

# **EU COMMON STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FUNDS IN ENGLAND 2014-2020**



**INITIAL PROPOSALS FROM HMG**

**NOVEMBER 2012**

## WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY?

- ❖ Present the Government's latest thinking for an EU Common Strategic Framework (CSF) Funds delivery model and get feedback from you to inform its further development
- ❖ To listen to your views
- ❖ Understand from you your plans and aspirations for how to use the CSF Funds

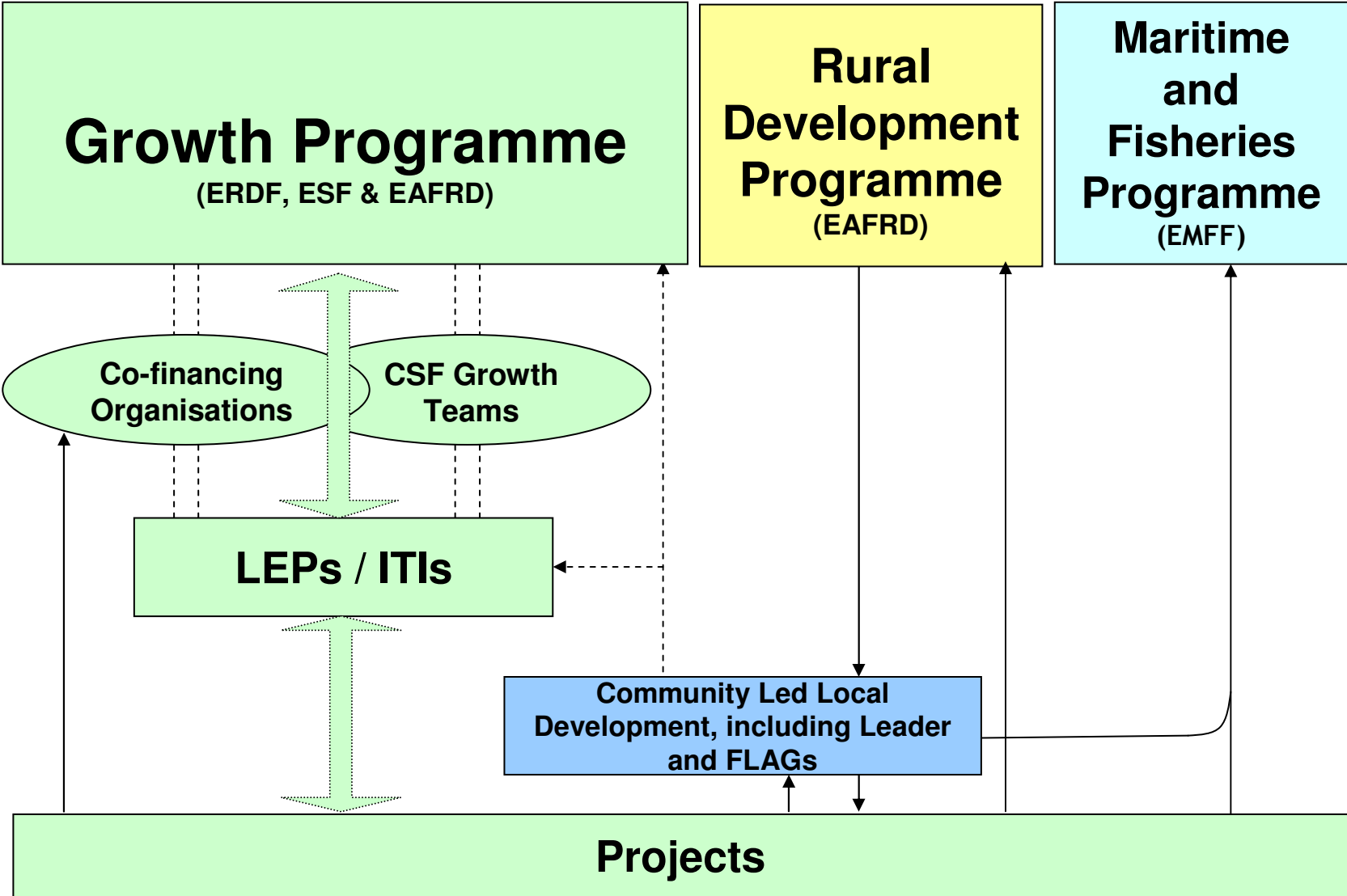
## WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR.....

