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# Preparing to Collaborate to access EU Funding 26 November 2013



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**Reach & Impact Project**

**One East Midlands**

# House keeping / ground rules

- Toilets
- Fire Bell/ Fire Exits and Assembly point
- Tea/Coffee breaks
- Phones off or on silent

## **This session will cover:**

**A very brief Overview of LEPs role and EU SIF Programme**

**Reasons to collaborate**

**Consortium models**

**11.35am Tea/Coffee Break**

**Working up project ideas**

**Success factors and risk appraisal**

**1.00pm Lunch and Networking**



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## Aims and Objectives

Aim: - To build the capacity and knowledge of funding advisers to better support frontline VCS organisations access ERDF funding.

Objectives:-

- Help delegates start to understand collaborative models
- Help delegates start to think about and talk about potential areas where they might be able to collaborate
- Allow delegates to understand this stream of funding and to plan ahead



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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



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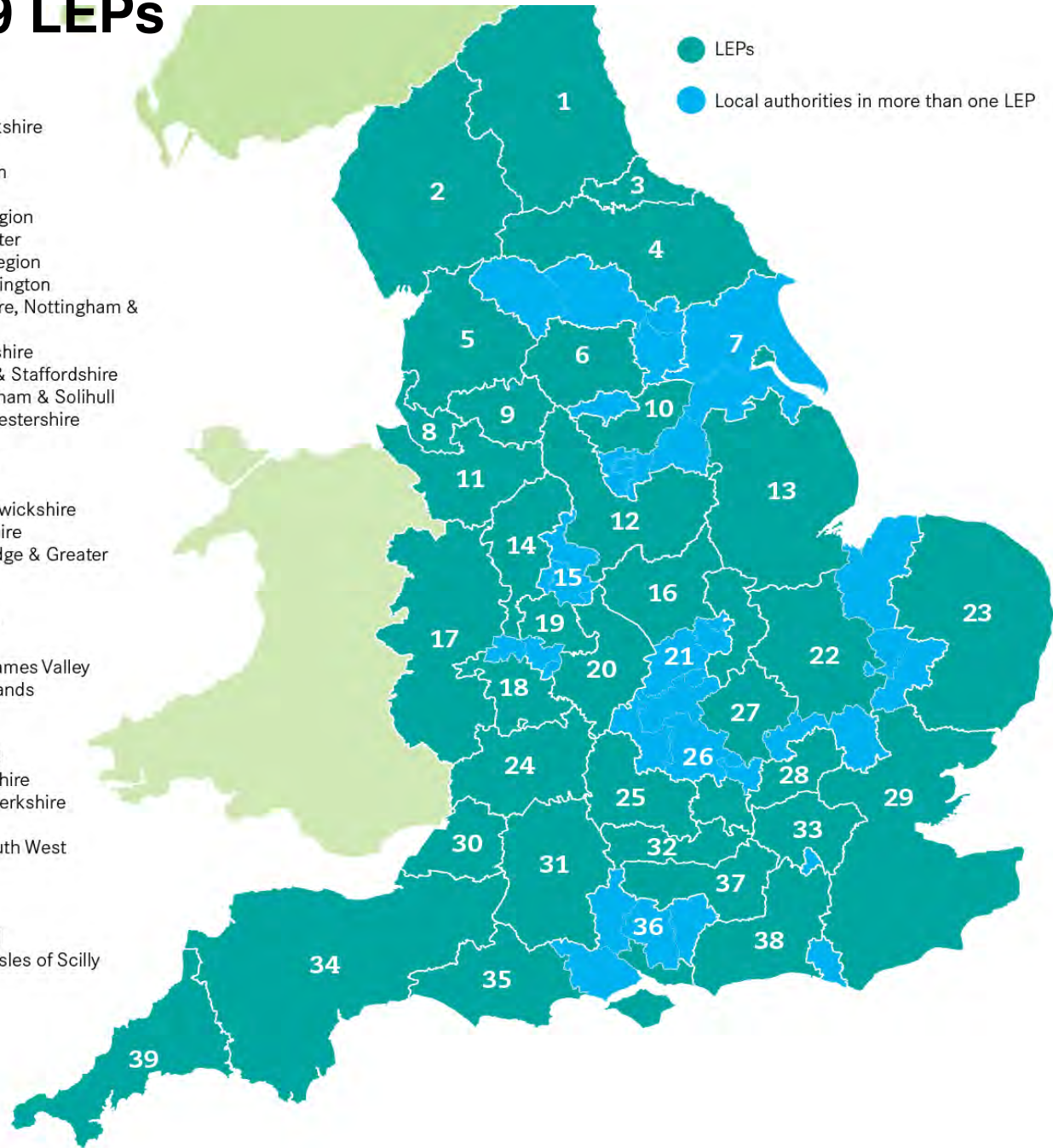
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***Building up the awareness,  
capabilities, and capacity of the  
VCS to engage with, and access  
ERDF***

