

EU FUNDING STREAMS

A BRIEF GUIDE

**Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire,
Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and
Suffolk**

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INTRODUCTION

Since being elected as an MEP in June 2009, one of the most common requests I have received is for information about how to access EU funds for local projects. These funds ultimately come from the British taxpayer and in many cases are unclaimed because of lack of local information as to which funding streams are available and for what purposes. Furthermore the application process is frequently bureaucratic and complex.

I am very grateful therefore to the East of England Office in Brussels for their assistance in providing information for this brochure to explain the basic structure for the dissemination of EU funds within our region. To help clarify the nature of each funding stream we have given examples of projects which have been successful in obtaining grants. We have also included current contacts for each programme based on the current structures of governance in the UK and EU.

MEPs are not responsible for the allocation of grants from these programmes, but are often happy to give guidance on the best programmes or contacts, and to support suitable applications where appropriate. The current Conservative MEPs for the East of England are contactable as follows:

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robert.sturdy@europarl.europa.eu.

I am aware of cases where taxpayers' money has been spent under EU programmes which would not necessarily have been a spending priority for local authorities or local residents. I hope that this paper will lead to further debate about how this spending is allocated and scrutinised at a local level.

By its very nature, this document can not be exhaustive, and I would therefore be very grateful for feedback as to whether there is further information which would be helpful so that we can include it in subsequent versions.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EU Funding Programme

Type of Activity

ERDF

East of England European Regional Development Fund Competitiveness Programme: *Towards Low Carbon Economic Development*

Total available funds: circa **£250 million**. This fund is specifically dedicated to the East of England and may therefore be the first port of call for local authorities wishing to access EU funds.

ERDF is currently administered by the East of England Development Agency (EEDA)

The ERDF programme for the East of England will support low carbon economic growth until 2013.

The main theme of the ERDF programme throughout the seven year funding period is supporting low carbon economic growth in the region. Funding will support initiatives that meet the programme's three priorities, which are to:

1. Promote innovation and knowledge transfer to improve productivity.
2. Stimulate enterprise and support successful business by overcoming barriers to business creation and expansion.
3. Ensure sustainable development, production and consumption.

Contacts for the ERDF low carbon programme:

EEDA: Tel: 01223 484622 | Email: erdf@eeda.org.uk.

Priority 1 - Innovation & Knowledge Transfer - Howard Partridge
Tel: 01223 200858 | Email: howardpartridge@eeda.org.uk

Priority 2 - Enterprise & Business Support - Alastair Rhind
Tel: 01223 200829 | Email: alastairrhind@eeda.org.uk

Priority 3 - Sustainable Development - Michelle Burdett:
Tel: 01223 484657 | Email: michelleburdett@eeda.org.uk

Project Example:

Project: Innovation in Crops (InCrops)

Grant Applicant: University of East Anglia

Description: To establish an enterprise hub in Alternative and Non food Crops, to promote the use of low carbon bio-renewables derived from plants, to promote innovation and technology transfer and the development of products to enhance business opportunities, productivity and growth especially in the low carbon environmental products sector.

ERDF Grant: £1,153,500

Contact for further information on InCrops:

Liliya Serazetdinova, Business Innovation Manager

Tel: 01603 597187 | Email: l.serazetdinova@uea.ac.uk | Web: www.incropsproject.co.uk

