

European Commission Funding Programmes
(Relevant to Economic Development)
2007-2013

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RESEARCH

Framework 7

Calls published now

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

Cooperation €32 413 million
Collaborative Research

Ideas €7 510 million
Frontier Research

People €4 750 million
Human Potential

Capacities €4 097 million
Research Capacities

**Competitiveness and
Innovation Programme**

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EUR 3.621 billion

http://ec.europa.eu/cip/index_en.htm

Entrepreneurship and
Innovation Programme
€2166 million

ICT policy support
programme
€728 million

Intelligent Energy
€727 million

Sources of Information

PERA

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Enterprise Europe East of England

<http://www.innovation-east.co.uk/>

Provide up-to-date information on European Directives and Regulation public sector contract opportunities, business opportunities, funding, research and development initiatives and support innovation and transnational technological co-operation in Europe

Framework 7 (50-100% grant)

Private. Public and sole participants eligible

(EU partnership not required – dependent on sub programme)

Participants can in principal be based anywhere in the world.

- Cordis partner search available
- PERA (funded by EEDA) acting as advisory/support service for organisations to help access Framework 7 funding.

Sub Programmes

- Ideas programme** – frontier research actions
- Capacities** - support regional research-driven clusters
- Cooperation programme** – collaborative research
- People programme** – training and career development of researchers
- Nuclear research and training**

Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (50-100% grant)

(EU partnership not required – dependent on sub programme)

All EU members states can participate + non EU under certain conditions

Aims to encourage the competitiveness of European enterprises.

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are its main target.

Sub Programmes

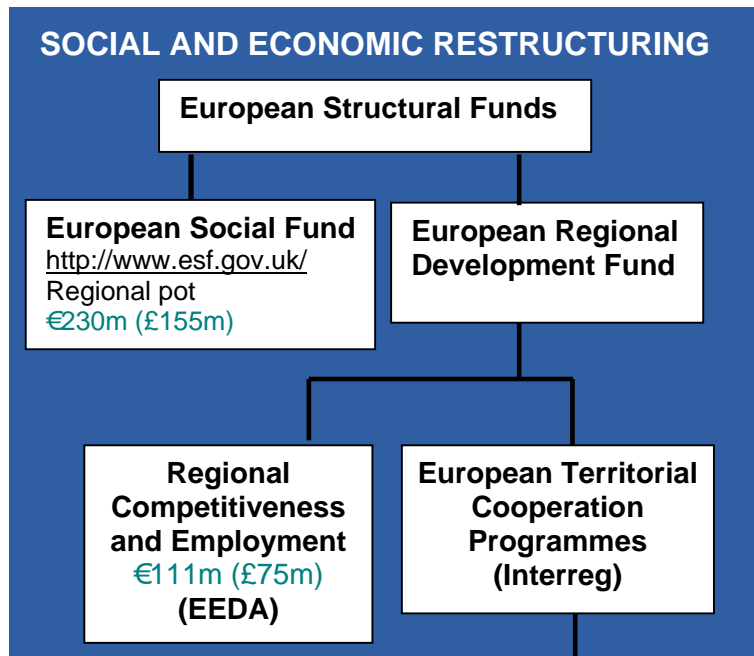
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme - providing access to finance: sharing risks and reward with private equity investors and providing counter or co-guarantees to national guarantee schemes

ICT Policy Support Programme - stimulate the new converging markets for electronic networks, media content and digital technologies. It will test solutions to the bottlenecks that delay wide European deployment of electronic services. It will also support the modernisation of public sector services that will raise productivity and improve services.

Intelligent Energy Europe Programme -encourage the wider uptake of new and renewable energies and improve energy efficiency, and shall foster compliance with our energy regulatory framework.

