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### **Action Note**

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## **Action note heading**

ESF and Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) funding.

### **Who**

All ESF beneficiary organisations delivering YEI projects, European Social Fund Division, IBs and GLA

### **What**

This Action Note is about YEI funding potentially being available to be spent beyond 2018.

### **Cleared**

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# Background

## YEI funding to continue

Following a revision of the European Commission's approach to decommitment, it has been confirmed that YEI funding can continue to be spent by 2023 as long as the ESF 2014-20 programme fulfils its targets.

This means that we have scope to review and revise our YEI use in eligible areas, whilst recognising that the intention was to front-load investment in young people.

In early 2018, ESF Contract Managers will be in contact with organisations in receipt of YEI funding about the potential scope for projects to extend current Agreements beyond summer 2018. They will discuss the circumstances and conditions for revisions to current delivery plans, covering issues such as performance to date, continuing need and the availability of match funding.

To ensure equal treatment, the ESF Managing Authority will also be in discussion with local ESIF Sub-committees in YEI eligible areas about the scope for further open calls.

## Action

Organisations delivering YEI projects are asked to note this development and identify issues you would wish to discuss with your ESF Contract Manager.

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