Based at: InCrops Enterprise Hub and John Innes Centre

EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity								
<p>“INTERREG” (co-operation objective)</p>	<p>INTERREG is the collective name for a range of programmes, funded by the EU for projects which support cross border, transnational and interregional cooperation. Incorporates IVA – 2 cross border programmes with France, Belgium and the Netherlands, IVB, North West Europe and North Sea programmes IVC covering the entire EU</p> <p>To access these funds, local authorities must bid on joint projects with authorities in other EU member states</p>								
<p>Programme contacts: For all the co-operation programmes, the best contacts are Lesley Rayner and Michelle Armstrong in EERA (Flempton House, Flempton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 6EG)</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="165 659 1463 848"> <tr> <td data-bbox="165 659 812 722"> <p>Lesley Rayner Senior European Policy Officer (Weds-Fri)</p> </td> <td data-bbox="812 659 1463 722"> <p>Michelle Armstrong Senior European Policy Officer</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="165 747 812 779"> <p>Tel: +44 (0) 1284 729414</p> </td> <td data-bbox="812 747 1463 779"> <p>Tel: +44 (0) 1284729415</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="165 779 812 810"> <p>Fax: +44 (0) 1284 729020</p> </td> <td data-bbox="812 779 1463 810"> <p>Mob: + 44 (0) 7709483445</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="165 810 812 842"> <p>Email: lesley.rayner@eera.gov.uk</p> </td> <td data-bbox="812 810 1463 842"> <p>Email: michelle.armstrong@eera.gov.uk</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>Lesley Rayner Senior European Policy Officer (Weds-Fri)</p>	<p>Michelle Armstrong Senior European Policy Officer</p>	<p>Tel: +44 (0) 1284 729414</p>	<p>Tel: +44 (0) 1284729415</p>	<p>Fax: +44 (0) 1284 729020</p>	<p>Mob: + 44 (0) 7709483445</p>	<p>Email: lesley.rayner@eera.gov.uk</p>	<p>Email: michelle.armstrong@eera.gov.uk</p>
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<p>Project Example</p> <p>BAPTS project – Boosting Advanced Public Transport Systems.</p> <p>The mission of BAPTS is to implement high-quality public transport systems and services as model solutions for clean, efficient, accessible and sustainable mobility in North West Europe (NWE). BAPTS combines nine partners from six European countries. Southend on Sea is one of the partners.</p> <p>The activity being undertaken in Southend is worth €965,912 of which the EU grant is worth €482,956 over a 3 year period. This has helped to fund Park & Ride services and bus and cycle routes etc.</p> <p>BAPTS Contact Details:</p> <p>Paul Mathieson Transport Projects and Programme Manager Southend on Sea Borough Council Tel: 01702 215321 Email: PaulMathieson@southend.gov.uk Web: http://www.bapts.eu/</p>									

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T, also TEN-E and eTEN)	Funding to enhance EU infrastructure, road, rail, energy and telecommunications to ensure interconnection and interoperability of national networks as well as access to such networks. This is only available for major trans-European road/rail links.

Project Examples

3 projects from the East of England were submitted to the special TEN-T call under the European Economic Recovery Plan in June 2009. All three have been allocated funding for a total amount of **€35million**.

These projects were the only successful bids from the UK in this year's funding allocation.

The three projects are:

- Felixstowe-Nuneaton Rail route work **€9.234million** from TEN-T (20% of total eligible costs). The adaptations of East to West rail from Felixstowe to Nuneaton allows for travel by rail which therefore potentially reduces congestion on key routes such as the A14, A120, M11 and A47. Stage of project lowering the railway line at 29 bridges along route to allow clearance for freight trucks.
- A14 Corridor Traffic Management Scheme: **€11.670million** from TEN-T, (20% of total eligible costs)
- Thames Estuary dredging and reclamation works to support the integrated multi-modal London Gateway port and logistics development, **€14.174** from TEN-T (20% of total eligible costs)

Project/Programme contact:

As all bids into TEN-T must be co-ordinated by the Department of Transport, all project ideas should be discussed at the earliest possible opportunity with the Government Office for the East of England.

Contact: Mike Evans, Regional Transport Advisor

Tel: 01223 372753 | **Email:** mike.evans@goeast.gsi.gov.uk

EMPLOYMENT SKILLS AND TRAINING	
EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
ESF – European Social Fund	<p>Priority 1: Extending employment opportunities. Tackle barriers to work faced by unemployed and inactive people, particularly disadvantaged groups</p> <p>Priority 2: Developing a skilled and adaptable workforce</p> <p>Five Co-Financing Organisations (CFOs) have been approved in the East of England to manage the delivery of ESF activity across the region. These are DWP (via Jobcentre Plus), LSC, EEDA, Central Bedfordshire Council (replacing Bedfordshire County Council) and Luton Borough Council.</p>
Project Example	
<p>Bedfordshire and Luton Education Business Partnership Right Track Bedfordshire</p> <p>£160,000 for 75 16-18 year old NEETS (Not in Employment Education or Training) from September 2008 until December 2010. A flexible programme adapted to address the needs of the individual learner, including negotiating on an individual basis, hours of attendance, travel, support needs, e.g. housing, health and welfare, social, psychological, anger management, motivational skills for life, ESOL and vocational guidance with work experience where possible. It aims to have at least 50% of participants progress into further training or employment.</p> <p>As at end of August '09 it had delivered to 72 participants, i.e. virtually complete in one year. 26 are still in training, 38 have moved to further education courses, with 30 of these gaining qualifications before they moved on, 1 has entered employment, and only 8 are unaccounted for.</p> <p>The project has been exceptional in retaining and moving on this difficult aged client group.</p> <p>Project Contact for Right Track Bedfordshire: Elaine Morgan, Project Manager, Tel: 01525 722556 Email: elainem@belbp.co.uk</p> <p>The main contact for the ESF programme in the East of England: Government Office- East of England: Andrew Hitter, European Team Government Office for the East of England, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road. Cambridge CB2 8DF Tel: 01223 372703 E-mail: andrew.hitter@goeast.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>Co-financing organisations: Learning and Skills Council: Nichola Cowell, Tel: 01234 420025 Email: nichola.cowell@lsc.gov.uk (Until March 2010 when it will be replaced by the Skills Funding Agency)</p> <p>Job Centre Plus: Stuart Durrell, Tel: 01223 884687 Email: stuart.durrell@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>East of England Development Agency: Michael Schneider Tel: 01223 484623 Email: michaelschneider@eeda.org.uk</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council: Mike Colsell, Tel: 01234 228680 Email: mike.colsell@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Luton Borough Council: Anne Clube, Tel. 01582 546668 Email: Anne.clube@luton.gov.uk</p> <p>National Offender Management Service (NOMS): Sharon Carey</p>	

EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
<p>PROGRESS</p>	<p>EU's employment and social solidarity programme. It was established to support financially the implementation of the objectives of the European Union in employment, social affairs and equal opportunities, as set out in the Social Agenda. It also contributes to the achievement of the EU 'Lisbon' Growth and Jobs Strategy.</p> <p>Working alongside the European Social Fund (ESF), this programme replaces the four previous ones that ended in 2006 covering actions against discrimination, equality between men and women, employment measures and the fight against social exclusion.</p>

Project Example

Network to Know

This project, worth €179,062.36 was funded with an EU contribution of **€134,292.36 (75%)** over 12 months by the European Commission Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG Progress Programme. It supported nine partners, four are from the East of England and five from other areas of the EU (Bulgaria, Hungary, Latvia, Malta and Spain) and was led by **Dacorum Council for Voluntary Service Ltd (CVS)**

Project activities included a programme of study visits between partners, sharing good practice in supporting the following beneficiary areas:

- the skills base,
- employment of migrant workers,
- use of funding as a tool for rural development,
- training of specific client groups (disabilities, ethnic minorities, women, young and older people).

Project contact:

Mark Mitchell, Dacorum Council for Voluntary Services Ltd
Tel: 01442 253 935 | **Email:** mark@communityactiondacorum.org.uk

RESEARCH	
EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
<p>7th Framework Programme for Research and Development (FP7)</p> <p>(€48billion for 2007-2013)</p>	<p>This programme bundles all research-related EU initiatives together under a common roof playing a crucial role in reaching the goals of growth, competitiveness and employment.</p> <p>The East of England is one of the main centres for research in Europe. Many businesses and academic organisations in the region have been awarded framework grants with differing levels of satisfaction.</p> <p>FP7 also includes a range of programmes including CIVITAS for urban mobility.</p>
<p>Programme contact</p> <p>Given the size and breadth of the Framework programme, there are a variety of contacts, regional, national and in the European Commission, depending on the strand. However, best to contact MEPs (vicky.ford@europarl.europa.eu, geoffrey.vanorden@europarl.europa.eu, robert.sturdy@europarl.europa.eu) or the Brussels Office of the East of England for guidance: brusselsoffice@east-of-england.eu or +32.2.289.1200</p>	
<p>Project Example</p> <p>Norfolk County Council, working with local partners in Norwich including- University of East Anglia, Anglian Buses, First Group, City Car Club and Norwich City Council was successful in a CIVITAS II bid along with another leading city, Malmö (Sweden), and in three follower sites, Tallinn (Estonia), Suceava (Romania) and Potenza (Italy).</p> <p>The project was worth €5million over 4 years to improve urban air quality and to create a sustainable, safe and flexible traffic system that improves the quality of life.</p> <p>Local activities in the Norwich area included: Alternative fuel trials – buses, Police vehicles, taxis;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaner vehicles – buses, Fire Service vehicles, Police vehicles and goods vehicles, using charges to encourage smaller cars; • Low Emission Zone – Castle Meadow (the First LEZ outside London); • Priority access for cleaner goods vehicles and urban transshipment centre; • Modal change – Rail station interchange, on-street ticketing and information, travel planning and goods delivery to Park and Ride More efficient use of cars through car pooling and car clubs. • More efficient use of cars through car pooling and car clubs <p>Project contact:</p> <p>Chris Mitchell, Norfolk County Council, Tel: 0044 (1) 603 223194 Email: chris.mitchell@norfolk.gov.uk</p>	

