

ESF issues presented to the Scottish Government.

- The information was distilled into the main Issues and solutions under the following broad areas which were the most widely reported by respondents; ESF administrative procedures, impact on cash flow, communications (across and between Scottish Government, ESEP, CPP's to third sector organisations, support to third sector organisations (e.g. training/workshops on ESF procedures), wider organisational impacts.
- Annonimised information was shared with colleagues in the Scottish Government from the Third Sector Division and European Structural Funds Division.
- One organisation has already been contacted by ESF team and ESEP to deal with their current situation.
- Of the other organisations who contacted TSEF and who are in receipt of Challenge Funding they will be contacted by their Portfolio Manager from the ESF Team to find out their individual needs and issues at this time (I have to pass on the names of the organisations to the ESF Team first).
- Those organisations in receipt of funding through their CPP and who contacted TSEF. The ESF Team will know who these organisations are and will liaise with ESEP and the appropriate CPP about progress to making payment to organisations.
- The ESF team have suggested and will support TSEF organising claims seminars for organisations connected with TSEF.
- The Employability Team at The Scottish Government will make some suggestions to the Structural Funds Division about best practice for CPP's in working with Third Sector employability organisations to ensure that the services they provide are best utilised and supported. For example, as many Third Sector organisations deliver Supported Employment services, the adoption of the Supported Employment Framework by CPP's recognises the importance of Third Sector organisations in reaching those furthest from the labour market.