

PAC Briefing Note

The Financial Statements of the European Agricultural Fund , the European Agricultural Fund Rural Development and the European Maritime & Fisheries Fund - Irish Operations

The account, known as the Composite Account, shows the consolidation of financial data on a calendar year basis incorporating what are now EAGF, EAFRD and EMFF funds and was devised in the early 2000s to provide visibility on a consolidated view of expenditure across all these funds as some of the expenditure is not Vote related.

The primary objective of the Composite Account is to provide visibility on non-voted expenditure. The account reflects the eligible expenditure incurred for EAGF (non-Vote) and EAFRD (which is part Vote funded) in the calendar year – i.e. payments made to beneficiaries which in turn is claimed from the EU for reimbursement.

Certain costs incurred for administering EAGF and EAFRD funds are accrued such as interest on borrowings, audit fees, intervention storage costs and any know disallowances.

The account reflects claims submitted to the EU in relation to EMFF and also illustrates funds flows between the EU and Ireland for EAGF, EAFRD and EMFF.

The most significant figure is probably the €1,503,465,000 which the EU contributed in 2017 across to the Irish operations of the 3 funds. When combined with the national exchequer funding of €266.6m we get the € 1.77bn shown as the Funds income and expenditure in 2017.