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
<p>The Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)</p>	<p>Aims to encourage the competitiveness of European enterprises. With small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as its main target, the programme supports innovation activities (including eco-innovation), provides better access to finance and delivers business support services in the regions. It encourages a better take-up and use of information and communications technologies (ICT) and helps to develop the information society. It also promotes the increased use of renewable energies and energy efficiency.</p>

Project Example

Eco-innovative cluster partnership for growth and internationalisation (EcoCluP)

This project aims to create a pan-European network to support businesses and organisations across Europe within eco-innovative industries such as waste, water, remediation, pollution control, environmental services, energy, sustainable transport and construction. It has secured **€1.8m** from the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme.

The project is designed to be hands-on and practical thus creating real business impact. It aims to reach over 3,500 companies (mostly SMEs) and 430 research institutions through training courses, match-making events, the use of self-assessment tools, voucher schemes and tailor-made innovation advice and many more.

The Peterborough EnviroCluster in the United Kingdom, which is run by the UK Centre for Economic and Environmental Development (UK CEED), is the coordinating manager of the 'Eco-Innovation Cluster Partnership for Internationalisation and Growth, (EcoCluP)'. EnviroCluster helps UK business in the low carbon and environmental goods and services (LCEGS) sector make links with European businesses in order to make best use of R&D developments and expertise.

Envirocluster was granted funding of approximately **€250,000** by the European Commission.

Project contact:

Project Manager: Gareth Jones

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Peterborough,
PE1 1SA

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	
EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
LIFE+	<p>LIFE+ supports environmental and nature conservation projects and consists of three strands:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity 2. LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance 3. LIFE+ Information and Communication
<p>Programme contact:</p> <p>Jemma Ferguson, Beta Technology Tel: 01302 322633 Email: jemma.ferguson@betatechnology.co.uk</p>	
Project Example	
<p>Tackling Climate Change-Related Threats to an Important Coastal SPA in Eastern England Titchwell, North Norfolk SPA</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term protection of 12 ha of freshwater marsh and 17 ha of reedbed • Provision of 0.87 ha of new/improved islands (plus more in Lincs Washes) • Creation of 7-ha lagoon with islands (Lincs Washes) • Conservation of 40+ pairs avocet, 1+ pair bittern, 4+ pairs marsh harrier, up to 7,040 bar-tailed godwits, etc. <p>Total Eligible Cost: €2.01 million (50% grant rate from LIFE+) Period: 1 Jan 2009 to 31 Dec 2011 (2007 call) Beneficiary: RSPB</p> <p>Project Contact:</p> <p>RSPB Nick Folkard Tel: 01767 693207 Email: nick.folkard@rspb.org.uk</p>	

LIFELONG LEARNING

EU Funding Programme

Type of Activity

Life Long Learning Programmes
(Leonardo, Gruntvig etc)

The European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme aims to contribute through lifelong learning to the development of the European Community as an advanced knowledge society. The LLP provides funding for all stages of lifelong learning, including the workplace.

Programmes and Contacts:

The EU Lifelong Learning programme is made up of 5 main programmes:

Comenius (school education), **Tel:** 0161 957 7755 | **Email:** comenius@britishcouncil.org
Web: <http://britishcouncil.org/comenius>

Erasmus (higher education), **Tel:** 029 2039 7405 | **Email:** erasmus@britishcouncil.org
Web: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus>

Leonardo (vocational training), **Tel:** 0845 199 2929 | **Email:** leonardo@ecotec.com
Web: <http://leonardo.org.uk>

Gruntvig (adult education), **Tel:** 0845 199 1919 | **Email:** gruntvig@ecotec.com
Web: <http://www.gruntvig.org.uk>

Transversal (study visits), **Tel:** 0845 199 3939 | **Email:** studyvisits@ecotec.com
Web: <http://www.transversal.org.uk/>

Project Example

The **BioCulture project** aimed to raise the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises in the life science sector through the creation of language & culture training resources. The project ran from November 2007 to October 2009. Total eligible cost was €400,000 of which 75% of costs were covered. A particular focus is on biotechnology SMEs which are involved in international research & development or have customers and suppliers overseas.

