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# Introduction

Following the success of our first annual East Midlands MEP Guides, we are now publishing our second East Midlands MEP guide, featuring updated information following the May 2014 European elections.

The guide is organised alphabetically by MEP name. All information is up to date as of August 2014.

For each MEP you will find details of their political party, European group and committees, alongside their contact details and, where available, their Twitter feed.

In addition at the front of this booklet you will find useful introductions to the European Parliament and One East Midlands ERDF Reach & Impact project.

For further information on individual MEPs and the European Parliament visit [www.europarl.org.uk](http://www.europarl.org.uk).

For further information on One East Midlands visit [www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk](http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk).

For further information on the ERDF Reach & Impact project visit [www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/reachandimpact](http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/reachandimpact).

# Introduction to European Parliament

The European Parliament is the directly elected parliamentary institution of the European Union (EU). Together with the Council of the EU and the European Commission, it exercises the legislative function of the EU and it has been described as one of the most powerful legislatures in the world.

The Parliament is composed of 751 (previously 766) members, who represent the second largest democratic electorate in the world (after the Parliament of India) and the largest trans-national democratic electorate in the world (375 million eligible voters in 2009)

It has been directly elected every five years by universal suffrage since 1979. However, turnout at European Parliament elections has fallen consecutively at each election since that date, and has been under 50 percent since 1999. Turnout in 2014 stood at 42.54 percent of all European voters.

Parliament is also the "first institution" of the EU, meaning that it is mentioned first in the treaties and has ceremonial precedence over all authority at European level, and shares equal legislative and budgetary powers with the Council, except in a few areas where the special legislative procedures apply. The European Parliament also has equal control with the Council over the EU budget.

The European Commission, the executive body of the EU, is accountable to Parliament. In particular, Parliament elects the President of the Commission, and approves, or rejects, the appointment of the Commission as a whole. It can subsequently force the Commission as a body to resign by adopting a motion of censure.

For further information on the European Parliament visit [www.europarl.org.uk](http://www.europarl.org.uk).

# Introduction to Reach & Impact project

Running from now until June 2015, the ERDF funded Reach & Impact project, match funded by ERDF and the Big Lottery Fund and located within One East Midlands, will deliver a range of support activities within the East Midlands to increase the understanding and access of EUSIF ERDF funding.

Activity will focus on:

- Increasing awareness;
- Increasing voluntary and community (VCS) engagement and access to EUSIF ERDF;
- Unlocking potential match funding;
- Supporting the development of local collaborative programmes; and
- Improving impact and learning.

The project will deliver a range of support activities including:

- Case studies and publicity to increase awareness and understanding of practical applications of ERDF;
- Focused events and work with VCS organisations to increase awareness, engagement and access to EUSIF ERDF programme;

- Developing tools and resources for funding advisors to build capacity to advise on ERDF funding;
- Identifying new potential sources of match funding with traditional VCS funders; and
- Supporting East Midlands Councils in the role of developing learning by supporting collaborative local partnerships with VCS organisations and supporting peer learning.

The beneficiaries and target audience are:

- VCS organisations across the East Midlands;
- VCS support providers;
- VCS funders and investors;
- Providers of VCS funding advice;
- Existing project managers delivering ERDF projects; and
- Local authority leads and local enterprise partnerships (LEPs).

For further information, resources and to sign up to receive the monthly Reach & Impact e-bulletin visit [www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/reachandimpact](http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/reachandimpact).

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**Committee(s):**

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Employment and Social Affairs (Substitute)



One East Midlands is a registered charity, working with the voluntary and community and wider third sector.

One East Midlands brings together organisations that support voluntary and community groups across the region to influence and shape policy, improve services and provide a single point of contact at a regional level for all stakeholders.

One East Midlands is accountable to its members: voluntary and community organisations, frontline groups, public and private sector agencies. Through its membership, the sector is able to influence One East Midlands' work and ensure that the organisation does what it sets out to do.

For more information on our membership visit the website at [www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk](http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk).



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