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## NEWS

### Progress Update

As at 22<sup>nd</sup> April:

- £349m (74% of total Programme) has been contracted to projects. This is expected to increase to over £385m (82%) by end April;
- 108 projects have been approved and are delivering;
- The Programme has a good pipeline of project applications capable of taking up the full ERDF Programme allocation plus contingency. The pipeline is regularly reviewed;
- Full investment is planned by autumn 2013;
- The Programme will continue to spend until 2015;
- The Programme is making good progress towards the achievement of its outputs and results, however all projects must continue to deliver strong performance and ensure evidence is in place so that we maximise the impact and benefits for local people and businesses.

2013 will be a challenging year for the Programme as it moves to full commitment. All partners involved in the delivery of the Programme have been advised of the importance attached to the pace of project approval and commitment. Meeting the

challenge of achievement of full Programme commitment by end 2013 will be dependent on:

- Development and submission of robust and complete ERDF applications;
- Timely and comprehensive response to appraisal issues;
- Investment in robust project development, in particular ensuring that all necessary permissions and match funding approvals are in place.

The DCLG Growth Delivery Team will continue to work closely with partners to bring forward projects capable of taking up ERDF investment and contributing to local growth.

## Latest Approvals

Projects approved since the last update:

**2 Hubs 4 Inclusion** Skills for Communities Ltd  
£1,096,537 of ERDF from Priority 3 (Sustainable Communities) will create 855m<sup>2</sup> of new, accessible, managed workspace in one of the most deprived areas of Hull. Two disused buildings will be brought back into economic use to BREEAM very good or excellent ratings and with energy efficiency features. This will create neighbourhood hubs for local enterprise activities, with business space for new and existing social enterprises and small businesses.

## Minister in Hull visits ERDF projects

In March, Baroness Hanham CBE visited the site of Spencer Group's £100m-plus **Energy Works** scheme, a pioneering plant that will help shape the way we think about energy in the UK. The energy recovery plant will use a combination of green technologies to transform treated waste into energy, and will be the first of its kind in the UK.

During her visit, the minister confirmed the award of a £19.9m grant from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Energy Works will produce enough electricity to power 25,000 homes and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill by local authorities by 90 per cent. The facility, which will employ 60 people, will be built to sort, pre-treat and process different types of waste.



*Baroness Hanham with Charlie Spencer of Hull-based Spencer Group. The Minister announced a £19.9m ERDF grant for the company's £100m energy recovery scheme **Energy Works**.*

The minister also visited the **Marfleet Environmental Industries Park**. The business park, developed by Warsale on the former Humbrol factory site, received a £4.7m ERDF investment and its first tenants, Nippon Gohsei and Neill & Brown Global Logistics, have been operating there since 2011. Earlier this year, the park welcomed two other companies Middlegate Europe and Perpetum Sun that have chosen to locate there. The project refurbished an existing warehouse, provided new services and infrastructure and built additional space to provide 13 industrial units plus two, two-story, office units totalling 15,769 square metres of business accommodation.

The Industries Park is part of the Humber's Enterprise Zone and is targeted at environmental technology businesses, one of Hull's and the wider Humber's key growth sectors. Hull is an ideal location for this sector, with availability of supply chains, skills within the labour pool and proximity to dock and port related facilities. When the site is fully occupied it could accommodate around 300 jobs.

## **Revised Operational Programme**

The Local Management Committee and Performance Management Boards recently reviewed the 2007-13 ERDF Operational Programme in the light of changing economic conditions and following the external evaluation conducted in 2011.

The changes included virement of under committed ERDF from Priority 5 of the Programme (Technical Assistance) to support more projects delivering jobs and growth, and an updating of project classifications.

The revisions were accepted by the European Commission on 11 April.

## 2014-2020 European Programmes

The government is giving Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) a key strategic role in delivering the new round of European Structural and Investment Funds for 2014 to 2020. Ministers have written to LEP chairs inviting them to start the development of local investment strategies.

In 2014 to 2020 the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and part of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development will form an EU Structural and Investment (SI) Funds Growth Programme supporting innovation, research and development, support for SMEs, low carbon, skills, employment, and social inclusion.

Government has published initial guidance setting out the scope of the new funding programme so that LEPs can prepare for their strategic role in delivery of the Structural and Investment Funds. It asks LEPs to indicate priorities for investment and describes the delivery systems government will put in place to support implementing these funds. The guidance invites LEP comments by 31 May 2013.

The guidance is available to download from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/development-of-eu-structural-and-investment-fund-strategies-preliminary-guidance-to-local-enterprise-partnerships>

## European Commission Guide to Social Innovation

The European Commission's Directorates General for **Regional and Urban Policy** and **Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion** have together produced a "Guide to Social Innovation", available now to download.

In their joint foreword, European Commissioners Hahn and Andor draw attention to the need to address the social consequences of the current economic crisis: *"...we need to have a fresh look at social, health and employment policies, but also at education, training and skills development, business support, industrial policy, urban development, etc, to ensure socially and environmentally sustainable growth, jobs and quality of life in Europe."*

For the purposes of this guide "social innovation" describes any innovative measure which has explicitly social (as opposed to merely technological or business) goals. The guide describes how many pre-existing European Union initiatives, from the digital agenda to the structural funds, are working towards this end, and provides many good examples of relevant co-funded projects, as well as placing them in the context of the Europe 2020 strategy. Detailed practical tips are provided for regional public authorities as to how to foster and enable social innovation, and how to embed social aims within other policies. These are summarised in a ten step guide at the end of the publication.

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