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This session will cover:

Aims and Purpose

The Overview of LEPs role and EU SIF Programme

Brief background to LEPs/EU SIF programme

Social Inclusion and Collaboration opportunities

Local approach to CLLD

National 'Headlines'

Questions ???



Aims and Objectives

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

Objectives:-

- Hear from local LEPs on their draft EU SIF Strategy
- See how Local Infrastructure are supporting the VCS access collaboration SI opportunities
- Hear how local CLLD approaches could be developed



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



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Focus

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

ERDF

- increase partnerships/collaboration with....

Third sector/universities/public sector/LEPs



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Focus

How?

- Introductory Sessions
- Local Training (Funding Advisers/Others)
- Case Studies/Marketing
- Events/Annual Information Event
- Improve Impact and Learning
- Align Match Funding

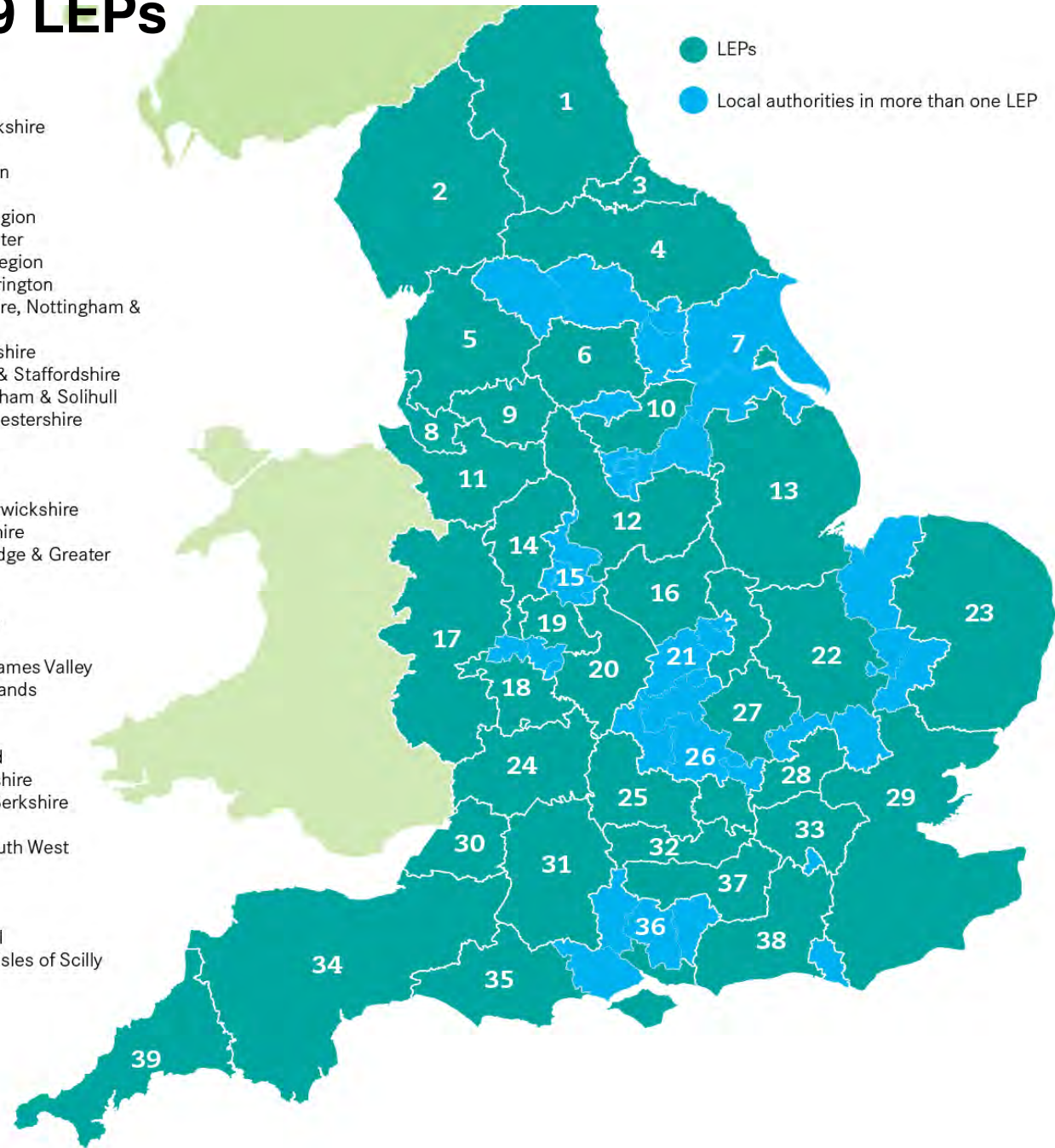


Future Workshops/events

- Project Management – Existing ERDF Projects
- ERDF Collaboration
- Lessons Learnt
- Annual Information Event (Feb/Mar 14)
- Networking Events

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





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 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.



Local focus new opportunities?

