



# Preparing to Collaborate..... to access EU Funding

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***Building up the awareness,  
capabilities, and capacity of the  
VCS to engage with, and access  
ERDF***



# 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)

# 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 training, enhancing access to employment and social inclusion.**



## 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)



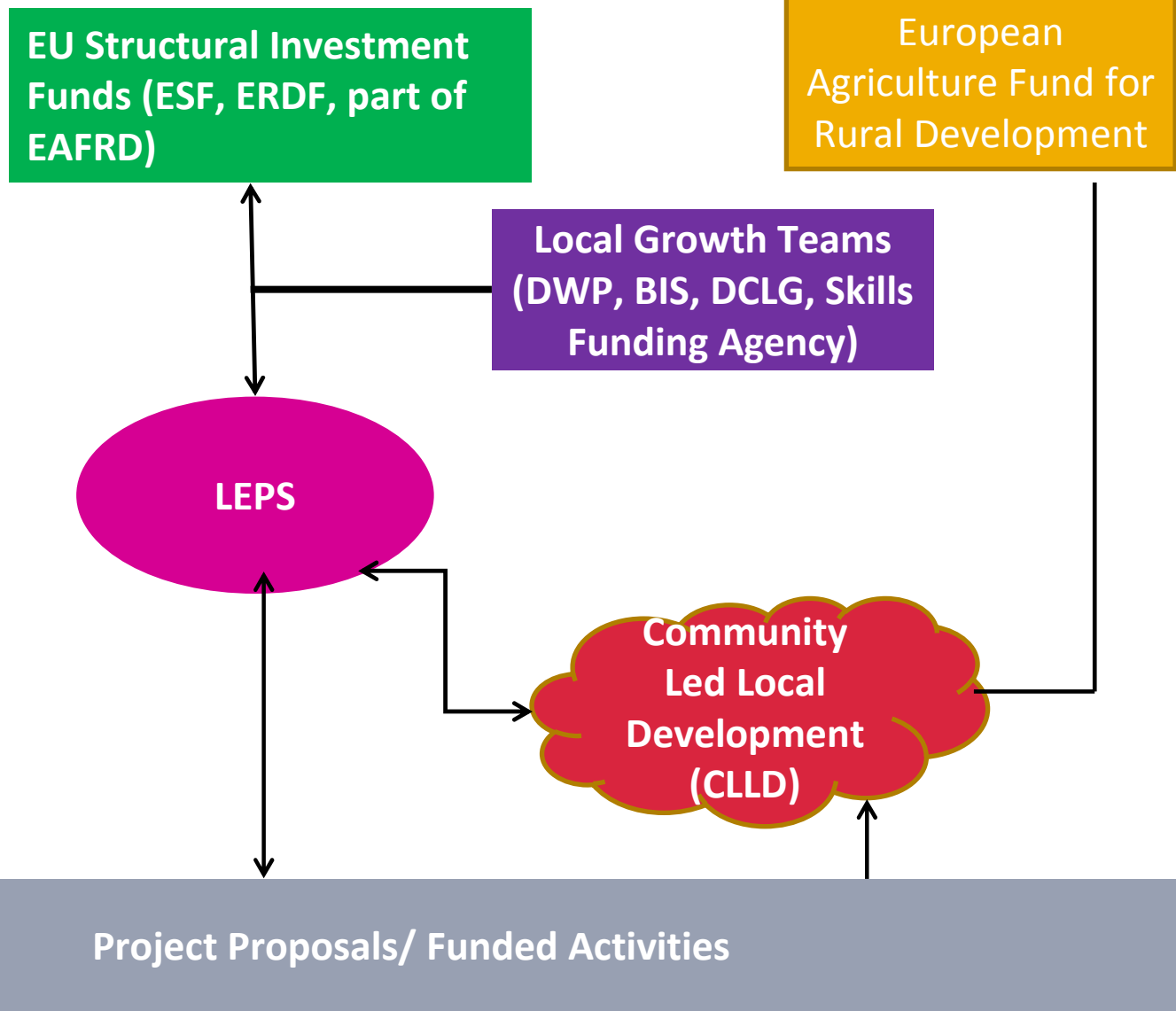
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# How will the EU SIF 2014-20 Programme work?





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# LEP allocations for ERDF and ESF 2014 to 2020

<b>LEP</b>	<b>Allocation €m</b>
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



- 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**

At least 80% of the ESF budget must be spent on these objectives and at least 20% on social inclusion.



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## 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)



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# LLEP indicative allocation to thematic objectives

Thematic Objective	Indicative ERDF Allocation over 7 years	Indicative ESF Allocation over 7 years	Total Allocation
TO1 - Innovation	£10m ERDF		
TO2 - ICT	£4m ERDF		
TO3 - SME Competitiveness	£25m ERDF		
TO4 - Low Carbon	£15m ERDF		
TO8 - Employment		£22m ESF	
TO9 – Social Inclusion		£11m ESF	
TO10 – Skills Development		£21m	
Community Led Local Development	n/a	?	
EARDF			unallocated
<b>Total</b>	<b>£54million</b>	<b>£54 million</b>	<b>£108m</b>



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# What outputs/results does LLEP want to achieve with EU SIF money?

- Generate around 2,500 new jobs for Leicester and Leicestershire
- Support over 5,000 businesses, including helping almost 1,000 new start businesses
- Engage over 37,000 individuals and provide them with skills development and employability support to expand labour market participation and to enhance the supply of skills to the local economy
- Support rural areas to contribute more to growth and develop balanced, inclusive and sustainable economies
- Support inclusive economic growth within some of the disadvantaged urban areas of the City and County, encouraging more businesses and employment within the context of a more balanced economy
- Invest in a low carbon economy to increase productivity, economic resilience and to support innovation in companies



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## European SIF Funds 2014-2020

### What's happening now?

- LEPs now have greater stake in EU funding
- Notional allocation of €931.7m in the East Midlands with match funding this is doubled
- Draft EU investment plan submitted on 7 October
- Final plans to be finalised by January 2014.
- Programme likely to open any time between summer 2014 and spring 2015



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

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