

**Annex A**

**Template for responses to consultation**

Responses should be returned **by 1700 on Friday 31 January 2003**. Please e-mail to: [esfconsultation@hefce.ac.uk](mailto:esfconsultation@hefce.ac.uk)

- a. Having considered the advantages and disadvantages, do you consider that there is an overall benefit in accessing additional ESF monies to support institutional widening participation strategies and P4P business plans? Please state reasons.
- b. If you consider that there is an overall benefit, what risks to your institution or partnership do you see in applying for ESF funding, and how could these be mitigated? What arrangements should HEFCE put in place to support the scheme?
- c. If you consider that there is an overall benefit, what activities would you consider submitting an expression of interest for?
  - Please provide outline details of the kinds of areas where you might apply for ESF funding (such as summer schools, mentoring, visits to schools). Note that at this stage we are not seeking detailed project plans or financial information, and responses will be treated as indicative only.
  - What benefit would be delivered?
  - If you are able to say, roughly what amount of funding would you seek to match? Please state the source of the matched funding – HEFCE widening participation allocation, P4P funding and/or other HEFCE funding.
- d. Does your institution or partnership already access European Structural Funds for widening participation activity? If so, what source of matched funding do you currently use, across which years?
- e. Funds may not be used to support beneficiaries resident in an Objective 1 region (Merseyside, South Yorkshire and Cornwall). Should HEFCE provide funds for work with beneficiaries in Objective 1 areas, given that this would need to be top-sliced from the HEFCE widening participation funds as a whole?

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My interest in this consultation is as:

Representative of a higher education institution Y/N

Representative of a HEFCE-funded further education college Y/N

Lead business planner of a regional P4P partnership Y/N

Other (please state)