To be considered
Gaslight	'Epilogues: Facilitating Understanding of the Other'	£333,411.80		To be considered
Educational Trust	Choices and Voices	£1,434,705.00		To be considered
Barnardos	NOVA	£139,395.00		To be considered
WAVE	Continuum of WAVE Key Services to Support Participation	£1,977,769.00		To be considered
Corpus Christi Services	Healing the Troubled Past	£226,802.00		To be considered
The Peace Factory	Peace Action Zone	£385,992.14		To be considered
Co-operation Ireland	Effective Choices Helping Ourselves Programme	£620,548.00		To be considered
WAVE	Back to the Future – Building the Peace Programme	£431,236.00		To be considered
Victims & Survivors Trust	3 Tier Project: Creating Pathways for Inclusion through Active Participation	£262,305.80		To be considered
RNIB	Looking to the Future	£530,985.00		To be

				considered
New Life Counselling	Victims and Survivors Counselling Project	£228,937.00		To be considered
South East Fermanagh Foundation	NECHAMA	£1,698,215.00		To be considered
Louth Leader	Beyond Beliefs	£257,778.46		To be considered
Ulster Orchestra Society Ltd		£264,062.16		To be considered
Northern Ireland Trade Union Education & Social Centre	Development for Inclusivity and Sustainable Communities	£359,982.41		To be considered
Crossfire Trust	Restoring Hope	£360,931.81		To be considered
South East Fermanagh Foundation	The Northern Ireland Phoenix Project	£1,284,131.52		To be considered
F.A.I.R	Conflict Archive Project and Border Lands Experience	£603,228.00		To be considered
Northern Ireland Anti-Poverty Network	Living on the Border Line	£279,755.00		Withdrawn
Shankill Stress and Trauma		£224,865.00		Withdrawn
Northern Ireland Trade Union Education & Social Centre	Community Leadership and Shared Years (CLASY)	£332,923.93		Withdrawn

Table C: Theme 1.2 Acknowledging and Dealing with the Past – Strand 3 - Withdrawals

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
Cookstown and Western Shores Area Network	Cookstown Rural Independence Project	£99,700.00		Withdrawn
Edgehill Theological College	Edgehill Theological College – Reconciliation Project	£239,819.00		Withdrawn

Table D: Theme 2.1 Creating Shared Public Spaces – Rejections, withdrawals and still to be considered

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
Belfast City Council	Belfast Skatepark	£330,000	€363,000	Rejected
Newtownabbey Borough Council	Valley Park Development	£10,890,000	€11,979,000	Rejected
Strabane District Council	Mourne Link Project	£1,764,000	€1,940,400	Rejected
Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council	Army Base to Community Base	£2,690,743	€2,959,817	Rejected
DSD	Belfast Streets Ahead Programme – Bank Square	£3,225,000	€3,547,500	Rejected
Craigavon Borough Council	Public Realm Environmental Improvement – Lurgan Town Centre	£4,611,200	€5,072,320	Rejected
Drogheda Borough Council	Making Connections	£997,253	€1,096,978	Rejected
North Down Borough Council	Balloo Community Wetland Park	£249,581	€274,539	Rejected
An Teach Ban: Centre or Peace Building	Centre for Peace Building	£2,647,828	€2,912,611	Rejected
Belfast City Council	The Belfast Peace Bridge	£5,528,970	€6,081,867	Rejected
Lisburn City Council	Dunmurry Community Connections – A Pathway to a 'shared' community	£6,292,608	€6,921,869	Rejected
Donegal County Council	Lifford Strabane Riverine Project	£15,453,397	€16,998,737	Rejected
Derry City Council	North West Regional Sports Campus	£1,207,628	€1,328,391	Rejected – appeal upheld – to be considered again
Craigavon Borough Council	Portadown Tunnel Project	£1,930,720	€2,123,792	Rejected
County Monaghan VEC	Garage Theatre, Monaghan	£4,186,283	€4,604,911	Rejected
Business in the Community	LEVER – Letting Employer Volunteering Encourage Reconciliation	£222,000	€244,200	Rejected
Department for Social Development, Belfast Regeneration Office	Connswater Community Greenway	£3,000,000	€3,300,000	Withdrawn
Rural Area Partnership in Derry	Rural Derry Green Space Programme	£935,400	€1,028,940	To be considered

Ulidia Integrated College	Safe space and integration for Carrickfergus youth	£2,478,000	€2,725,800	To be considered
An Creagan	Embracing Change	£3,800,000	€4,180,000	To be considered
Stadium Youth and Community Projects	Stadium Youth and Community Projects – New City Life Centre	£2,645,000	€2,909,500	To be considered

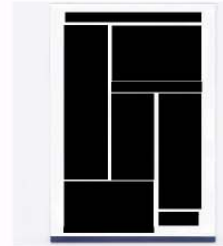
Table E: Theme 2.2 Key Institutional Capacities – rejections, deferrals, withdrawals, still to be considered and progressed to EA

