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Heart of the South West LEP Area ERDF Information Events December 2016

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- What is ESIF?
- Open calls – accessing information
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European Structural Investment Funds

- European Regional Development Fund
- European Social Fund
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

European Regional Development Fund 2014-2020

DCLG is the Managing Authority for ERDF

- one national programme

Heart of the South West LEP

2 Categories of Region - Transition and More Developed



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Guidance

England 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds



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Information about the European Structural and Investment Funds programme for 2014 to 2020 in England.



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- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/england-2014-to-2020-european-structural-and-investment-funds>

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Heart

11 calls containing **Heart**

CLOSED Research and Innovation: call in the Heart of the South West

Closed South West Closing date: 27 May 2015

CLOSED Research and Innovation: call in the Heart of the South West (OC16R15P 0259)

Closed South West Closing date: 29 January 2016

CLOSED Low carbon: call in the Heart of the South West (OC16R15P 0271)

Closed South West Closing date: 29 January 2016

Fund state

Open

Closed

Type



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Information provided

- call specification, closing dates and arrangements for submitting applications
- links to Operational Programme, local ESIF strategy and programme guidance

THEN

- call closes
- outline applications assessed
- presented to the next ESI Funds sub-committee
- successful applicant(s) invited to complete a full application



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Selection Criteria

- Core Selection Criteria
- National Eligibility Rules
- The project must present **clear evidence that it contributes** to the needs/opportunities identified in the Call for Proposals to which it is responding **and the achievement of the specific objectives, outputs and results of the relevant priority axes set out in the Operational Programme**



Detailed assessment

Potential projects must demonstrate fit with the ERDF Operational Programme for England and align with the local ESI Funds Strategy

- Strategic fit
- Value for money
- Management and control
- Deliverability
- Compliance – procurement, State Aid, publicity requirements, eligibility rules
- Cross cutting themes
- Gender Equality and non-discrimination
- Sustainable Development
- **It is highly important that applicants in the Heart of the South West area are explicitly clear which Category of Region they intend to deliver in, particularly in describing their project activity**



Common problems

Please be fully conversant with all the guidance particularly these areas which are the most common cause of problems and irregularities:

- Procurement – all procurement sections should be fully completed – internal procurement policies should refer to EU funding
- State aid – state aid analysis needs to look at options and justify proposed route. Legal opinions generally required
- Publicity – detailed guidance available care re job adverts/descriptions



Common problems (2)

- Consistency of figures across all documents
- Robust identification of risks particularly operational risks
- Understanding output definitions
- Providing sufficient granular detail on costs



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Questions?



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