

Overview of the regulations to be respected by beneficiaries in implementation of the INTER-REG IVB North Sea Region Programme projects on the territory of Scotland.

The so-called 'National Rules' produced by the Scottish Government apply to the Convergence and Competitiveness Programmes. **They do not apply to the North Sea programme.**

For the North Sea Programme, unless specifically stated below, arrangements for Scotland and for partners based and / or operating in Scotland follow those of the Department for Communities and Local Government in order to secure, as far as possible, a common approach for the UK.

Status on: 11 June 2009	
Laws and regulations	
ERDF specific national regulations on:	
- administration	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- responsibilities and competencies	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- eligibility, accounts, auditing and control	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- irregularities	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
- any other	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Controllers qualifications	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
State Aid	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF. Potential private sector beneficiaries are required to demonstrate that their project will not distort competition.</i>
Environment	<i>The Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument 2004 No.258), which transposes European Directive 2001/42/EC "the SEA Directive" into Scottish law.</i>
Equal Opportunities	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Public Procurement	<i>Follow EU Procurement Rules as set out in the guidance of the Scottish Government's Procurement Directorate</i>
Publicity	<i>No national laws or regulations specific to ERDF</i>
Documents/Guidelines/etc. issued for the implementation of ERDF operations and relevant for the beneficiaries in the North Sea Region Programme	
Administration	No guidelines issued with relevance to the North Sea programme.
First Level Control	No guidelines with relevance to the North Sea programme.
State Aid	The relevant Department is the State Aid Unit of the Scottish Government

Environment	No guidelines with relevance to the North Sea programme.
Equal Opportunities	No guidelines issued with relevance to North Sea programme.
Public Procurement	The Scottish Government's Procurement Directorate issues guidance for public procurement and this includes The Procurement Policy Handbook and Procurement Policy Manual, It is essential that procurement complies with EU rules
Publicity	No guidance with relevance to the North Sea programme.
Any other	