



Introduction to EU Structural & Investment funds 2014-20

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Workshop Aim/Objectives

- The aim is to improve the local VCS opportunities to access the EU SIF 14-20 programme.
- To increase your basic knowledge of EU SIF programmes (within the East Midlands).
- To highlight VCS examples of ERDF delivery in the 2007-13 programme.
- To increase your understanding of the EU SIF programme 14-20, especially the role of LEPs in the programme.



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About One East Midlands

One East Midlands is the regional body for the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in the East Midlands region. Our role is to ensure that all elements of the VCS play a valued role in the development of policies and strategies that impact on the individuals and communities in our region. We have four core strategic functions that enable us to deliver our mission:

- Influencing
- Enabling
- Communicating
- Strengthening



***Building up the awareness,
capabilities and capacity of the
VCS to engage with and access
ERDF (European Regional
Development Fund)***

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Focus

- Increase awareness of.....
- Increase access to.....

ERDF

- increase partnerships/collaboration with....

Third sector/universities/public sector /LEPs

Introduction to the European Structural and Investment Funds

- The Structural Funds are financial tools set up to implement the regional policy of the European Union. They aim to:-
- **Reduce regional disparities in terms of income, wealth and opportunities**
- **Europe's poorer regions receive most of the support, but all European regions are eligible for funding under the policy's various funds and programmes.**
- **The current regional policy framework is set for a period of seven years, with the 2007-13 the most recent, and now at the start of the period 14-20.**

Introduction to the European Structural and Investment Funds

- The Structural and Investment Funds are the European Union's main funding programmes for reducing social and economic disparities across the EU. In England, these funds comprise the:
- **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) which supports research, innovation, business development and infrastructure investment**
- **European Social Fund (ESF) which supports skills, enhancing access to employment and social inclusion.**
- **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) which supports economic development in our rural areas .**
- **European Maritime Fisheries Fund which helps fishermen in the transition to sustainable fishing ,supports coastal communities in diversifying their economies ,finances projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along European coasts and makes it easier for applicants to access financing.**



Introduction to the European Structural and Investment Funds

- In England the accountable body (Managing Authority) for ERDF is Department for Communities and Local Government. ESF is Department for Work & Pensions, EAFRD is Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs is ie the bank account.
- All monitoring returns, financial processing goes through Managing Authorities. This also includes requests for changes to project costs / delivery / time line.
- The 2007-13 programme is still operational and delivery will continue until Dec 15, however no new funds will be available through the 07-13 programme.
- Matched funding of 50% is required across the programme, however individual projects may have a higher intervention rates based socioeconomic factors.
- Payments to projects on defrayment and in arrears (3 months)



EU SIF 2014-20

- http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/funding/data/graphics/cohesionpolicy20142020_full_highres.png

Local Enterprise Partnerships

- Announced in Budget June 2010, cover whole of England
- 39 voluntary, public/private partnerships, private sector led
- Very variable (geography/population covered – including overlaps; legal status; priorities; capacity)
- 5 LEPs in East Mids and South East Mids – D2N2, GLLEP, LLEP, NEP and SEMLEP
- No regions – other LEPs come into play – GCGP (Rutland), SCR (includes 5 Districts in Derbys and Notts) and Hull and Humber (includes North and North East Lincs)

