

Annex D

Distribution of responsibility between Government Offices and RDAs Before January 2001

Government Office	Regional Development Agency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinate production of SPD in close liaison with RDA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinate and represent partnership views • Ensure mechanism for consulting wider partnership is in place • Develop regional strategy and ensure its priorities are reflected in the SPD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead negotiations with Commission – provide feedback along with RDA to partnerships through consultative group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompany GO as lead partner with particular responsibility for strategic aspects of SPD. • Advise GO on strategic issues during negotiation period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once SPD approved consult all partners including the RDA on the most appropriate mechanism for administration of the programme and for appraisal of projects and that these are set up. • Set up PMC and draft rules of procedure • Chair PMC • Undertake Payment Authority Role • Set up mechanisms for administration of programme and for appraisal of projects • Lead contact with Commission • Assist RDA to familiarise themselves with Structural Funds Regimes • Draw up monitoring indicators in liaison with RDA and partners and in accordance with HQ advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of PMC • Member of any relevant working group • Contribute/draft strategic papers for PMC • Project applicant • Match Funder

• After 1 January 2001 - in addition to roles identified above

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Programme Secretariat to cover admin functions including acting as Payment Authority and dealing with financial administration • Offer technical advice to RDAs on Structural Funds regulations and to applicants on project applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focal point of contact for partners for strategic issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct contact with Commission on administration and payment issues • Setting up financial and statistical systems, including production of annual and final reports, and responsibility for financial control and monitoring and reporting of irregularities. • Ensure compliance with Community Policies • Draw up an implement publicity strategy jointly with partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct contact with HQ and EC on strategic issues re programme implementation • Take necessary steps to ensure delivery of the programme strategy. • Input to the drafting of Annual and Final Reports - in liaison with GO. • Handling mid-term and ex-post evaluation of programme in liaison with the Managing Authority in case of requests for corrective measures • Annual Review of programme with EC in liaison with the Managing Authority leading to possible adjustments to programme complement. • RDAs to propose eligible programmes to ODPM for allocation of performance reserve