- ❖ Informal consultation (April 2012)
- ❖ Bespoke events for specific audiences eg. universities, local authorities, voluntary sector, fund specific management committees, etc (Spring-Autumn 2012)
- ❖ Development of an initial delivery model and Ministerial discussion (November 2012)
- ❖ Road testing the approach (today!)
- ❖ Refining the model for formal consultation 2013

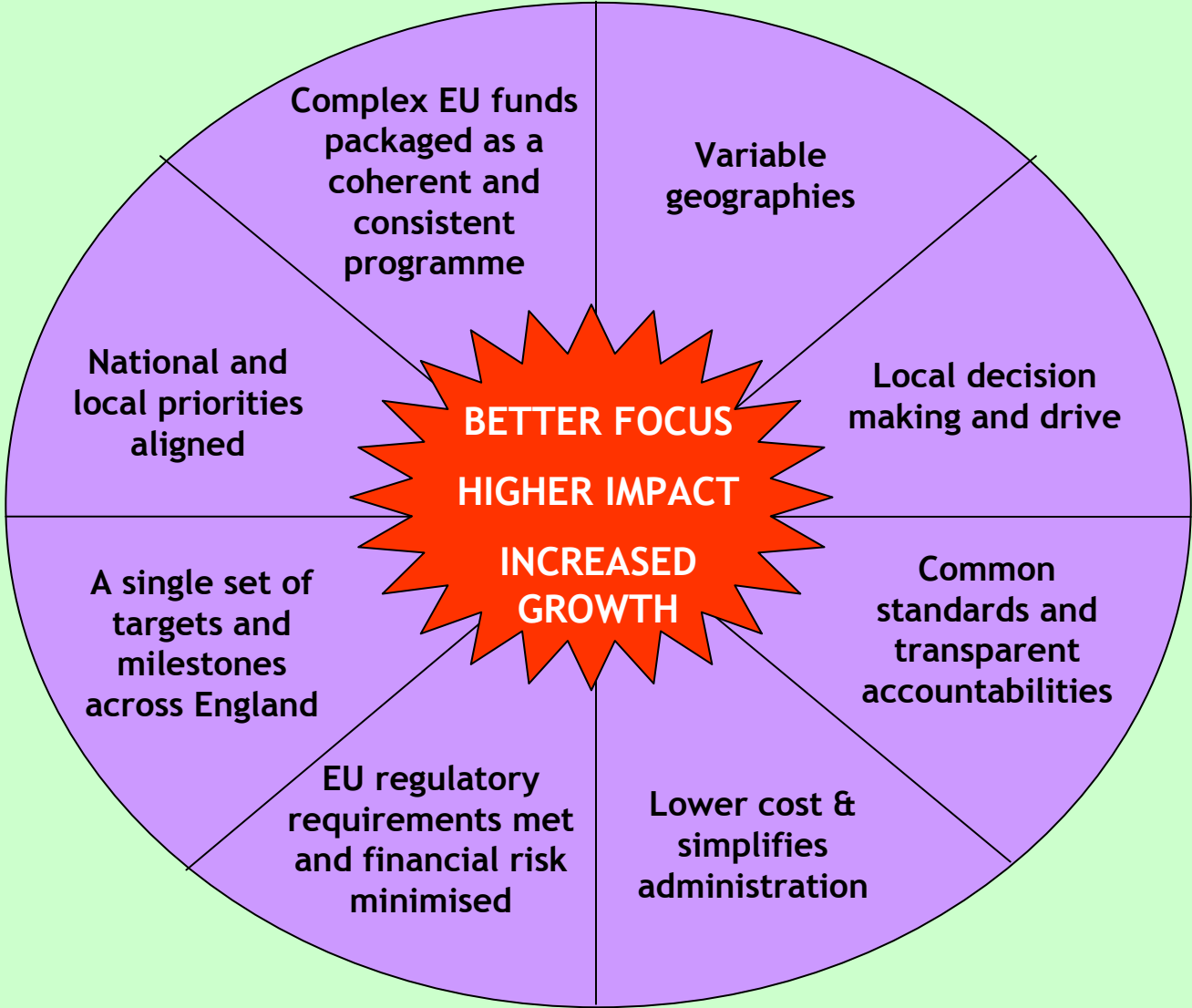
## WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US SO FAR