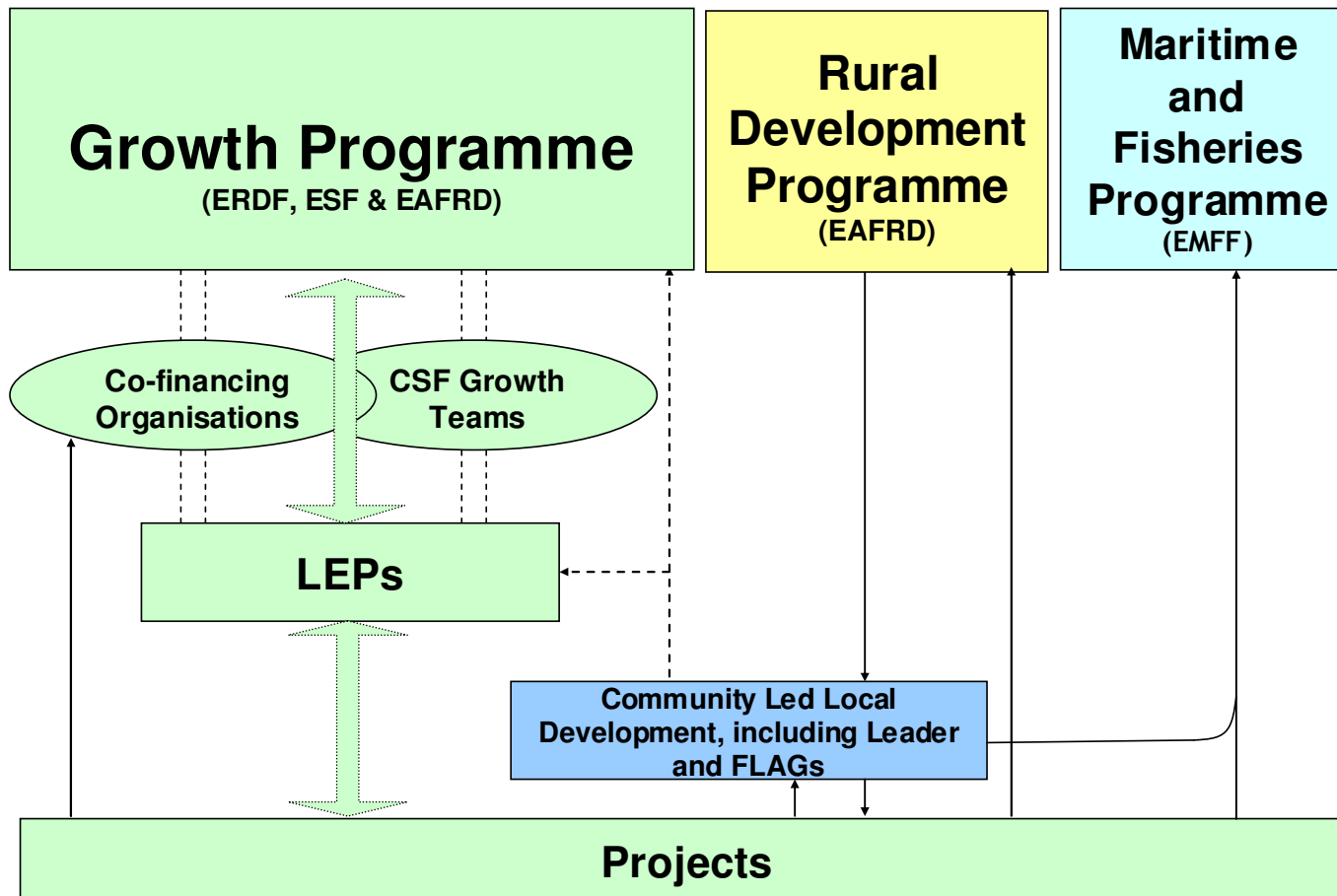
European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020 – LEP roles

Lead role for LEPs – notional 7 year allocations

- Develop strategy, working with wide range of partners
- Select projects (commissioning, bidding and co-financing)
- Identify match funding
- Spend allocation (on time and in line with EU regulations)
- Ensure outcomes delivered
- Monitor delivery against strategy and programme priorities
- Not responsible for administering the funds (remains with Managing Authorities)

How will the EU SIF 2014-20 Programme work?

INITIAL SIF MODEL: DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS





Match Funding

- Need 50% match funding (clean match)
- Type of match funding, cash, public/private levered investment, volunteer time, land/building, earned income
- Details on rules for match funding to be confirmed later in the year.

