

EU Funding Programmes 2007-2013

A pull out guide!

Working in association with West Midlands in Europe, Worcestershire Partnership's Funding Desk is pleased to be able to promote the following EU funding opportunities for the period of 2007 – 2013.

West Midlands in Europe is truly regional, taking on board representation from all the region's local authorities, the Regional Development Agency – Advantage West Midlands, higher education, further education, the business sector, culture, arts and the voluntary sector.

To find more information on West Midlands in Europe visit www.westmidlandsineurope.org

Visit the Worcestershire Partnership website at www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk and click on the logo above to identify funding opportunities to suit your every need.



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EU Funding at a Glance

Competitiveness for Growth & Employment

7th Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration

Aim: To increase research to 3% of EU GDP



Budget: €50.521bn

Actions: Cooperation; Ideas; People; Capacities; Joint Research Centre; Euratom nuclear research and training
Eligible organisations: Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), private research institutes or other industrial participants, public universities, regional authorities, public research organisations (PROs), individual researchers from public and private sectors, Researchers and organisations outside the EU – whether from Candidate Countries, Associated States, developing countries, emerging economies or industrial nations.

Transnational partners required

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

Please see the FP7 Fact sheets available to download from the WMIE website

Competitiveness and Innovation Programme

Aim: To boost European productivity, innovation capacity and sustainable growth



Budget: €3.621 bn

Actions: Enterprise and Innovation; ICT Policy Support; Intelligent Energy -Europe:
Eligible organisations: Chambers of Commerce, enterprises, local and regional authorities, HE, innovation centres, business support organisations

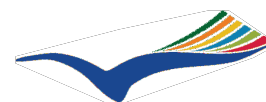
Transnational partners required

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/enterprise_policy/cip/index_en.htm

Please see the CIP Fact sheets available to download from the WMIE website

Lifelong Learning Programme

Aim: To enable individuals at all stages of their lives to pursue stimulating learning opportunities across the EU



Budget: €6.97bn

Actions: Comenius (school education); Erasmus (higher education), Leonardo da Vinci (vocational education), Grundtvig (adult education), Transversal programme, Jean Monnet programme
Eligible organisations: All legal bodies working in education and training

Transnational partners required

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/newprog/index_en.html

Please see the LLP Fact sheets available to download from the WMIE website



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Cohesion for Growth & Employment

Competitiveness and Employment Objective West Midlands European Regional Development Fund Operational Programme

Aim: To meet the Lisbon targets of jobs and growth



EUROPEAN UNION
European Regional
Development Fund

Budget: €400 m for West Midlands

Actions: The Operational Programme contains three priority axes: (i) Promoting Innovation, Research and Development, (ii) Stimulating Enterprise Development, (iii) Achieving Sustainable Urban Development. These are complemented by two smaller priorities on trans-national activity and technical assistance.

Website: <http://www.advantagewm.co.uk/working-with-us/ERDF-Programme/default.aspx>

Competitiveness and Employment Objective European Social Fund Programme

Aim: To meet the Lisbon targets of jobs and growth – to extend employment opportunities by tackling barriers to work and creating a skilled and adaptable workforce.



European Union
European Social Fund
Investing in jobs and skills

Budget: €372 m for West Midlands

Actions: to support the following groups of people: people with disabilities and health conditions; lone parents; people aged over 50; people from ethnic minorities; people without good qualifications; and young people not in education, employment or training.

Transnational partners required for Innovative, Transnationality & Mainstreaming (ITM) actions

Website: <http://www.esf.gov.uk/>

Transnational Territorial Cooperation with North West Europe (INTERREG IV B)

Aim: To achieve better territorial cohesion through transnational cooperation



Budget: €355 m

Actions: Transnational projects to (i) develop the North West Europe knowledge-based economy by capitalising on our capacity for innovation, (ii) Sustainable management of natural resources and of natural areas and technological risks, (iii) Improving connectivity in NWE by promoting intelligent and sustainable transport and ICT solutions, (iv) Promoting strong and prosperous communities at transnational level

Eligible organisations: National, regional and local authorities, including sector departments and related public agencies, transnational bodies, universities, research and development agencies and NGOs. Under certain conditions, private profit making organisations can participate.

Transnational partners required

Website: <http://www.nweurope.org/>

Please see the INTERREG IV B Fact sheet available to download from the WMIE website

URBACT II

Aim: To exchange best practice and experience and support for the development of sustainable development urban areas action plans



Budget: €68 m

Actions: Thematic networks, Working groups, studies, qualification actions and other initiatives

Eligible organisations: Regional and local public authorities

Transnational partners required
Website: <http://urbact.eu/urbact-programme.html>

Interregional Cooperation (INTERREG IV C)

Aim: to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies and contribute to economic modernisation and increased competitiveness of Europe



Budget: €321m

Actions: Enabling local and regional actors across the EU to exchange their experiences and knowledge; Matching regions less experienced in a certain policy field with more advanced regions; Ensuring the transfer of good practices into Structural Funds mainstream programmes.

Eligible organisations: National, regional and local authorities, including sector departments and related public agencies, transnational bodies, universities, research and development agencies and NGOs. Under certain conditions, private profit making organisations can participate.

Transnational partners required

Website: <http://www.interreg4c.net>

Please see the INTERREG IV B Fact sheet available to download from the WMIE website

European Observation Network for Territorial Observation and Cohesion (ESPON)

Aim: to increase the general body of knowledge about territorial structures, trends and policy impacts in an enlarged European Union.



