

## Press Release

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### FUNDING WORTH OVER €90 MILLION IS NOW AVAILABLE UNDER THE EU'S PEACE IV PROGRAMME

**Two funding calls, worth a combined value of €90.5 million, have opened today under the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).**

€52.9 million will now be made available under the 'Shared Spaces & Services' objective of the Programme.

Designed to create up to eight new, iconic civic spaces that can be used by all sections of the community, successful applicants must be able to demonstrate that their project will have a transformative effect both locally and regionally. In doing so they will be able to help overcome the legacy of social segregation, which still exists across the region as a result of the conflict.

Projects funded under this objective in the last PEACE III Programme included the Peace Bridge in Londonderry, the Girdwood Community Hub in North Belfast and the Peace Link cross-community sports facility in Cavan.

€37.6 million will also be made available for the 'Children & Young People' (aged 14-24) objective of the Programme. The funding will be targeted at young people who are disadvantaged and are at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour, violence or dissident activity.

The objective will result in an increase in the percentage of young people who socialise with people from a different community and who think that relations between Protestants and Catholics are better than they were five years ago.

Outlining the importance of the calls Gina McIntyre, CEO of the SEUPB said: **“Both funding calls have the potential to make a long-term and positive change in our society by bringing divided communities together. The Children and Young People call has been designed to support young men and women who feel disengaged, and offer them an opportunity to gain a sense of belonging, purpose and appreciation for other communities and cultures.**

**“The Shared Spaces call will create eight new large scale capital build projects which will act as a legacy for the Programme. Projects like these have helped to break down some of the barriers resulting from segregated communities which still exist in our society and provide a welcoming space where people can come together and learn from each other,” she continued.**

In order to help support applicants to access the funding for the ‘Children & Young People’ call the SEUPB will be co-ordinating two workshops on the dates and times below. (A workshop for the ‘Shared Spaces & Services’ call was held earlier in the year).

- Tuesday 15 November (9.45am-12.30pm), Ballymascanlon Hotel, Louth.
- Thursday 17 November (9.45am-12.30pm), Skainos Centre, Belfast.

The Department for the Economy (DfE) has recently undertaken a significant youth pilot project with similar goals to the work anticipated under the Children & Young People call. The DfE will present on the evaluation of this pilot activity at both events from 2pm-4pm.

To register for a place on these workshops, email: [communications@seupb.eu](mailto:communications@seupb.eu)

All of the relevant applicant information for both funding calls is available at [www.seupb.eu](http://www.seupb.eu)

Match-funding for both of the Programme’s objectives will be provided by the Government of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Executive.

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**Notes to Editor:**

#### **Match-funding arrangements for the funding calls**

- Match-funding for the ‘Shared Spaces & Services’ objective will be provided by the Department for Communities in Northern Ireland and the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government in Ireland.
- Match-funding for the ‘Children and Young People’ objective will be provided by the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland and the Department of Children & Youth Affairs in Ireland.

### Capital build case studies funded under the PEACE III Programme

- Skainos project -  
[http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/Regulations/ProjectCaseStudy\\_Skainos.sflb.ashx](http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/Regulations/ProjectCaseStudy_Skainos.sflb.ashx)
- Termon project –  
[http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/Regulations/ProjectCaseStudy\\_Termon.sflb.ashx](http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/Regulations/ProjectCaseStudy_Termon.sflb.ashx)
- Peace bridge -  
[http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/Regulations/PeaceBridge\\_CaseStudy\\_2.sflb.ashx](http://www.seupb.eu/Libraries/Regulations/PeaceBridge_CaseStudy_2.sflb.ashx)

### SEUPB

- The Special EU Programmes Body is a North/South Implementation Body sponsored by the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in Ireland.
- It is responsible for managing two EU Structural Funds Programmes, PEACE IV and INTERREG VA which are designed to enhance cross-border co-operation, promote reconciliation and create a more peaceful and prosperous society.
- The Programmes operate within a clearly defined area including Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and in the case of INTERREG VA, Western Scotland.
- The PEACE IV Programme has a value of €270 million and aims to support peace and reconciliation and promote social and economic stability.
- For more information on the both programmes and the SEUPB please visit [www.seupb.eu](http://www.seupb.eu)