# The 39 LEPs

1. North Eastern
2. Cumbria
3. Tees Valley
4. York & North Yorkshire
5. Lancashire
6. Leeds City Region
7. Humber
8. Liverpool City Region
9. Greater Manchester
10. Sheffield City Region
11. Cheshire & Warrington
12. Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham & Nottinghamshire
13. Greater Lincolnshire
14. Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire
15. Greater Birmingham & Solihull
16. Leicester & Leicestershire
17. The Marches
18. Worcestershire
19. Black Country
20. Coventry & Warwickshire
21. Northamptonshire
22. Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough
23. New Anglia
24. Gloucestershire
25. Oxfordshire
26. Buckingham Thames Valley
27. South East Midlands
28. Hertfordshire
29. South East
30. West of England
31. Swindon & Wiltshire
32. Thames Valley Berkshire
33. Pan London
34. Heart of the South West
35. Dorset
36. Solent
37. Enterprise M3
38. Coast to Capital
39. Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly







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# 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)



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# Introduction to the European Structural and Investment Funds

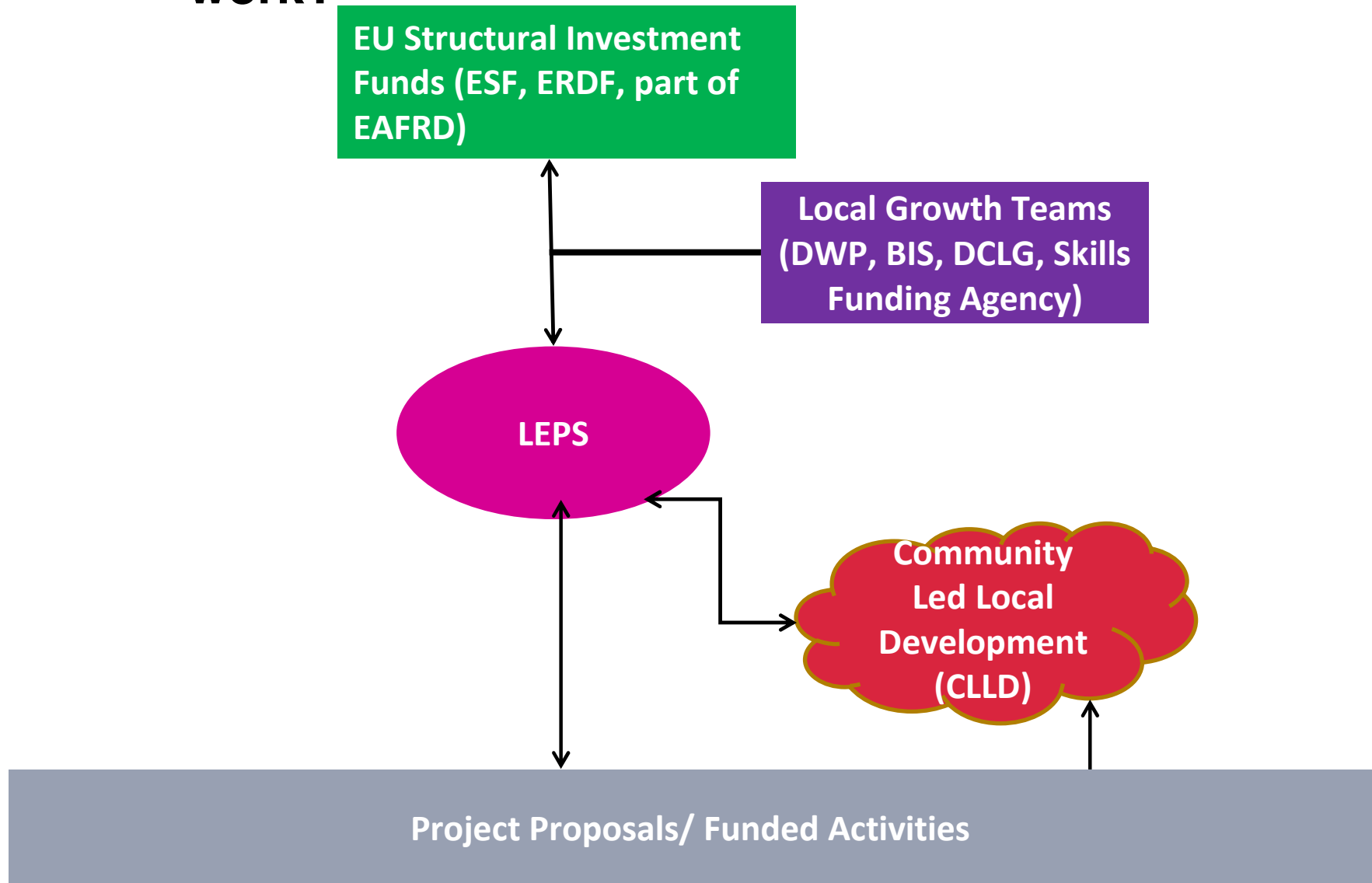
- The Structural and Cohesion Funds are the European Union's main funding programmes for reducing social and economic disparities across the EU. In England, these funds comprise the:
- **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) which supports research, innovation, business development and infrastructure investment**
- **European Social Fund (ESF) which supports training, enhancing access to employment and social inclusion.**
- It will also include part of the **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**, and will be aligned with the **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)**. This funding should begin to come on stream in mid-2014.

