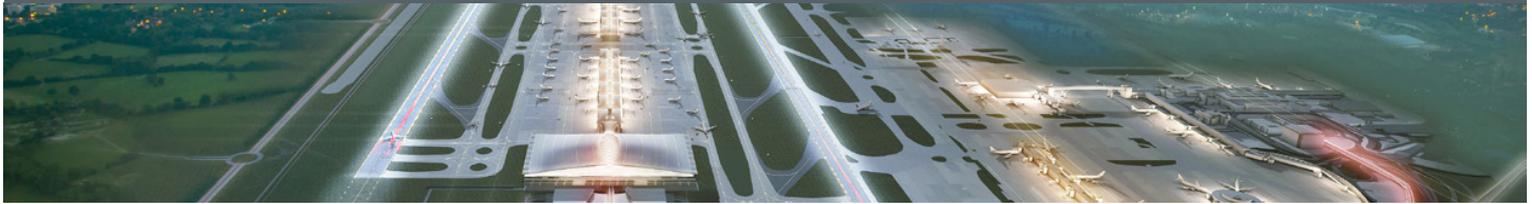


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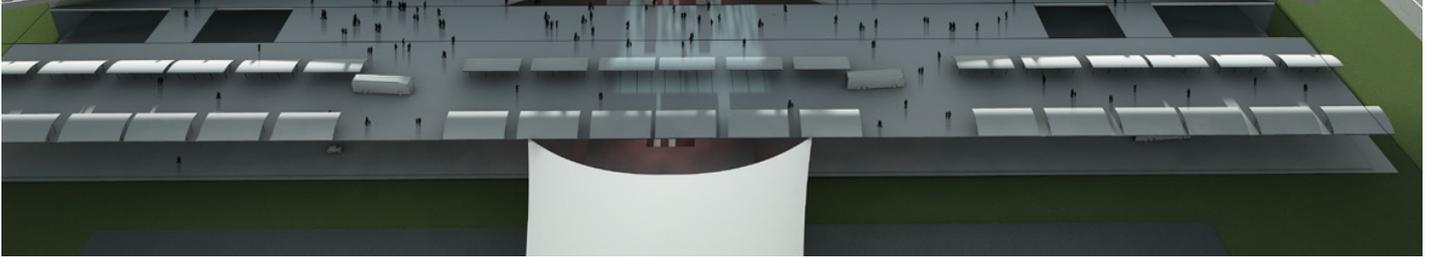
LATEST NEWS...

Coast to Capital reacts to Davies Commission

Coast to Capital is disappointed by the decision of the Davies Commission to recommend expansion at Heathrow Airport rather than at Gatwick, but has welcomed the Commission's conclusion that Gatwick is a plausible and credible solution to the need for expanded airport capacity.

Ron Crank, Chief Executive said: "We hope the Government will now make a rapid decision as we echo Sir Howard Davies' view that a prolonged delay will damage the UK's competitive position. The Commission has re-confirmed that additional airport capacity will lead to an increase in business, international trade and jobs, and we welcome that whatever the final decision. Our view remains that Gatwick is clearly the best choice. It is the most deliverable option, with the least impact on the environment and the lowest cost. Read the full statement [here](#).





Business Growth Grants – Open for Applications Now!

We've teamed up with West Sussex County Council to help ambitious businesses expand and create new jobs by offering financial support (subject to conditions).

Grant applications are welcome from start-ups, existing businesses and social enterprises located in the Coast to Capital region. The proposed activity must be additional to existing business activity.

Don't delay in applying as the deadline for Business Growth Grants is 15 September 2015.

Discover more [here](#).



Region Maintains Strong FDI Position

The Coast to Capital region demonstrated its position as a strong destination for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by attracting 24 successful projects during the period April 2014 to March 2015, resulting in 568 new jobs, says UKTI. This number of successful project wins was similar to the previous year, albeit the value of the investments and the number of jobs created were higher.

Tim Wates, Coast to Capital Chairman said: "The Coast to Capital regional economy has seen a strong performance over the past year. These FDI investments have been driven by the exceptional business environment in the region and by the outstanding quality of life offered here."



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Discover more about all our projects [here](#).



Brighton i360 Beach Landings

Barges arrived at Brighton beach from Holland on 11 June, delivering the steel cans which will form the Brighton i360, the UK's tallest visitor attraction outside London. The tower will open in summer 2016 when the visitor centre is completed, incorporating conference and event facilities. Coast to Capital has made a seven-year loan of £4 million to the project.

Ron Crank, Coast to Capital Chief Executive, said: "We immediately recognised the significance of ensuring this iconic project proceeds, enabling Brighton & Hove to remain at the forefront of the UK visitor economy. Our Growing Places Fund has been established to support such loan investments and guarantees the creation and sustainability of local jobs."





TOPICAL NEWS...

European Funding Update

We're pleased to report that our ESIF programme is now moving ahead! Following the first call for research project bids to support universities and companies in the creative, digital and IT sectors, we will soon be seeking project bids for business and tourism support. Announcements will be made on our [website](#).

We've also launched calls under the European Social Fund (ESF) to support social inclusion together with the BIG Lottery which is co-financing the projects. Discover more [here](#).

If you are looking for bid partners, why not join our ESIF Forum [here](#).

Annual Report Published

Want to know more about the work of our team? Our latest Annual Report (2014-15), called 'Green Light for Growth' is available on our [website](#).



Coast to Capital supports Big Bang Fair

Last week, we were delighted to host business leaders from manufacturing and engineering organisations at this year's Big Bang Fair South East at the South of England Showground.

We joined more than 7,000 nine to nineteen year-olds at the event - the biggest single celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. This year's programme featured more than 100 interactive demonstrations and hands-on workshops provided by local businesses, universities and other organisations.



Daryl Gayler, Coast to Capital Board Member joins in the fun!

Read All About it

Want to know more about the views of our Board members and team? Take a look at our new [Blog Page](#).

Keep in Touch

If you'd like to contact us or join the debate on issues which matter to our region, why not keep in touch via social media? Follow us online [@Twitter.com/coast2capital](#) or on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=3837330>



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- **Digital Business Breakfast:** July 10 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- **Digital Business Breakfast (Brighton):** July 24 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am



Phil Jones, Digital Champion and Board Member for Coast to Capital LEP

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