- Match funding for the sector (e.g. Big Lottery Fund) to complement Growth Programme
- Community Led Local Development
- Community Grants
- Social innovation, social inclusion, social investment, technical assistance and capacity building



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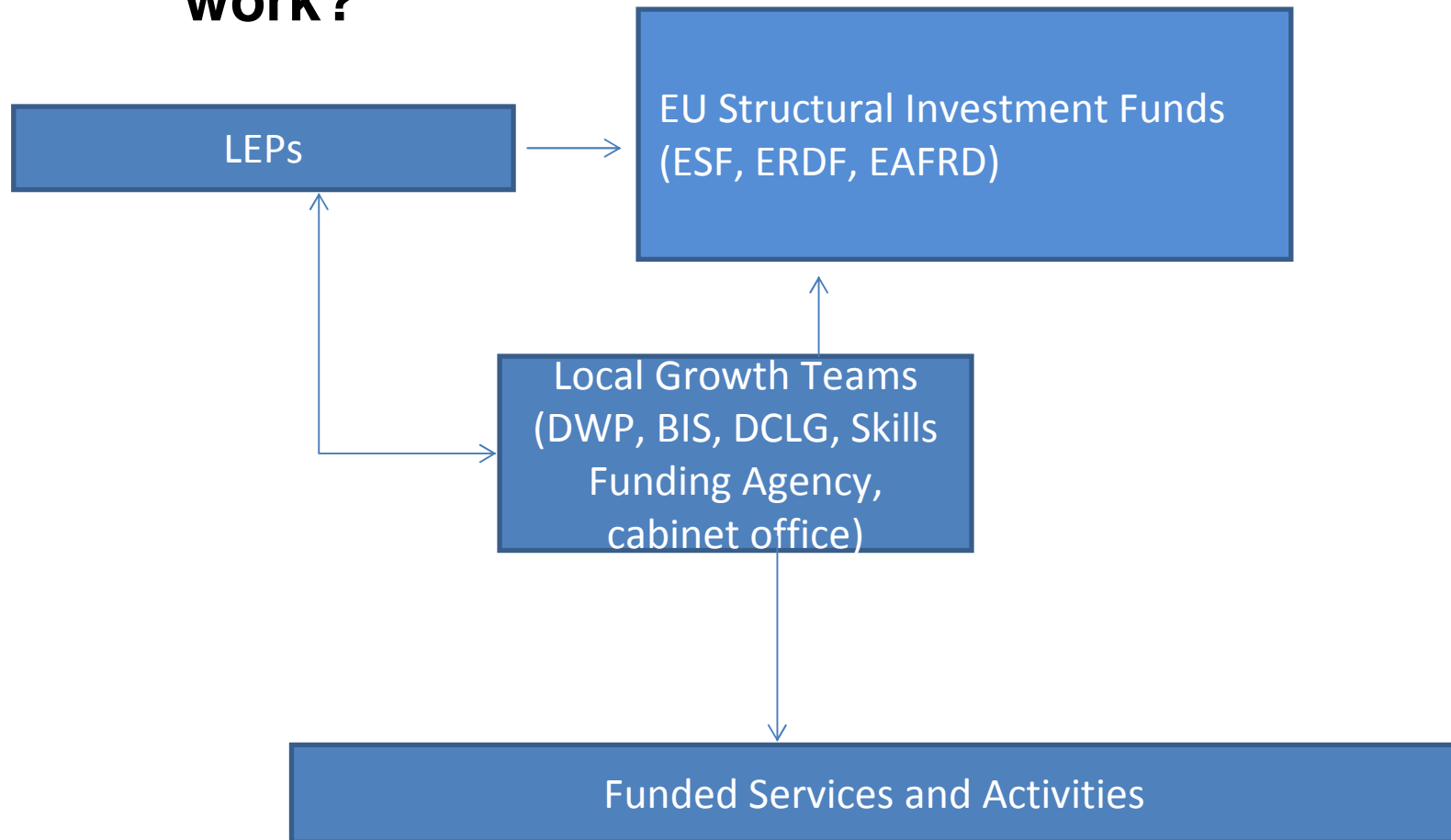
- Skills Funding Agency:
 - Funds and promotes FE training
 - SFA will agree a service level agreement setting out the skills and training activity the LEP wants to see delivered in their area
 - £170m is available to match fund activities
 - Need to opt in for a minimum of half the programme 2014-16



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

How will the EU SIF 2014-20 Programme work?





European SIF Funds 2014-2020 –timetable and next steps

- EU rules require involvement of wide range of partners to develop and deliver strategies (including civil society)
- **LEPs consulting stakeholders/convening events**
- **Draft strategy by 7th October**
- **Final strategy in January**
- **EU programme starts 2014 (likely to be end of 2014)**



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

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

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

<http://europeanfundingnetwork.eu/policy/cohesion-policy-2014-2020/local-enterprise-partnerships>



European SIF Funds 2014-2020

The National Picture

- **NCVO/Regional Voices national contract (LEP/EU SIF engagement)**
- **CLLD we need to front load support to ensure these get off the ground quickly**
- **We would like to see more of Community Grants**
- **27/39 leps have proposed at least some CLLD element to their work but the how is very vague**
- **Universities stated they have substantial match in house for Social Inclusion activity**