- 1. Innovation**
- 2. ICT**
- 3. SME Competitiveness**
- 4. Low Carbon**

At least 80% of the ERDF budget must be spent on these objectives and at least 20 % spent on low carbon

- 5. Climate Change Adaption**
- 6. Environmental Protection**
- 7. Sustainable Transport**

No minimum spending requirements set

- 8. Employment and Labour Mobility**
- 9. Social Inclusion**
- 10. Education, Skills , Life Long Learning**

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Cross Cutting Themes

- **Sustainable development**

- manage and reduce impacts from climate risk and future proof developments;
- pursue environmentally sustainable procurement and commissioning; and
- create new green and blue infrastructure to protect and enhance ecosystem services/ natural capital.

- **Equality & Anti-discrimination**

- pay due regard to the public sector equality duty
- commitment to promoting equality and combating discrimination in line with domestic legislation and European Regulations;
- proportionate evidence around equalities issues in the Local Enterprise Partnership area and how the Local Enterprise Partnerships' investment decisions will impact on those issues; and

Cross Cutting Themes

Social innovation

- development of innovative ways of working which are more socially aware, leading to delivery of greater commercial or non-commercial value that is capable of greater scale and/ or wider use.
- the exchange of knowledge between research centres, businesses and other organisations to develop and bring new/ different products and services to the market or to wider use.

LEP allocations for ERDF and ESF 2014 to 2020

LEP	Allocation €m
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	249.7
Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough	75.5
Greater Lincolnshire	133.5
Humber	102.4
Leicester and Leicestershire	126.3
Northamptonshire	55.0
Sheffield City Region	203.4
South East Midlands	88.3

Local focus new opportunities?

- Match funding to complement Growth programme (e.g. Big Lottery Fund, Skills funding agency)
- Community Led Local Development
- Community Grants
- Social innovation, social inclusion, social investment (Social Investment Business – local impact fund)

Local focus new opportunities?

Opt-in option

- Opportunity to gain match funding and administrative support from key national programmes which align with EU Structural and Investment Fund priorities;
- Big Lottery (Mandatory/expected):
 - Lottery good cause distributor funding local projects via civil society organisations
 - BIG will work with LEPS to identify how funds can be best used to meet LEP objectives
 - Expected that LEPs allocate at least 50% of allocation under theme 9 to BIG for at least the first two years



Local focus new opportunities?

Opt-in option

- Skills Funding Agency:
 - Funds and promotes FE training
 - SFA will agree a service level agreement setting out the skills and training activity the LEP wants to see delivered in their area
 - £170m is available to match fund activities
 - Need to opt in for a minimum of half the programme 2014-16

Local focus new opportunities?

Community Led Local Development – What is it?

- Focussed on the specific needs and opportunities of a particular area
- Delivers through small, community projects
- Could be thematic e.g. labour market focussed, or targeted on a specific group, e.g. young people
- Can be linked to one EUSIF or a combination of all of them
- Partnership of public, private and civil society sectors, form a Local Action Group (LAG) to deliver a Local Development Strategy (LDS) – expands on the current Leader approach

D2N2's Allocation - broken down

- Under the European Union Structural and Investment Fund Programme, D2N2 will be allocated
 - **approx £208.8m of ERDF and ESF to be invested during the 2014-2020 cycle.**
 - **D2N2 will be allocated £5.5m of EAFRD.**

D2N2 EU SIF overall outputs

Programme Targets

The EU programme represents a major source of investment which has the potential to make a significant impact on the D2N2 economy over the next seven years. Whilst the programme's results will be quantified at a later date, at this stage it is envisaged the investment will result in:

- **Nearly 5,000 businesses receiving support in relation to innovation, ICT, competitiveness and low carbon**
- **Nearly 500 new enterprises supported**
- **Over 15,000 individuals supported in relation to employment, nearly 8,000 supported in relation to social inclusion and over 15,000 in relation to skills**
- **Nearly 4,000 businesses supported to improve skills levels and employability.**



D2N2 Social Inclusion Priorities

Five priority thematic groups - £16m (£32 with Lottery Match) split across

- **Older, long term unemployed people with additional barriers to work**
- **Younger people with an emphasis on navigating current, complex provision**
- **Women returners facing different aspects of social exclusion**
- **People with multiple and complex needs**
- **The financially excluded both in and out of work**

European SIF Funds 2014-2020

What's happening now?