# 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?



# European Funds 2014-2020 – Themes & Funding

EU Theme	Examples of potential activities	Funding
1 – Innovation	Collaborative research, commercialising R&D, physical infrastructure e.g. incubation space, workforce skills to support R&D.	At least 80% of ERDF funds on these 4 objectives, including at least 20% on low carbon.
2 – ICT	Roll out of high speed networks, ICT workforce skills, support to assist take up by SMEs.	
3 – SME Competitiveness	Finance, exporting support, supply chains, enterprise support, incubation space and support services for high growth businesses.	
4 – Low Carbon	Support for low carbon job creation, development of low carbon technologies and supply chains.	
5 – Climate Change Adaptation	Adaptation, capacity building, green and blue infrastructure, resource efficiency measures.	No spending minimum
6 – Environmental Protection	Habitat protection, restoration and creation, reducing pollution, managing natural resources.	
7 – Sustainable Transport	Improving connections from local transport networks to key gateways, new technologies, localised interventions.	
8 – Employment and Labour Mobility	Access to employment for job seekers/inactive people, sustainable integration of young people.	At least 80% of ESF allocation per programme on up to 4 investment priorities within these themes.
9 – Social Inclusion	Improving employability, flexible support, tackling barriers to work, inclusion and outreach.	
10 – Education, skills, lifelong learning	Enhancing access to lifelong learning, upgrading workforce skills, improving vocational education, work based learning and apprenticeships.	



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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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# 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

## 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>