



22 September 2016

Dear ,

**ATISN 10698**

Thank you for your request which I received on 24 August. You asked for details on projects funded through the 2007-2013 European Structural Funds programmes.

In relation to your request you are particularly looking for "actual targets achieved by the end of the project" compared to the "initial project targets outlined at the beginning of the project" for each of the projects listed below:

80007 Agile Nation  
80008 GO Wales Graduate Skills for the Knowledge Economy  
80012 New Business Start Up Support  
80019 JEREMIE FUND (P2 Conv)  
80020 JEREMIE FUND (P2 Comp)  
80022 Valleys Cycle Network  
80023 Quadrant Transport Interchange  
80025 Ebbw Vale Innovation Centre Phase 2  
80038 LEAD  
80050 Want2Work Connect  
80078 Work Based Learning Strategies  
80087 BWCABUS  
80111 Foundation Degrees  
80129 Office Developments at SA1 Swansea Waterfront  
80141 Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone  
80174 Spatial European Teams ESF Competitiveness  
80177 IT for Rural Enterprises  
80225 Working Skills for Adults  
80229 Regional Essential Skills ESF P3T1  
80231 Software Alliance  
80232 Enhancing Leadership and Management Skills  
80245 Shaping the Future



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80275 Central Valleys Railway Package Phase 2  
80300 Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarships  
80301 Access to Masters  
80330 Third Sector European Team ESF Competitiveness  
80336 Sector Priorities Fund  
80339 Steel Training Research and Innovation Partnership (STRIP)  
80356 South West Wales Property Development Fund  
80370 Cross Hands East Strategic Employment Site

The information you requested is enclosed at **Doc 1**. The **Doc 1** information includes details of the initial key targets outlined in the business plan at the beginning of the project, confirmed key targets agreed as part of the final grant offer and the actual key targets achieved at the end of the project (based on final payment claims authorised by WEFO).

All EU funded projects from the 2007-2013 European Structural Funds programmes were required to set output targets as part of their grant award conditions. These output targets contribute to the Operational Programme targets agreed with the European Commission at the outset of the seven-year programme period. WEFO is on track to exceed its agreed key targets for the 2007-2013 programmes and in many cases the agreed targets have already been surpassed by considerable margins.

Throughout the lifespan of a project, targets and indicators may be revised to reflect changes in and the experiences of project delivery, such as those relating to a range of external and internal factors including economic and labour market conditions, findings of independent project evaluations and programme evaluations, tendering and delivery arrangements, infrastructure developments and compliance issues. This usually leads to changes in financial costs (including the amount of EU funds invested), with funds reallocated to other projects as necessary so that we maximise the available funding and achieve overall programme performance targets agreed with the European Commission.

Output target data provided by projects also complements other monitoring and evaluation measures, including mid-year and final evaluations of projects, which are regularly published on the EU funding pages section of the Welsh Government website, which can be accessed via the following web link:

<http://gov.wales/funding/eu-funds/previous/project-evaluations/?lang=en>.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

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Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

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Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely