Annex 1: Case Study Format

The case studies to be finalised during the study should follow the format and methodology set out in the guide produced by the Technopolis Group for DG Regional policy.
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperate/regions_for_economic_change/doc/evaluation_brochure_062008_en.pdf

The Technopolis case studies guide is used as a methodology for documenting the experience in different types of innovation projects but can relatively easily be adapted to look at wider measures, programmes and partnership arrangements. The case studies should be 10-14 pages in length. The outline of each case study must include

- Description of partnership;
- Strategic and political context; - including
- Implementation of partnership; - initiation, key steps,
- Results; - what has changed, how have partners adapted approaches
- Sustainability and transferability;
- Key success factors and lessons learned
- Synthesis

The guide was later supplemented by this paper explaining the expectations for case studies (it distinguishes longer "regional case studies" from "mini-case studies" of projects):
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/archive/conferences/evaluation2009/abstracts/gaffey.doc

Examples of cases studies conducted in line with the Technopolis guide are contained in this database: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/projects/practices/index_en.cfm

Relevant examples of a partnership experiences described using this methodology format are listed below:

- **Coordination between objective 2 programming and national/regional initiatives in the framework of the Danish regional growth Fora:** http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/projects/practices/details.cfm?pay=DK&the=90&sto=1919&region=ALL&lan=7&obj=ALL&per=ALL&defL=EN

- **The inclusion of different levels of government and key socio-economic players in the management and implementation system of cohesion policy in Cantabria Spain:** http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/projects/practices/details.cfm?pay=ES&the=90&sto=1927&region=ALL&lan=7&obj=ALL&per=ALL&defL=EN

- **Oulu growth agreement as an example of partnership practice:** http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/projects/practices/details.cfm?pay=FI&the=90&sto=1920&region=ALL&lan=7&obj=ALL&per=ALL&defL=EN

- **Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium (BCRC):** http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/projects/practices/details.cfm?pay=UK&the=85&sto=1979&region=1184&lan=7&obj=ALL&per=ALL&defL=EN