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Fearghal McKinney MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of the Environment (i) to detail the (a) matched; and (b) unmatched European Union funding his Department has spent in South Belfast in each of the last ten years; and (ii) where this money was spent.

ANSWER

Over the last ten years, my Department successfully sourced additional funding from the main EU structural programmes; Interreg IIIA, Interreg IVA and the Building Sustainable Prosperity (BSP) scheme. The BSP and Interreg IIIA programmes are now closed and the Interreg IVA programme will close within the next few months, to be replaced by the new Interreg VA programme.

I have placed tables in the assembly library, providing details of the lead partner organisations located in South Belfast, and also project descriptions, funded by DOE as the accountable department, under the Interreg IVA, Interreg IIIA and BSP programmes.

However, due to the strategic nature of the INTERREG and BSP projects, the lead partner organisations involved are often regional headquarters whereas the the actual projects may be based elsewhere in Northern Ireland. For example,

as the Interreg IVA programme promotes integrated regional development between neighbouring regions on different sides of the border, all approved projects are cross-border in nature. Therefore, it is difficult to attribute funding to a specific geographical location.

Signed:



Mark H Durkan MLA

Date:

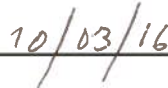


TABLE 1 – INTERREG IIIA

Org/Lead Partner Name (South Belfast)	Project Title	Project Description	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total Expenditure 06-09	Total Match Funding (£)	Total ERDF (EU element) Cont (£)
Queen's University Belfast	Lough Melvin Nutrient Reduction Programme	A programme to identify the amount of phosphorus currently entering Lough Melvin, and to initiate engagement and incentives for reduction measures. Including - the piloting of a nutrient trading programme, - the development of a phosphorus run-off risk management tool for wider application within WFD river basins in UK/Ireland - the valuation of the presence of 3 rare trout subspecies threatened by the current upward trend in lake nutrients.	£171,653	£271,236	£76,277	£519,166	£129,792	£389,375
Queen's University Belfast (Agricultural and Environmental Science Department)	A framework for the management of forest impacts on upland lakes	Over a forest cycle of 40 years, upland lakes in southwest Ulster experience a number of potentially deleterious biological impacts associated with tree planting, fertilisation and timber harvesting. Their impact will be investigated by contemporary investigations of water quality and by assessing changes in the composition of lake sediments.	£76,894	£25,538	£9,673	£112,105	£28,026	£84,079
Total						£631,271	£157,818	£473,453

TABLE 2 – INTERREG IVA

Org/Lead Partner Name (South Belfast)	Project Title	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Total Expenditure (£) 2006-16	Total Match Funding (£)	Total ERDF (EU element) Cont (£)
Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (AFBI)	Development of targeted ecological modelling tools for lake management (DOLMANT)	£163,200.17	£573,085.27	£350,587.19	£172,517.79	£0.00	£1,259,390	£314,848	£944,543
RSPB (NI)	Halting Environmental Loss Project (HELP)	£196,766.74	£400,661.69	£511,343	£324,777	£10,668	£1,444,217	£294,842	£1,149,375
Geological Survey of Northern	TELLUS Border	£474,579.25	£1,924,913.35	£1,762,237	£0.00	£377,762	£4,539,492	£1,134,873	£2,093,918
Queens University Belfast	Controlling invasive riparian plants and restoring native biodiversity	£571,887.65	£425,431	£492,702	£480,0978	£120,680	£2,090,798	£318,552	£1,772,246
Total							£9,333,898	£2,063,115	£7,270,783

TABLE 3 – BUILDING SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY

Org/Lead Partner Name (South Belfast)	Project Title
MAGNI (National Museums and Galleries of NI)	Habitats - the next developmental phase
Queens University Belfast	Conservation of genetics of NI seagrass bed
Queens University Belfast	Conservation genetics of NI peat bogs
Queens University Belfast	Refinement of a novel method for measuring reatration in surface waters
Queens University Belfast	Molecular basis for a species action plan for the red alga <i>Ahnfeltiopsis</i>
MAGNI (National Museums and Galleries of NI)	Sponge Biodiversity on Rathlin Island
NI2000	Rare Earth
CONSARC	The Natural Stone Database

Total (2006-07 to 2008-09)

Total Expenditure (£)	Match Funding (£)	EU Element (ERDF Contribution)
£515,674	£131,240	£384,434