Budget: €47.1m

Actions: applied research, studies, targeted analysis on specific themes

Eligible organisations: Public bodies including universities, research centres, regional observatories

Transnational partners required

Website: <http://www.espon.eu/>

Preservation and Management of Natural Resources, Citizenship, Freedom, Security and Justice

Life+

Aim: To support environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU



Budget: €2.143 BN

Actions: Nature and Biodiversity; Environment Policy, Governance; Information and Communication

Eligible organisations: National, regional and local authorities, NGOs

Transnational partners required

Website: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/news/futureoflife.htm>

Please see the Life + Fact sheet available to download from the WMIE website

Rural Development Programme in England (RDPE)

Aim: To promote sustainable rural development

Budget: €3.9 BN

Actions: There are four main axes of the RDPE:



- Axis 1: Making agriculture and forestry more competitive and sustainable
- Axis 2: Enhancing the environment and countryside
- Axis 3: Enhancing opportunity in rural areas
- Axis 4: Leader Approach

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rurdev/index_en.htm

Europe for Citizens Programme

Aim: to promote active citizenship throughout Europe



Budget: €215 m

Actions: Exchanges, town twinning, studies, events to promote knowledge of Europe's culture and history and construction of Europe

Eligible organisations: Local authorities and organisations, European public policy research organisations (think-tanks), citizens' groups, NGOs

Transnational partners required

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/activecitizenship/citizens_en.html

Daphne III

Aim: To combat violence against women, young people & children



Budget: €116.85M

Actions: Exchange of best practice, studies, staff exchange and training

Eligible organisations: Public or private organisations & institutions (e.g. local authorities, education bodies, NGOs etc) working to prevent/combat violence, provide victim support to women and children

Transnational partners required

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/daphne/funding_daphne_en.htm

Please see the Daphne III Fact sheet available to download from the WMIE website

The Framework Programme For Solidarity and Management of Migrations Flows

Aim: support the implementation of Community legislation relating to four complementary dimensions of management of migration flows: Integration, refugees, Returns, External Borders



Budget: €2.129 bn

Actions: Exchange of information & best practice including training, study visits & staff exchanges.

Eligible organisations: Member States, Government Departments, Public or private organisations and institutions (local authorities, universities, research centres, NGOs) working with Third Country migrants (non-EU).

Transnational partners required

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/intro/funding_solidarity_en.htm

Please see the Migration Fact sheet available to download from the WMIE website

Culture Programme

Aim: to celebrate Europe's cultural diversity and enhance shared cultural heritage through the development of cross-border co-operation between cultural operators and institutions.

Budget: €400M

Actions: trans-national mobility of people working in the cultural sector, trans-national circulation of works of art alongside other cultural and artistic products, and promotion of intercultural dialogue

Eligible organisations: Local & regional authorities, universities, private companies, agencies, chambers of commerce

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/culture2007/cult_en.html

Please see the Culture Fact sheet available to download from the WMIE website

Media Programme and Media International

Aim: to support the European audiovisual industry

Budget: €755 m

Actions: MEDIA co-finances training initiatives for audiovisual industry professionals, the development of production projects (feature films, television drama, documentaries, animation and new media).

Media International is a preparatory action for three years 2008-2010 funded by the European Parliament to strengthen cooperation between audiovisual industries of third countries and European countries. It has a budget of €2 m.

Eligible organisations: Film and TV schools, HE, specialised professional training institutions, private companies

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/



Public Health Programme

Aim: to complement, support and add value to the policies of the Member States and contribute to increased solidarity and prosperity in the European Union by protecting and promoting human health and safety and by improving public health.



Budget: €365.6 m

Actions: Improve citizens' health security; promote health for prosperity and solidarity; generate and disseminate health knowledge

Eligible organisations: Research institutes and universities, Public administrations, Non-governmental organisations, Commercial firms

Transnational partners required

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_overview/pgm2007_2013_en.htm

Drugs Prevention & Information Programme

Aim: To prevent drug use and improve information on its effects



Budget: €21.35 m

Actions: Exchange of information & best practice including training, study visits & staff exchanges, creation of networks

Eligible organisations: public or private organisations and institutions (local authorities, universities, research centres, NGOs) working to prevent drugs use.

Transnational partners required

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/drugs/

Progress (for employment & social solidarity)

Aim: To complement activity under the European Social Fund and support social dialogue, free movement of workers and social studies



Budget: €658 m

Actions: Studies, exchange of information and good practice, monitoring and networking on: employment; social protection and inclusion.

Eligible organisations: Employment services and agencies, local and regional authorities, higher education, NGOs, national statistical offices, media, experts

Transnational partners required

Website: http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/progress/index_en.html

Full details can be found on the official European Perspectives website:
http://ec.europa.eu/financial_perspective/index_en.htm

Policy, funding and networks

- Targeted EU intelligence on policy and funding
- Speaking up for the region to EU decision makers
- Creating transnational contacts and strategic opportunities for regional partners



Business support

- Active assistance to West Midlands businesses to expand trade and business development opportunities
- Promoting the West Midlands profile, reputation and business offer in Brussels
- Developing and diversifying services to regional partners focusing on strategic impact and sustainability of resources

Getting Started

- Explanation of funds
- Advice and guidance on funding deadlines
- Training courses on bid writing and Funding bodies' open days / surgeries



Ideas into Action

- One-to-one advice to develop project ideas
- Help with finding local and/or European partners
- Funded preparatory visits, meet partners

Tools for Delivery

- Training / advice on project management
- Help with report writing / audit returns

For information, advice and guidance on funding opportunities (European Commission, National Lottery Grants and Trusts etc.) that specifically support our Local Area Agreement, contact:

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