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EU COMMON STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FUNDS IN ENGLAND 2014-2020

INITIAL GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS

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HMG's OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

- Present the Government's latest thinking for an EU Common Strategic Framework (CSF) Funds delivery model and get feedback from you to inform its further development
- Listen to your views
- Understand from you your plans and aspirations for how to use the CSF Funds

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WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR……

- Informal consultation (April 2012)
- Bespoke events for specific audiences eg. universities, local authorities, voluntary sector, fund specific management committees, etc (Spring-Autumn 2012)
- Development of an initial delivery model and Ministerial discussion (November 2012)
- Road testing the approach (today!)
- Refining the model for formal consultation 2013

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WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US SO FAR

- Preference for place based programmes with flexible geographies
- Any approach must be responsive to local need and national priorities
- Simplification of fund management
- Integrated programming, in particular in relation to the Structural Funds (ERDF and ESF)
- Better co-ordination of match-funding & co-financing across the public sector

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GROWTH PROGRAMME THEMES

Top priorities

- Research, technological development and innovation – esp. commercialisation
- Raising SME competitiveness – esp re exports
- Shift to low-carbon economy – esp energy efficiency & renewable technologies
- Employment & skills (inc. social inclusion)

Other objectives

- Climate change adaptation, risk prevention & management
- Environmental protection & resource efficiency
- Sustainable transport and removing network bottlenecks
- Access to & use of ICT

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GROWTH PROGRAMME ORGANISING PRINCIPLES

Complex EU funds packaged as a coherent and consistent programme

Variable geographies

National and local priorities aligned

BETTER FOCUS

HIGHER IMPACT

INCREASED GROWTH

Local decision making and drive

A single set of targets and milestones across England

Common standards and transparent accountabilities

EU regulatory requirements met and financial risk minimised

Lower cost & simplifies administration

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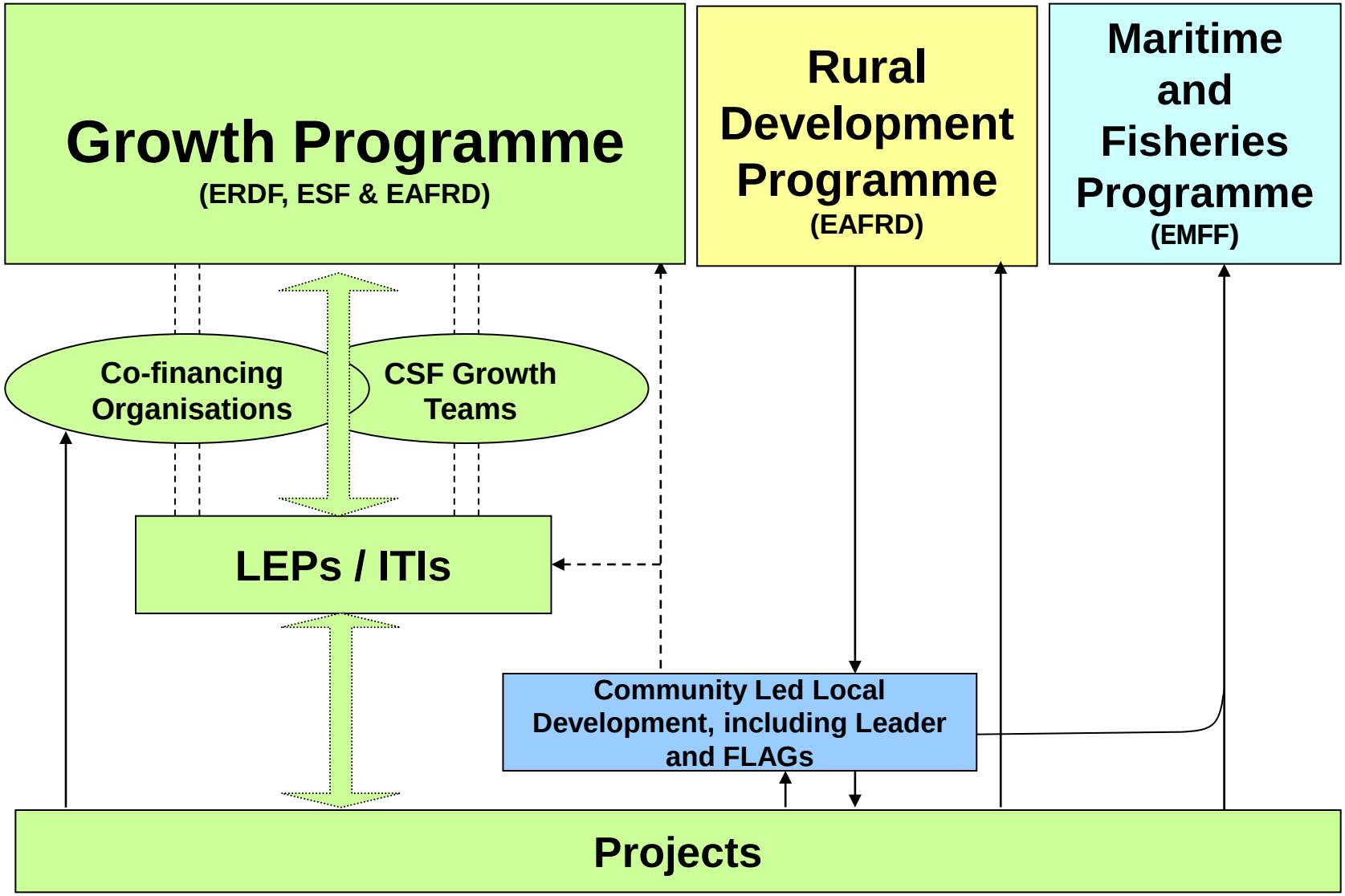
INITIAL CSF MODEL: DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS



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GROWTH PROGRAMME

- An "EU Growth Programme" to be financed by ERDF and ESF with a contribution from EAFRD
- A single "EU Growth Programme Board" incorporating a joint Programme Managing Committee for ESF and ERDF
- LEPs to be the fundamental building blocks receiving a 7 year notional allocation subject to periodic performance reviews
- LEPs to identify their preferred EU investment strategy as part of their wider strategy for agreement by the Growth Board. LEPs to select projects and oversee delivery against their strategy
- Government departmental teams to work as "CSF Area Growth Teams" to support LEPs in the development and delivery of projects and oversee management of the funds
- National co-financing initiatives to take account of local needs
- 'ITIs' may be an option in a limited number of places - where this arrangement will deliver better value, higher impact results.

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GROWTH PROGRAMME: A SIMPLER SYSTEM

- Greater alignment of eligibility rules for projects across the country
- Improved and harmonised guidance to applicants
- Managing authority to ‘hide the wiring’ where projects draw on more than one fund

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- Securing environmental benefits
- Boosting the competitiveness and growth of agriculture and forestry sector
- Strengthening rural communities

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MARITIME AND FISHERIES PROGRAMME

- **Smart, Green Fisheries**
  - tackle fish ‘discards’
  - fisheries which are less damaging to the marine environment and support innovation
- **Smart, Green Aquaculture**
- **Sustainable Development of Fisheries Areas**
  - reverse the decline of communities dependent on fishing

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EU PRIORITIES

- Europe 2020: “smart, sustainable and inclusive growth”
- National Reform Programme
  - Commercialise new technologies
  - Finance SMEs
  - Invest in low carbon power, infrastructure and new ‘green’ markets
  - Address NEETs & higher/intermediate skills gaps
- Common Strategic Framework
  - Align CSF funds to improve coherence, impact, efficiency and effectiveness
- Thematic Concentration
  - 80% ERDF for innovation, SMEs, low carbon (ICT?) - except Cornwall (tbc)
  - 20% ESF &ERDF for social inclusion (tbc)
- Commission position paper for the UK – 6 December