Lead Partner	Project Title	Total £ funding requested	Total € funding requested	Status
The Rural Centre	Eurolink	£775,756		Rejected
Community Relations Council	Research for Reconciliation Project	£691,398		Rejected
Border Action (on behalf of Pobal)	IPP – Implementation of the Partnership Principle in Theme 1.1 of the Peace III Programme		€525,754	Rejected
Belfast City Council	Growing a Learning City	£483,894		Rejected
Citizens Advice	Borderwise Blended Learning Project	£990,217		Rejected
North West Play Resource Centre	International Culture Arts Network	£680,480		Rejected
Leargas	International Network of Youth Centred Public Service Providers		€2,395,887	Deferred
Sligo Vocational and Education Committee	Shared Goals Through Sport		€684,200	Deferred
Public Achievement	Moving Away from Violence	£500,000		Deferred
Queens University of Belfast	Contributing to a Shared Society: Learning from International Experience	£258,604		Withdrawn
UNESCO Centre	Children and Young People, Reconciliation and Educational Practice	£176,931		To be considered
The Junction: Towards Understanding and Healing	Building A Rights Respecting and Shared Society	£463,241		To be considered
Inside Out	The LID (Leadership Through Intercultural Dialogue) Programme		€802,733	To be considered
Donegal County Council	Delivering Public Services in a Post Conflict and Multi Ethnic Society		€485,650	To be considered

Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities	A shared Future of Good Relations to tackle Racism and Sectarianism in Europe		€832,804	To be considered
Common Purpose	Your Turn Programme	£385,250		To be considered
Blackwater Regional Partnership	Blackwater Regional Partnership's Peace in Practice	£343,868		To be considered
Westville Family Resource Centre	Stepping Forward Together	£287,869		To be considered
NICVA	Vital Links	£697,532		Progressed to EA
Mediation Northern Ireland	The Most Project – International Dialogue for Civic Leadership	£788,204		Progressed to EA
Families Acting for Innocent Relatives	EINSTEIN – European International Networking Servicing Trauma and Exchange to Implement New concepts	£428,349		Progressed to EA
Early Years	International Early Childhood Network on Peace Building and Reconciliation	£1,185,952		Progressed to EA
Groundwork NI	Developing Governance in Transition	£397,639		Progressed to EA
Community Foundation for NI	Developing a Peacebuilding Infrastructure Through Shared Learning, Exchange and Policy Development	£746,451		Progressed to EA
Belfast City Council	The Power of Possibility	£686,063		Progressed to EA

APPENDIX 3 – Sample Press Coverage

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Roadshows promote PEACE III

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) has begun 2009 by touring Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland, with 16 information roadshows to introduce the European Union Peace and Reconciliation Programme 2007-2013 PEACE III.

These roadshows have been organised in conjunction with clusters of local councils in Northern Ireland, the six County Councils in the Border Region of Ireland and the consortium of Border Action and the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council (CRC).

At each roadshow, the SEUPB has provided an overview of the PEACE III Programme, through which Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland will benefit from a €333 million programme.

The PEACE III Programme is a distinctive European Union Structural Funds Programme aimed at reinforcing progress towards a peaceful and stable society and promoting reconciliation. It will assist Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland and specifically focus on reconciling communities and contributing towards a shared society. The programme carries forward key aspects of the previous PEACE Programmes (PEACE I and II) and will have a continued and renewed emphasis on reconciliation.

The local councils in Northern Ireland have formed themselves into seven clusters (plus Belfast City Council) and, along with the six County Council Partnerships in the Border Region of Ireland, they will play an important strategic role in the delivery of PEACE III. Working with social partners, each cluster and County Council partnership has developed a local Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan. A total of €60 million has been earmarked for these local Peace and Reconciliation Plans. There remains a strong emphasis on the "bottom up" approach and projects are encouraged to form partnerships to address shared issues and concerns.

At each roadshow, a representative from the local partnership has presented its local Peace and Reconciliation Action Plan. This has included information about how local community and voluntary groups can access local small grants programme and the opportunities which may be available to tender for the delivery of projects or programmes.

The implementation of PEACE III is much more centralised in comparison to its predecessors (PEACE I and II). The Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) within SEUPB is the main implementation mechanism of the programme with one theme implemented by the Consortium of Border Action and CRC. This Consortium is the only Intermediate Body for PEACE III and will oversee projects relating to acknowledging and dealing with the past.

The Consortium of CRC and Border Action has taken part in each of the roadshows to explain how local community and voluntary groups can access the PEACE III funds available to projects which will be acknowledging and dealing with the past.

The roadshows have covered the entire eligible area, from Sligo to Larne and from Coleraine to Dundalk, with hundreds of organisations being represented by attendees. At each roadshow, the SEUPB, the Consortium and local PEACE III Partnerships have explained their timetables for implementation. However, a key message has been to keep visiting the websites for the organisations involved for the latest news. The SEUPB website www.seupb.eu provides the contacts for the Consortium and all the local council Cluster and County Council PEACE III Partnerships.