- ❖ Preference for place based programmes with flexible geographies
- ❖ Any approach must be responsive to local need and national priorities
- ❖ Simplification of fund management
- ❖ Integrated programming, in particular in relation to the Structural Funds (ERDF and ESF)
- ❖ Better co-ordination of match-funding & co-financing across the public sector

# INITIAL CSF MODEL: DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS



# GROWTH PROGRAMME ORGANISING PRINCIPLES



# GROWTH PROGRAMME

- ❖ An “EU Growth Programme” to be financed by ERDF and ESF with a contribution from EAFRD
- ❖ A single “EU Growth Programme Board” incorporating a joint Programme Managing Committee for ESF and ERDF
- ❖ LEPs to be the fundamental building blocks receiving a 7 year notional allocation subject to periodic performance reviews
- ❖ LEPs to identify their preferred EU investment strategy as part of their wider strategy for agreement by the Growth Board. LEPs to select projects and oversee delivery against their strategy
- ❖ Government departmental teams to work as “CSF Area Growth Teams” to support LEPs in the development and delivery of projects and oversee management of the funds
- ❖ National co-financing initiatives to take account of local needs.
- ❖ ‘ITIs’ may be an option in a limited number of places - where this arrangement will deliver better value, higher impact results.

# GROWTH PROGRAMME THEMES

Innovation



SME competitiveness



Low carbon economy



Skills



## **GROWTH PROGRAMME: A SIMPLIFIED SYSTEM**

- ❖ Greater alignment of eligibility rules for projects across the country
- ❖ Improved and harmonised guidance to applicants
- ❖ Managing authority to 'hide the wiring' where projects draw on more than one fund

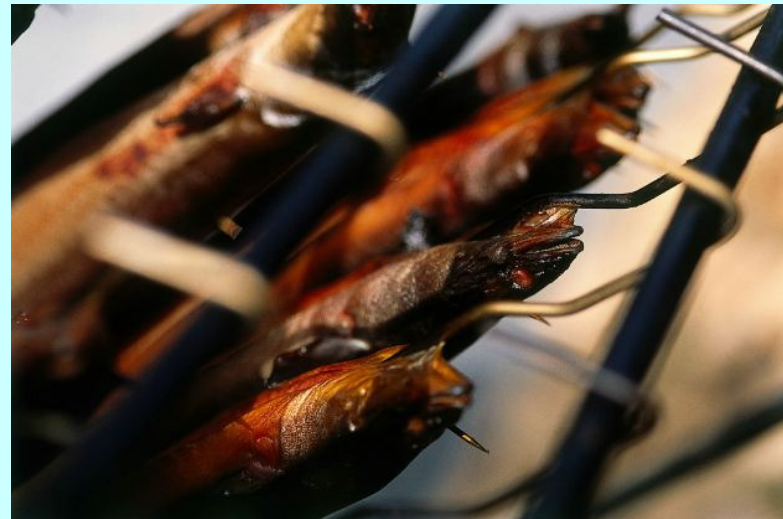
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- ❖ Securing environmental benefits
- ❖ Boosting the competitiveness and growth of agriculture and forestry sector
- ❖ Strengthening rural communities



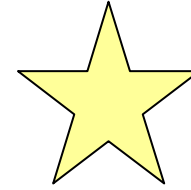
# MARITIME AND FISHERIES PROGRAMME

- ❖ Assisting fisheries to become more sustainable
- ❖ Enhancing the competitiveness of the fisheries sector





# EU PRIORITIES



❖ Europe 2020: smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

❖ National Reform Programme

- ❖ Continue to improve the employability of young people, in particular those not in education, employment or training
- ❖ Step up measures to facilitate the labour market integration of people from jobless households.
- ❖ Further improve the availability of bank and non-bank financing to the private sector, in particular to SMEs.



❖ Common Strategic Framework

- ❖ better alignment of the CSF Fund investments to improve coherence and impact of investments.
- ❖ improve the coordination of CSF Funds administration to increase efficiency and effectiveness.



