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## **Skills Funding Agency**

### **European Social Fund: Joint Co-Finance Plan 2011-13**

#### **Consultation Questionnaire**

To support the consultation process it would be helpful if organisations submitting comments provided contacts details:

<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
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By the closing Date: Monday April 19th at 12 noon.

**Section A: Machinery of Government Changes**

**The Skills Funding Agency has set out proposals to ensure that the Young People's Learning Agency and Local Authorities are actively engaged in developing and managing a 'joint CFP'.**

*Q1. Are these arrangements sufficient?*

*Q2. What else might be done to ensure that ESF activity is coherent and adds value to other 14-19 plans and programmes?*

**The Skills Funding Agency intends to work closely with Jobcentre Plus and alongside City Employment Strategy consortia to develop a more integrated approach to programmes for the unemployed.**

*Q3. What else might we do to achieve this?*

**The Skills Funding Agency's investment in adult and employer skills will be informed by the Regional Strategy and the Regional Statement of Priorities.**

*Q4. What else might be done to ensure that ESF investment achieves maximum added value?*

*Q5. Are the proposed management arrangements for Global Grants appropriate?*

**Section B: Proposed Activity**

**Priority 1: Activities to tackle Worklessness**

*Q6. Are the proposed target groups and activities appropriate?*

*Q7 What additional activity and/ or support might be offered?*

**Priority 1: Activities to tackle NEET**

*Q8. Are the proposed target groups and activities appropriate?*

Q9. *Is the approach to spatial targeting appropriate?*

**Section B: Proposed Activity (cont)**

**The Skills Funding Agency has proposed four main areas of activity to improve the take up of Apprenticeships and investment in the skills of the workforce**

Q10 *What other activities might be undertaken?*

**Section C: Proposed Management Arrangements**

**The Skills Funding Agency has set out the management arrangements.**

Q11. *Are the proposals and timetable for commissioning appropriate?*

Q12. *How might the proposed management arrangements be strengthened to maximise the impact of ESF?*

<p>Q13. <i>What else might be undertaken to address the cross cutting themes?</i></p>
<p>Q14. <i>Health has been introduced as a cross cutting theme for the first time. What additional activity might be undertaken to ensure that this theme is effectively addressed?</i></p>
<p><b>Other Comments</b> Do you have other suggestions as to how we might improve the impact of the programme?</p>

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