The work, funded from Leonardo, included auditing international communications needs of 140 businesses and developing appropriate communication materials. An online "road map" was developed. 45 companies were offered workshops

Project partners are: East of England Development Agency (lead partner), ERBI (Eastern Region Biotechnology Initiative) the Medicon Valley Alliance (Denmark & Sweden), Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences (Finland), BioIndustry Park del Canavese (Italy), Bulgarian Association of Regional Development Agencies (Bulgaria), Dialogue Language Services (England).

Project contact:

David Owen, International Communications Manager, UK Trade & Investment / EEDA, Director, RLN East
Tel: 01223 202815 | **Switch:** 01223 713900 ext 715 | **Fax:** 01223 200843 |
Email: davidowen.ukti@eeda.org.uk

CULTURE	
EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
Culture	The Culture programme aims to achieve three main objectives: to promote cross-border mobility of those working in the cultural sector; to encourage the transnational circulation of cultural and artistic output; and to foster intercultural dialogue.
Project Example	
<p>Project Title: EAST GOES EAST</p> <p>Lead Organisation: NORFOLK AND NORWICH FESTIVAL LIMITED</p> <p>Coorganisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUNKER SZTUKI, PL • NORWICH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE ARTS, UK • TRAFÓ KORTÁRS MŰVESZETEK HAZA KHT, HU <p>Project Description</p> <p>The project intends to bring curators from the partners' countries for a conference. The curators will select exhibiting artists from EAST for exhibition at their venues. Artists will present their works and take part in workshops. The project will formalise networks established over the years, support emerging and artist-led networks to encourage the sustainability of intercultural dialogue. Activities include discussions with partners, meetings, conferences, CD's, exhibitions.</p> <p>Max. Grant awarded: €51,500 (50,00%)</p> <p>Project Contact:</p> <p>NORFOLK AND NORWICH FESTIVAL LIMITED First floor - Augustine Steward House, 14 Tombland - NORWICH NR3 1HF, UK Website: http://www.nnfestival.org.uk</p>	

EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
EU Public Health Programme	The programme is based on three general objectives: health information , rapid reaction to health threats and health promotion through addressing health determinants . The aim is to embody an integrated approach towards protecting and improving health (e.g. FP7)
Project Example	
<p>ReDNet Recreational Drugs European Network: an ICT prevention service addressing the use of novel compounds in vulnerable individuals. EU grant: €500,000</p> <p>Project Contact: University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation</p>	

SOME OTHER EU FUNDING STREAMS	
EU Funding Programme	Type of Activity
DAPHNE III	Programme to protect women and children against violence
Regions of Knowledge (FP7)	This initiative aims to strengthen the research potential of European regions, in particular by encouraging and supporting the development, across Europe, of regional 'research-driven clusters', associating universities, research centres, enterprises and regional authorities.
Tourism	The main aims of the EU's activities in this field are: Promoting the competitiveness and sustainability of European tourism, improving the regulatory environment for tourism, enhancing the understanding and visibility of tourism and supporting the promotion of European destinations
Marco Polo	Marco Polo is the European Union's funding programme for projects which shift freight transport from the road to sea, rail and inland waterways. This funding stream is primarily directed at private sector operators.
Road Safety	Each year the European Commission's Directorate General for Transport and Energy publishes a funding call which normally includes a call for road safety projects. The call for 2009 funded projects which looked at areas such as elderly drivers and motorcyclists.
Motorways of the Sea	The region's main ports are eligible for TEN-T funding to support projects funding facilities and infrastructure in at least two ports in two different Member States. The aim of the projects should be to reduce road congestion and/or improve access to peripheral and island regions and Member States.
EU-Asia Business Exchange	Programmes are in place that promote environmentally friendly practices in Asia through partnerships between European and Asian organisations.
Youth In Action	Youth In Action is an EU programme for 15-28 year olds aiming to promote citizenship, tolerance and mobility within and beyond the EU borders.