- LEPs now have greater stake in EU funding
- EU investment plan submitted by LEPs on 31 Jan. On-going negotiations with BIS.
- Final details on Local Growth Team/operational plan, 'application/call' process etc Mar-Jun 14.
- Programme likely to open any time between autumn 2014 and spring 2015



WISE Project – Leicester City

- Led by CASE (the Cooperative and Social Enterprise Development Agency) and delivered in partnership with the University of Leicester and Voluntary Action Leicestershire.
- The WISE project was set up to support new and existing social enterprises and voluntary and community groups in Leicester. The project also co-ordinates a graduate/student placement scheme in social enterprises.
- The project, funded by an ERDF grant of £389,000 and match funded by the three partners own income, started 1 July 2011 and will run until 30 June 2015.

Further information on WISE can be found on the partners websites as follows:
CASE www.case-da.co.uk University of Leicester www.le.ac.uk Voluntary Action Leicestershire www.valonline.org.uk



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Campus for Learning & Development

- The Campus for Learning & Development is an capital project funded by ERDF built to support homeless, unemployed, community in Derby City.
- The Centre brings together 83 units of supported accommodation, learning and development facilities, meeting and conference facilities, an enterprise zone, a café open to the general public and office space all on one integrated site The centre officially opened in November 2010.
- Total project value £4,511,000 Total ERDF £333,222
Match Funding from charitable trusts and other local funders in Derby/Derbyshire
- Key outputs and outcomes
 - Brown field land reclaimed/redeveloped 0.0665ha
 - 3 Jobs created
 - Individuals supported into employment
 - Individuals supported with learning and development
 - DDA Compliant building



Helping prisoners find work and reducing re-offending: Bad Boys' Bakery

The Bad Boys' Bakery is a working bakery located in Brixton prison. It is run by Working Links, a leading provider of services to help reduce social exclusion and poverty. It is co-financed by the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) and the European Social Fund (ESF).

The 12 week course gives prisoners training in baking, along with the skills and qualifications that will help them find sustainable work when they eventually leave prison.

The project:

- provides on the job training to industry standards, including food preparation, baking, stock and time management, as well as knowledge of health and safety systems
- helps prisoners to gain a relevant qualification
- prepares prisoners for work by helping with CVs, applications and letter writing
- helps those who are eligible for temporary release, by arranging opportunities that ---- include helping with deliveries outside the prison and taking on administration roles within the bakery

The Working Links employer services team provides continued support for the prisoners after their release.



Helping prisoners find work and reducing re-offending: Bad Boys' Bakery

Of those who have been through the programme:

- 33% are now in work or training – with many in the hospitality and catering industry
- only 3% have gone on to reoffend within a year of being released from custody, significantly lower than the national average of 47%

So far, more than 60 people with convictions have been through, or are currently part of, the Bad Boys' Bakery programme, and have helped to produce and sell almost 75,000 tasty treats. Up to 20 prisoners can work full-time in the bakery.

Table Discussion

In your tables consider the D2N2 thematic objectives:

- Have a quick round of introductions
- Discuss the type of projects that are needed and meet D2N2 priorities
- How could a collaborative approach be developed?
- Who needs to be involved?

Are there existing collaborative partnerships/consortia?

Are there existing projects that could be extended/further developed?



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Applying for EU funding

- Collaborative approach
- Demonstrating the need for your project
- Match funding
- Cashflow
- Compliance – State Aid, EU procurement
- Financial Management
- Project Management



More Information and resources are on the Reach & Impact web page:

<http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/reachandimpact>