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# **Understanding EU Funding, LEPs and looking at the potential to collaborate**

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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.**
- **To support you develop a consortia approach, through understanding collaboration models to have a better opportunity to access EU SIF in the East Midlands.**
- **To help you start to identify potential project (ideas), and partners in preparation for the launch of 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



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***Building up the awareness,  
capabilities, and capacity of the  
VCS to engage with, and access  
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# Reach & Impact

## 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 training, enhancing access to employment and social inclusion.**
- **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) which supports economic development in our rural areas .**



# Introduction to the European Structural and Investment Funds

- In England the accountable body (Managing, Auditing and Certifying body) for ERDF is Department for Communities and Local Government ie the bank account.
- All monitoring returns, financial processing all goes through DCLG. This also includes requests for changes to project (costs)/delivery time line.
- The 2007-13 programme is still operational through N+2 ie delivery will continue from Jan 14 until Dec 15, however no new funds will be available through the 07-13 programme.
- Matched funding is required, across the programme 50%, however previously individual projects may get a higher ERDF intervention rate. Payments to projects on defrayment and in arrears (3 months)



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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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## 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?

EU Structural Investment Funds (ESF, ERDF, part of EAFRD)

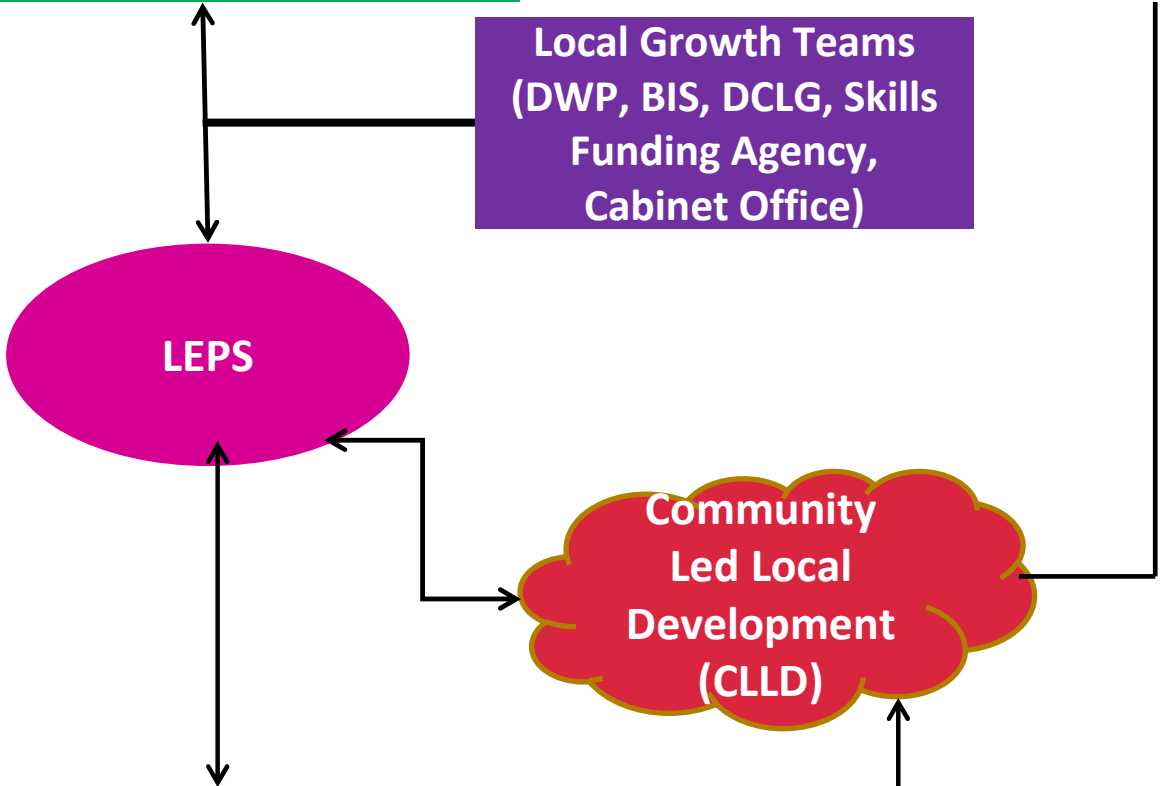
European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development

Local Growth Teams (DWP, BIS, DCLG, Skills Funding Agency, Cabinet Office)

LEPS

Community Led Local Development (CLLD)

Project Proposals/ Funded Activities



- 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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# 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



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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)

# 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





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# 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



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# 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



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## D2N2's Allocation - broken down

- Under the European Union Structural and Investment Fund Programme, D2N2 will be allocated
  - **approx £213.8m of ERDF and ESF to be invested during the 2014-2020 cycle.**
  - **D2N2 will be allocated £6.1m of EAFRD.**



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# 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.**

## 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
- EU investment plan submitted by LEPs on 31 Jan
- Final details on Local Growth Team/operational plan, 'application/call' process etc Mar-Jun 14.
- Programme likely to open any time between summer 2014 and spring 2015



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