Speaking at one of the roadshows, Howard Keery, Director of the Joint Technical Secretariat within the SEUPB, said: "The strong attendance at each of the roadshows is testament to the enthusiasm of local groups to play an integral part of delivering the PEACE III

Programme at the grassroots level.

"A huge effort has gone into preparing all of the local Peace Action Plans and it is great to be at the stage where local groups will be able to access European Union funding through the PEACE III Programme."



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50 million euro available in Peace III

THE Special EU Programmes Body is facilitating public meetings to introduce the European Union Peace and Reconciliation Programme 2007-2013 PEACE III.

A public meeting will be held in the North East Cluster area on Wednesday 4th February at 7pm in Coleraine Borough Council offices.

An initial allocation of 50 million Euro will fund the Peace and Reconciliation Plans which each cluster has produced to address Reconciling Communities and the theme of Building Positive Relations at the local level. The allocation for the North East area is just over £3.6 million for the period up to 2010.

At the Information Meetings in

Coleraine and Larne, representatives of the North East cluster will present details of the action plan for the area and its delivery.

The newly appointed Programme Manager, Patricia McCallion, said: "The Peace III funding for the area aims to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society by tackling important issues at the local level such as dealing with conflict and challenging attitudes towards sectarianism and racism.

"The North East Plan contains a range of actions which will help to achieve these overall objectives. I look forward to working with the Peace III Partnership to deliver this exciting and challenging programme.

The funding can make a real difference to local people and local communities and have a very positive impact on the region."

Speaking in advance of the meetings, Eithne Gilligan, from SEUPB, said, "Fifty million euro has been earmarked for the Peace and Reconciliation Actions Plans of local councils in Northern Ireland and County Councils in the border region of Ireland. I look forward to setting out the opportunities available and hearing about the local plans. There remains a strong emphasis on the "bottom-up" approach and projects are encouraged to form partnerships to address shared issues and concerns. "

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Training programme for women is launched in Templepatrick

A LOCAL training programme for women was launched recently at the Hilton Hotel in Templepatrick by MEP's Jim Nicholson, Neil Parish, Agnes Schierhuber and Lutz Goppel.

The programme is part financed by the European Unions Regional Development Fund through the EU Programme for Peace

and Reconciliation managed by the Special EU Programmes Body and has been awarded to TWN (Training for Women Network) to deliver further training and development initiatives in the local area via Empowering Women in the Community.

Empowering Women in the Community is a locally based group and was chosen along with 22 other organisations

throughout N Ireland and the border areas to continue the delivery of training focused on local women.

This programme will build upon the success of a previous 2 year Peace II Extension programme where 420 local women were given the opportunity of development.

Training programmes to be delivered include Women's Studies,

Women in Leadership, Dialogue programme, Mentoring and Shadowing, Community Development, Management, OCR Level 2 & 3 Certificate in Reconciliation and Essential Skills.

For further information please contact Michele Steele from Empowering Women in the Community on 9446 9221.

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Schoolkids tackle the bullies

TEN primary schoolchildren from Northern Ireland were congratulated this week by Ian Stewart, Irish FA Grassroots Manager and former Northern Ireland international, on their success in the **Mencap / Irish Football Association anti-bullying poetry and drawing competition** at Malone House, Belfast.

The competition, which was held during November, the official anti-bullying month, required primary school entrants to illustrate their feelings about bullying through a poem or a drawing.

The Irish FA and Mencap (one of the association's official charities) initiated the competition to increase awareness and support for the serious issue of childhood bullying. This was a result of European Union Peace III funding granted to the Irish FA's community campaign, Football For All, which aims to make football fun, safe and inclusive for the community.

Deborah Mills from Carr Primary School, Lisburn, won first prize for her poem entitled 'The Bully' whilst Máiread Malone from St Paul's Primary School,

Irvinestown, also received first prize for her colourful drawing entitled 'Don't Let Bullies Bully You'.

The runners-up of the competition, Harry Hamilton from Moneyrea Primary School, and Shannon McMullan from Grange Park Primary School, Bangor, received Irish FA limited edition t-shirts with their entry printed on the back.

Six children also received a commendation for their entries, including Chloe Jeanes from Grange Park Primary School Bangor, Barry McClements from West Winds Primary School Newtownards and Rhys Mercer from Moneyrea Primary School, Newtownards.

Ian commented on the significance of the event: "Bullying is a vital issue amongst children. Most children's first experience of bullying will be within the school environment and I think it's great to see children who aren't afraid to stand up to bullies and encourage other children to do the same, especially within the context of football. Football is a game for uniting people and is an excellent tool in promoting diversity amongst communities."



Shannon McMullan is congratulated by Rebecca Shea (Mencap) and Ian Stewart (Irish FA).



Harry Hamilton has received an Irish FA limited edition t-shirt printed on the back from Rebecca Shea (Mencap) and Ian Stewart, Irish FA Grassroots Manager and former Northern Ireland international, for taking the runner-up spot in an anti-bullying poetry and drawing competition.