

Coast to Capital ESF Update & Future Options

PA2 Consultation Workshop

Friday 3rd March 2017

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ESF Programme Update

- Projects to be funded up until UK leaves the EU even if projects' funding runs beyond the UK leaving the EU
- Projects submitted after the 2016 Autumn Statement will need to meet domestic priorities & provide VfM
- ESIF Committees to advise on VfM on all new applications
- Contract management & project evaluation being strengthened
- DWP currently reviewing future call arrangements.
- C2C hoping for new round of ESF calls from June 2017
- ESIF Committee next meeting 24 March to review draft call specifications



Coast to Capital ESF Strategy Allocations

Priority Axis 1: Inclusive Labour Markets		Funding allocated (£m) *
1.1	Access to employment for job-seekers and inactive people	£4.70
1.2	Sustainable integration of young people	£1.19
1.4	Active inclusion	£4.90
Priority Axis 2: Skills for Growth		Funding allocated (£m)
2.1	Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning	£10.20
2.2	Improving the labour market relevance of education and training systems	£2.18
	TOTAL	£23.17

* Subject to exchange rate fluctuations

ESF Expenditure Against Actual

Priority Axis 1: Inclusive Labour Markets		Funding allocated (£m)*	Funding Committed (£m)*	Funding remaining (£m)*	% committed
1.1	Access to employment for job-seekers and inactive people	£4.70	£1.34	£3.36	28.51%
1.2	Sustainable integration of young people	£1.19	£1.00	£0.19	84.03%
1.4	Active inclusion	£4.90	£2.40	£2.50	48.98%
Priority Axis 2: Skills for Growth		Funding allocated	Funding Committed	Funding remaining	% committed
2.1	Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning	£10.20	£2.34	£7.86	22.94%
2.2	Improving the labour market relevance of education and training systems	£2.18	£0.50	£1.68	22.94%
TOTAL		£23.17	£7.58	£15.59	32.71%

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Focus for today's workshop

Priority Axis 2 Commissioning

2.1 Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning

2.2 Improving the labour market relevance of education and training systems

Potential commissioning in June 2017

- Address the needs of the Coast to Capital Economy
- Local calls (and local match)
- Add value to and integrate into existing provision
- Strong need for more partnership working



2.1 Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning

Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning for all age groups in formal, non formal and informal settings, **upgrading the knowledge, skills and competences of the workforce, and promoting flexible learning pathways including through career guidance and validation of acquired competences;**

- **To address the basic skills needs** of employed people, particularly in SMEs and Micro businesses.
- **To increase the skills levels** of employed people from the existing level to the next level up, to encourage progression in employment.
- **To increase the number of people with technical and job specific skills**, particularly at level 3 and above and into higher and advanced level apprenticeships, to support business growth.
- **To increase the skills levels of employed women** to encourage progression in employment help address the gender employment and wage gap.

Possible Outputs

Code	Output Description	Number
O1	Participants	13,130
M	Men	6,430
W	Women	6,700
O4	Participants over 50 years of age	2,770
O5	Participants from ethnic minorities	2,080
ESF - CO16	Participants with disabilities	840
O6	Participants without basic skills	2,310
ESF - CO14	Participants who live in a single adult household with dependent children	610

Commissioned so far

- Skills Support for Workforce, basic skills provision (£0.44m)
- Skills Support for the Workforce, intermediate and higher level skills provision for the employed (£0.88m)
- Skills Support for the Workforce, intermediate and higher level skills provision for the unemployed (£0.22)

About to be launched

- Digital Skills for the Employed (£0.8m)

Potential future opportunities – ideas so far (£7.86m)

Update and develop transferable skills in the older workforce (50+)

Develop basic, updated and transferable skills to enable progression for those at risk of unemployment, in insecure employment, through careers guidance, intensive support, mentoring.

Develop foundation skills for SMEs (e.g team working, transferable skills, management and leadership) through support for workforce development to address skills gaps and upgrade workforce skills to ensure SMEs can compete and grow

Support individuals through online & flexible learning, technology based learning e.g virtual reality training, webinars etc. to acquire the skills needed for participation in opportunities and secure employment in our economy, for example languages and export skills Post Brexit.

Initiatives to promote participation by women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) provision.

Sector skills training. support for intermediate, technical and advanced skills for specific industries and sectors identified as driving growth in local economies

Business Growth Programme to develop self-employment or entrepreneurial skills to start and scale-up a business or social enterprise?

Support for an emerging Institute of Technology, possibly in helping to deliver skills to meet future needs (for example, in relation to new technology, construction or production methods or responding to restructuring/diversification).

2.2 Improving the labour market relevance of education and training systems

Activities to be supported within this investment priority include:

- **Support for collaborative projects, placements, internships** or other activities with SMEs that enable students and graduates to gain industry relevant experience and skills;
- **Building capacity in SMEs to provide project/placement/internship opportunities and enhance the contribution of advanced skills to SME growth**, including programmes to specifically engage the most disadvantaged groups or those who face particular local disadvantages in utilising advanced skills;
- **Brokering opportunities to encourage and increase work experience, work placements, traineeships, apprenticeships, and graduate placements** particularly through wider employer engagement and involving supply chains;
- **Promoting apprenticeships** (especially at advanced levels in manufacturing and other priority sectors) by developing a supportive environment for employer engagement;
- **Developing better links with business to equip students with the skills to start and grow a business** to meet local business needs

Outputs

Code	Output Description	C2C Target
CO23	No. of supported SMEs, including co-ops and social enterprises	230

About to be launched

- Digital Skills for SMEs (£0.5m)

Potential Future Opportunities – ideas so far (£1.68m)

Support to improve LMI forecasting
Supporting graduate Internships for SMEs to enable SMEs to utilise the skills of graduates and graduates to gain employability skills & employment
Leadership & management development in SMEs to support them to provide project/placement/internship opportunities (particularly post Brexit, to acquire the skills needed for internationalisation and globalisation etc.)
Stimulate demand for apprenticeships by brokering and advice and providing opportunities to link employers with potential apprentices
Establishment of ‘Learning Networks’ in key sectors to create engagement mechanisms to strengthen responsiveness of the skills system to priority sectors?
Support for an emerging Institute of Technology , possibly for assessing the skills needs of supply chains?

Roundtable Discussions

1. **Nominate a facilitator, scribe and person to feedback**
2. **Try and answer the five key questions below**
3. **Nominated person to feedback**

Enhancing equal access to lifelong learning

- Where is skills delivery not presently demonstrating equality, where intervention might add value to the economy?
- Where does the economy have skills needs, which might be viably serviced by 'disadvantaged' groups?
- Where could the match come from?

Improving the labour market relevance of education and training systems

- Where is there 'market failure' in the skills system?
- Where could the match come from?

Workshop Close

- Questions and Answers
- Complete the Templates and return them by 10th March 2014
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- Thank you for participating