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An introduction to the East Midlands 2007 – 2013 ERDF Programme

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- The East Midlands is one of nine English regions to qualify for Competitiveness and Employment funding.
- Under the 2007-13 programme, the region can receive €268.5m of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) investment.
- 43% of funding allocated to Priority Axis 1
- 53% of funding allocated to Priority Axis 2
- 4% of funding allocated to Priority Axis 3



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Priority Axis 1 (PA1) – Increasing productivity through innovation and sustainable business practice

- Priority Axis 1 seeks to increase business competitiveness by increasing the rate and level of innovation and improving resource efficiency by enabling businesses to develop and exploit new products, processes, technologies, services and markets
- This priority will focus on increasing commercialisation of innovation of small and medium-sized enterprises in the region's priority sectors: transport equipment, construction, food and drink, health and in businesses with high growth potential to create higher value added products and services. It will include support for small and medium-sized enterprise engagement in Research and Development for emerging technologies and for innovation to improve resource efficiency.
- Whole of East Midlands is eligible for funding
- ERDF Intervention rate would not normally exceed 40%



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Priority Axis 2 (PA2) - Increasing sustainable economic and enterprise activity in disadvantaged communities

- The focus of Priority Axis 2 is to provide support and resources to localities with high levels of deprivation and low levels of economic activity in order to increase sustainable economic and enterprise activity.
- This priority will focus on stimulating economic and enterprise activity in the most disadvantaged areas whilst exploiting the potential linkages to adjacent areas of economic growth, through a range of actions but with a strong focus on enterprise and start-up activity. It will also aim to create new economic opportunities by building local capacity, resources and support; reviving local infrastructure and environments and stimulating and supporting enterprise.
- Targeted support to the 12 most disadvantaged communities in the East Midlands
- ERDF Intervention rate would not normally exceed 62.72%



Districts eligible under Priority Axis 2

- Corby
- Derby City
- Leicester City
- Nottingham City
- Lincolnshire (combined Local Investment Plan)
 - Boston (additional transitional funding)
 - East Lindsey
 - Lincoln
- North Notts/North Derbyshire (combined Local Investment Plan)
 - Ashfield
 - Bassetlaw
 - Chesterfield
 - Bolsover
 - Mansfield
- Oadby and Wigston



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Priority Axis 3 (PA3) - Increasing sustainable economic and enterprise activity in disadvantaged communities

- Technical Assistance seeks to support the implementation and monitoring of the Operational Programme.
- A rolling programme for partners to apply for Technical Assistance to support activities linked to the facilitation of stakeholders' effective participation in the Programme was launched in December 2008.