Funding programmes available for SMEs – [click here](#)

Directorate Enterprise and Industry –[direct calls for proposals](#)



ESF programme - promoting employment in the EU. 100% grant. (EU partnership not required)
Any organisation public, private or third sector that is legally formed, except sole traders, that is able to deliver ESF provision can apply for funding
 Priority 1 is 'Extending employment opportunities'
 Priority 2 is 'Developing a skilled and adaptable workforce'
 Co-financing organisations in East of England (i.e. organisations who will be publishing tenders)
 -EEDA, Beds County Council, LSC, Luton Borough Council

Competitiveness and Employment Programme, through EEDA (EU partnership not required)
 Meta Theme – 'Towards Low Carbon Economic Growth'. Call for projects open. [Click here for details](#)
Eligible organisations: local authorities, statutory or non-statutory public funded bodies, voluntary/community organisations, some private sector organisations (subject to eligibility rules and state aid compliance)

Territorial Cooperation (EU partnership required)
 Cross Border – Cambs eligible as 'adjacent area', i.e. cannot lead a project but can be a partner.
 North Sea – North Sea area EU members only.
 North West – NW Europe EU members only
 Interegional – EU members states only. Two types of interventions: 'Regional Initiative Projects' and 'Capitalisation Projects, including Fast Track projects'

4C Interregional (Interreg IVC)
<http://www.interreg4c.net/index.html>
 €302 million total – up to 75% grant
Aimed at Regional and Local authorities and to bodies governed by public law. Private sector cannot be a partner, but can be subcontracted by partners. Projects aim to exchange experience and jointly develop approaches and instruments that improve the effectiveness of regional development policies and contribute to economic modernisation.
Innovation and the Knowledge Economy
Environment and Risk Prevention

Regions for Economic Change (funding available through Interreg IV programme)
 Two way bridge between Interreg IV and mainstream structural fund programmes.
 Networks selected through INTERREG IVC / URBACT call process.

4B Transnational
 Focus on concrete, strategic spatial development projects which embrace the competitiveness and environmental aspirations of the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas.

North West Europe €350m, 50% grant
Both public and private sector can be project partners but only public sector can lead a project
<http://www.nweurope.org/>
Capacity for innovation
Management of natural resources
Connectivity (transport/ICT)
Strong/prosperous communities

- Project ideas list available

4A Cross-border
 Entrepreneurship and SMEs, tourism and culture, transport, information and communication, water, waste, energy.
<http://www.interreg4a-2mers.eu/UK/accueilUK.html>

North Sea Region €140m 50% grant
<http://www.northsearegion.eu/ivb/home/>
Local, regional and national authorities, NGOs, research institutions, universities, private partners (if they act as public similar, located inside the eligible area can participate.
Capacity for innovation,
Environment
Accessibility
Sustainable and competitive communities

- Project ideas list available
- 2 calls per year

Some New Programmes (2007-2013)

The new Life Long Learning Programme (€ 7000 millions) supports learning opportunities from childhood to old age.

<http://www.lifelonglearningprogramme.org.uk/>

Grants and subsidies will be awarded to projects and activities that foster interchange, promote bilateral and multilateral partnerships, foster trans-national mobility of individuals and promote quality in education and training systems throughout Europe.

Sub-programmes:

- The **Comenius** programme for pupils, teachers, schools and related institutions/organisations (up to the level of the end of upper secondary education)
- The **Erasmus** programme for students, scholars, professors, universities and related institutions/organisations
- The **Leonardo da Vinci** programme for apprentices, workers, employees and related institutions/organisations (vocational education and training).
- The **Grundtvig** programme for adults, teachers and related institutions/organisations active in the field of adult education.
- **'transversal programme'**,

MEDIA 2007.

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/index_en.htm

Like its forerunners, MEDIA 2007 will focus on **preproduction and post-production** activities (distribution and promotion).

Objectives:

- to preserve and enhance European cultural diversity and its cinematographic and audiovisual heritage, guarantee accessibility to this for Europeans and promote intercultural dialogue;
- to increase the circulation of European audiovisual works inside and outside the European Union;
- to strengthen the competitiveness of the European audiovisual sector in the framework of an open and competitive market.

Switch ASIA

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/asia/regional-cooperation/environment/switch_en.htm

The SWITCH Programme has been designed to respond to the need for cleaner and more energy efficient industry in Asia. It targets small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

SWITCH will award grants to EU-Asia partnerships of non-profit making organisations interested in pursuing sustainable development, such as chambers of commerce, industrial and professional associations, regulatory bodies (regional and local authorities), research organisations and development agencies.

Sources of Information:

Guy Mills – as SREP representative of the **European Programmes Strategy Group** that will be overseeing the delivery of the new suite of EU programmes in the region (chaired by David Morrall).

EU grant summary: http://ec.europa.eu/grants/index_en.htm

GrantFinder.co.uk or similar

East of England Brussels Office, policy snapshots, partner search, funding programme knowledge etc
<http://www.east-of-england.eu/>