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(ESF MA)

European Social Fund Programme

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ESF 2014-20

- **Main features that are different :**
- more emphasis on social inclusion (20% of the funding ring-fenced);
- a greater focus on outcomes with incentives (6% performance reserve released when targets are met)
- There are two new aspects:
 - the Youth Employment Initiative, (allocated to NUTS 2 areas with youth unemployment above 25%); England's share is €159m.
 - the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived
 - Community Led Local Development



ESF in England

- £2.3bn total programme (ESF) value
- Original cycle 2014 to 2020, with delivery up to 2023. (Brexit may mean shorter cycle.)
- Calls to date nationally – 522 applications/funding agreements worth £1.15bn (50% of the programme value)
- 84% of programme through national co-financing ‘Opt-Ins’ with £132m top-sliced for the National Offender Management Service
- Requirement for ‘additionality’



Priority Axis and Investment Priority

PA 1 Inclusive Labour Markets

1.1 Access to employment for jobseekers and inactive people

1.2 Sustainable integration of young people

1.3 Youth Employment Initiative (YEI)

1.4 Active Inclusion

1.5 Community-Led Local Development (CLLD)

PA 2 Skills For Growth

2.1 Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning

2.2 Improving the labour market relevance of education and training systems



National Allocation/Commitment

| Priority Axis | Investment Priority | ESF Notional Allocation (£) | Committed Spend % |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 - Inclusive Labour Markets | 1.1 - Access to employment for jobseekers and inactive people | £438,847,400 | 40% |
| | 1.2 - Sustainable integration of young people | £172,949,295 | 49% |
| | 1.3 - Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) | £182,516,344 | 85% |
| | 1.4 - Active Inclusion | £511,102,073 | 61% |
| | 1.5 - Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) | £46,996,030 | 0.35% |
| 2 - Skills For Growth | 2.1 - Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning | £693,477,162 | 52% |
| | 2.2 - Improving the labour market relevance of education and training systems | £154,417,800 | 12% |
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Responsibilities of the MA with regard to this NEET call



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- **Process from call to FA.**
- Outline Applications
- Assessment
- Strategic Fit
- Full application
- Appraisal
- Funding Agreement

Sustainable Integration of Young People – Experience so far



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Opt In projects in South East and East Region

- Solent, South East and New Anglia LEPs (all SFA NEET provision)

Non - Opt In projects in South East and East Region

- Thames Valley Berkshire LEP (Elevate) and South East LEP (On Track Thurrock (YEI) and New Anglia LEP (My GO)

Match funding



Key challenge

National guidance

- Public
- Private
- In Kind

Match funding from national organisations :

- Skills Funding Agency (SFA)
- Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)
- Big Lottery Fund (BLF)



The Future

- The Chancellor has guaranteed that all structural and investment funds projects, including ESF, currently signed will be fully funded, irrespective of the date of the UK's exit – and irrespective of the end date of the funding agreement in question.
- In addition, any contracts due to be signed in the normal course of business before the Autumn Statement will also be guaranteed.
- We have been given the go ahead for developing calls and appraising applications as usual.
- We will be working closely with Treasury to set out arrangements for ESF Funding Agreements expected to be signed after the Autumn Statement
- Local ESIF Sub-committee will continue to be consulted on the strategic fit of submitted projects.



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