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## **FURTHER INFORMATION & WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE**

### **I want an overview of the 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Growth Programme for England**

Overview of the ESIF Growth Programme in England with links to further information and guidance

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

Glossary of ESIF acronyms and technical terms

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/487898/ESIF-online-publication-december-2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/487898/ESIF-online-publication-december-2015.pdf)

### **I want to know about ERDF priorities and expected outputs / results**

#### **ERDF Operational Programme (OP) for England 2014 to 2020**

Strategy and priorities for the use of ERDF in England: all projects need to deliver against the objectives and targets set out in the OP

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-european-regional-development-fund-operational-programme-2014-to-2020>

#### **Heart of the South West European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Strategy**

Formal strategy setting out the Heart of the South West's priorities for investing its EU funding allocation: all ERDF projects in the Heart of the South West need to align with the ESIF strategy

[http://heartofswlep.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/May-2016-HotSW-ESIF-Strategy\\_0.pdf](http://heartofswlep.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/May-2016-HotSW-ESIF-Strategy_0.pdf)



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## **I want to keep up to date with the latest developments and funding opportunities**

### **ESIF Funding Finder**

Searchable list of published calls for ERDF applications and the option to subscribe to email alerts

<https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds>

### **ESIF Growth Programme for England News**

Subscribe to the national ESIF Growth Programme Bulletin by e-mailing [esif@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:esif@communities.gsi.gov.uk) and follow Programme developments on Twitter [@esif1420england](https://twitter.com/esif1420england)

### **Heart of the South West ESIF news**

All new ESIF calls are publicised by the LEP on the ESIF page of the website –

<https://heartofswlep.co.uk/doing-business-in-our-area/european-structural-and-investment-funds/>

You can also find regular ESIF updates in the LEP newsletter -

<http://www.heartofswlep.co.uk/news> to subscribe

## **I'm ready to apply**

### **Heart of the South West Partner Database**

The Heart of the South West Partner Database allows you to register your organisation's interest in ERDF and to search for potential partners.

<http://partner.heartofswlep.co.uk/>



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### **Outline Applications**

You will need to complete the outline application form, financial tables annex and deliverables table. Refer to the 'Outline application form guidance' for detailed notes on completing the form. Applications can only be made in response to a published call.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-outline-application>

### **Full Applications**

If you are invited to proceed to full application you will need to complete the full application form and accompanying financial and indicators tables. Refer to the 'Full application form guidance' for notes on completing the form and other documents required.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-full-application>

### **Example Funding Agreements**

If your application is successful, you will need to enter into a funding agreement with the ERDF Managing Authority.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-funding-agreements>

The ESIF performance management strategy and ERDF project underperformance approach make useful accompanying reading

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-performance-of-projects>



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## **Lifecycle of an ERDF Project**

Information on routes into the programme, the application process, contract management and closure

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/592187/ERDF and ESF Lifecycle of a Project 270715 v2.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/592187/ERDF_and_ESF_Lifecycle_of_a_Project_270715_v2.pdf)

## **I need more help and guidance to develop my ERDF proposal**

### **Programme Guidance documents:**

The following documents can all be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-programme-guidance>

- Selection criteria – requirements for projects including value for money and compliance with procurement, State Aid and publicity rules
- Branding and publicity requirements – including use of the EU logo
- Revenue generating projects guidance – notes on the implications for ERDF projects which generate income and how to calculate the potential net revenue
- Priority Axis 4 Guidance for ERDF - Further information on eligible activities under the ERDF priority to 'support the shift to a low carbon economy in all sectors'
- Guidance on identifying, managing and monitoring conflicts of interest with ERDF and ESF
- Guidance on the management of Categories of Region in the England ERDF Programme



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## **Eligibility Documents:**

The following documents can all be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-eligibility-documents>

- ERDF Eligibility rules – including rules on who can apply, match funding and eligible activities and costs
- Eligibility guidance – a practical guide with detailed explanations and worked examples

## **Outputs and Results Guidance:**

The following document can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-outputs-and-results>

- Output indicator definitions guidance – guidance for identifying and monitoring project outputs

## **Document Retention Guidance:**

The following document can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-document-retention>

- Document retention guidance – guidance on record keeping and requirements for retaining documents related to ERDF projects



## **State Aid Guidance documents:**

The following document can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-state-aid-documents>

- State Aid Law guidance – an overview of State Aid law and where to find out more. It is the grant recipient's legal responsibility to ensure that they comply with State Aid law

## **Procurement Guidance documents:**

The following documents can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-procurement-documents>

- Procurement Law Compliance Guidance Note and Procurement Aide Memoire – all ESIF projects need to comply with Public Procurement Law: this note explains the requirements

## **Audit, Management and Control Guidance documents:**

The following document can be found at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/592191/ESIF-GN-1-025 ESIF Management and Control Requirements v1 a.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/592191/ESIF-GN-1-025_ESIF_Management_and_Control_Requirements_v1_a.pdf)

- Guidance on the audit and management and control requirements for projects supported by ERDF or ESF – all ESIF projects need to comply with audit, management and control requirements, as summarised in this guidance note.



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### **Summative Assessment Guidance (ERDF only):**

The following documents can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evaluation-of-the-european-regional-development-fund-2014-to-2020>

- Guidance about the monitoring and evaluation of the European Regional Development Fund 2014 to 2020 Programme and relevant appendices. There is a requirement for all ERDF grant recipients to undertake a summative assessment. The documents on this page provide the essential information needed to plan and undertake the assessment.

### **ERDF Counter Fraud Policy:**

The following document can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-document-retention>

- ERDF 2014-2020 Counter Fraud Policy – the ERDF Managing Authority’s commitment to preventing, detecting and deterring fraud and corruption and to taking action where this is suspected or detected.

## **I want to know more about 2014-2020 ERDF investments to date**

### **Nationally**

Details of ERDF beneficiaries in England, case studies and a supporting interactive map

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-useful-resources>



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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-case-studies>

### **In the Heart of the South West**

Details of ERDF projects in the Heart of the South West

<http://heartofswlep.co.uk/doing-business-in-our-area/european-regional-development-fund-erdf/>