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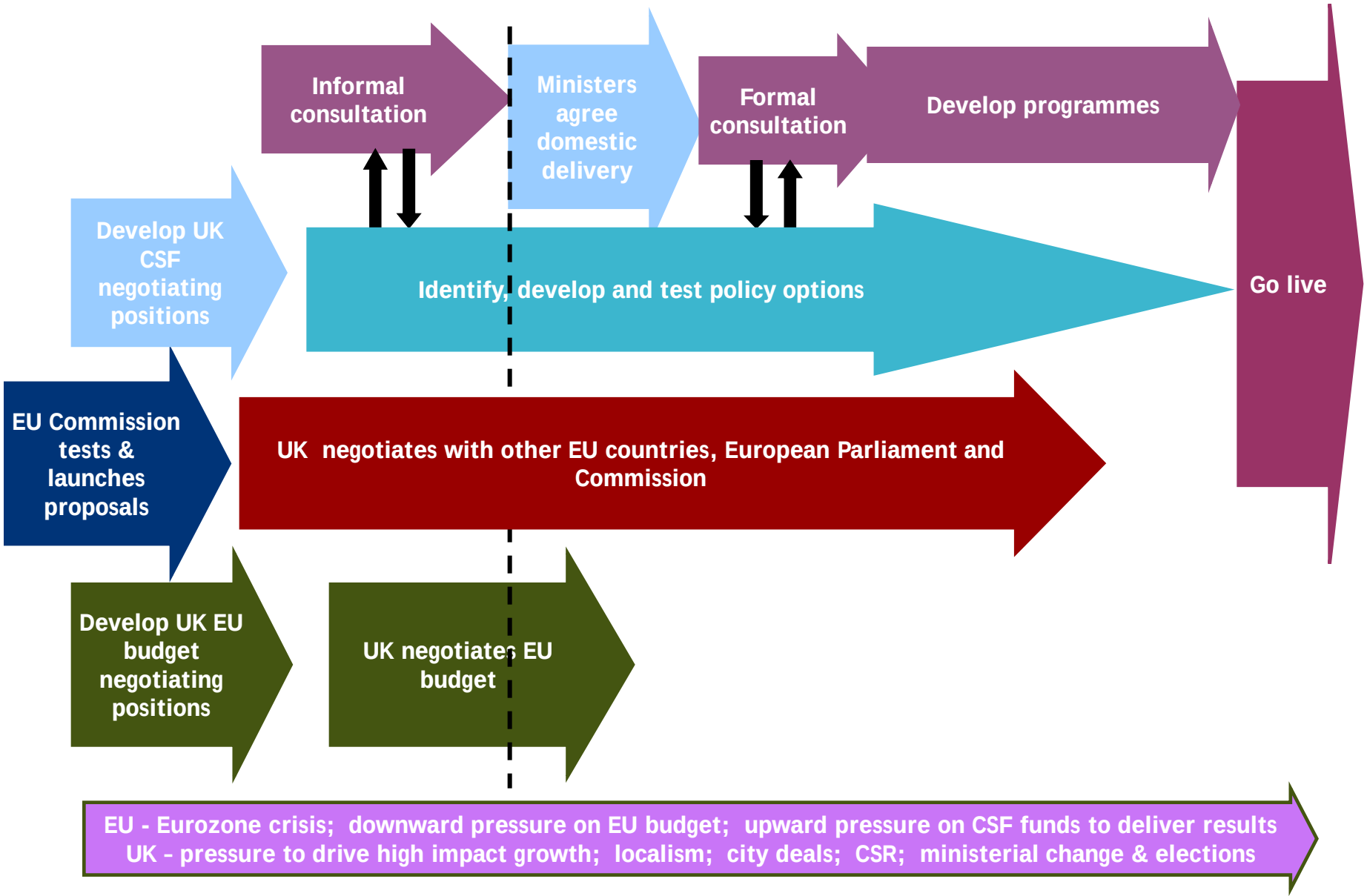
IDEAS INTO REALITY : CSF NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS



WHAT DO YOU THINK?!