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What makes a good ERDF low carbon project?

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The Process - Recap

Single national programme

.....supported by 39 LEP-area ESIF Strategies

Specific calls are issued at LEP Area level, by Priority Axis and Investment Priority

2 stage application process

Local ESIF sub-committees advise on LEP Area strategic fit (and now also value for money) at outline and full application stage

DCLG (as Managing Authority) decide on which projects progress to contract



Priority Axis 4

“Supporting the shift towards a low carbon economy in all sectors”

5 Investment Priorities

Focus on **production, efficiency and effective distribution of low carbon energy**

Emphasis on small scale, demonstration and innovation
not large scale deployment



Investment Priorities

4a - promoting the production and distribution of energy derived from renewable resources

4b – promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in enterprises

4c – supporting energy efficiency, smart energy management and renewable energy use in public buildings and in the housing sector

4e - promoting low carbon strategies for all types of territories....

4f - promoting research an innovation in, and adoption of, low carbon strategies



Heart of the South West Context – PA4 Allocation

£4,03M
More
Developed



£6,682M
Transition

£10,712M
Total



HotSW PA4 Targets (by 2023)

Reduced energy
consumption in public
buildings

- 44,225 kWh/annum More Developed
- 55,235 kWh/annum Transition

Green House Gas
(GHG) reduction (p.a.)

- 2,669t CO₂e More Developed
- 3,510t CO₂e Transition

Support to enterprises
(12hrs/£1k)

- 154 More Developed
- 236 Transition

Increased energy
generated from
renewables (MW)

- 1MW More Developed
- 1MW Transition

Households with improved
energy consumption
classification (SAP rating)

- 46 More Developed
- 64 Transition



Top tips

- Delivery Partners & Strategic Partners
- Procurement – **don't** assume compliance!
- State Aid – **don't** assume you can use de minimis
- Who are the End Beneficiaries? Are they eligible?
- Ineligible activities – e.g ERDF or EAFRD?
- Address the **call** and required **outputs/targets**
- Be **realistic** about outputs and **deliverability**
- Present the information in an cohesive and accessible format
- If invited to full application – think granular detail.



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Projects coming forward

- Energy Efficiency Advice to SMEs
- Smart Grids
- District Heating Networks (associated with biomass)
- Delivery of integrated low carbon strategies (including domestic, commercial and transport elements)
- Innovative approaches to domestic housing energy efficiency
- Renewable energy device development – particularly marine/offshore
- Support for the LCEGS sector
- Low Carbon Innovation support



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Questions?