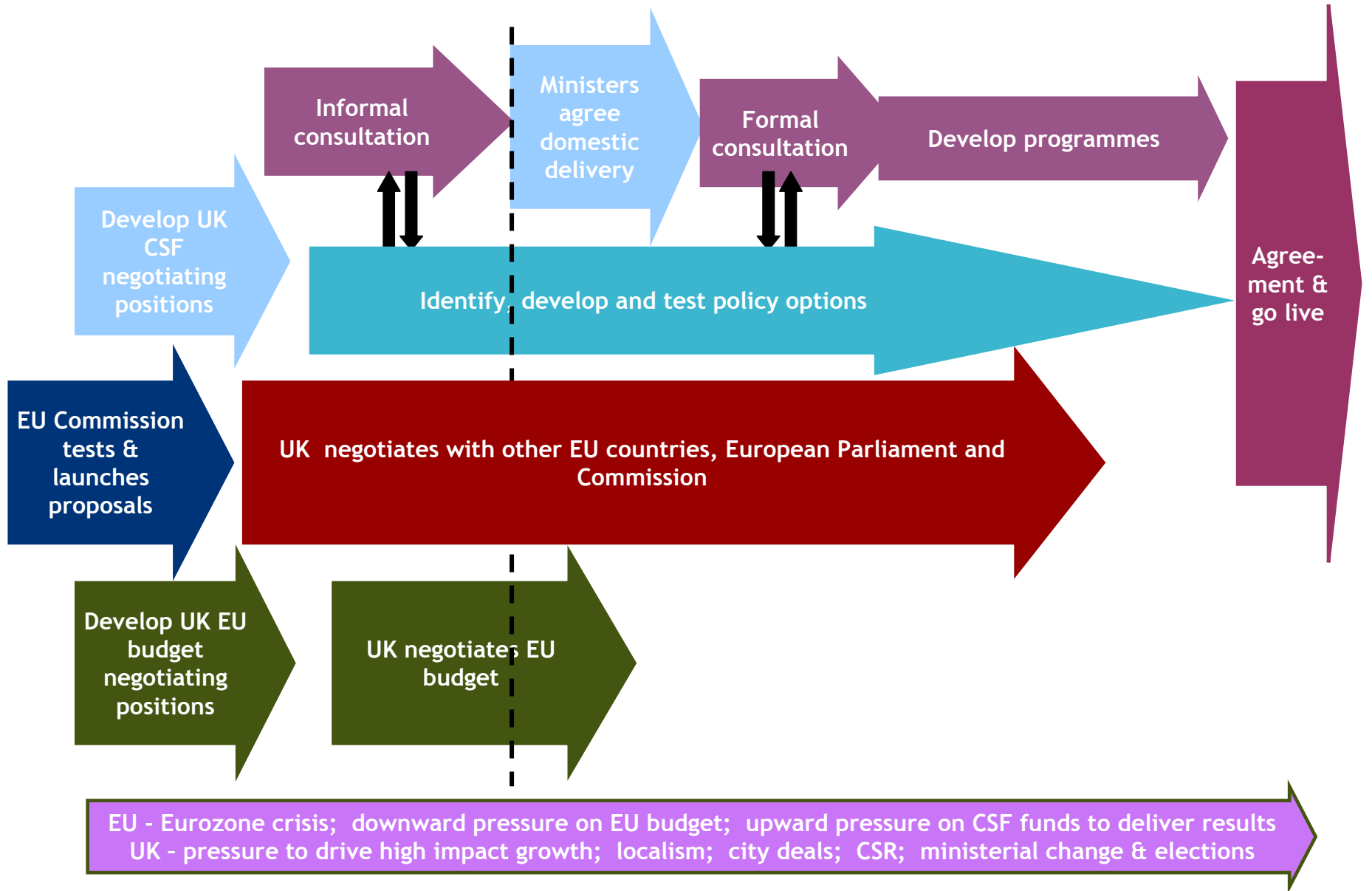
❖ Thematic Concentration

- ❖ The percentage of ERDF that has to be directed on innovation, SMEs, low carbon and potentially ICT (currently 80% proposed)
- ❖ The amount of ESF dedicated to social inclusion (currently 20% proposed).

❖ Commission position paper for the UK



# IDEAS INTO REALITY : CSF NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS



**WHAT DO YOU THINK?!**