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# EU structural funds 2014-20 – how and where are the VCS tapped in?

## Nottingham

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# Workshop Aim/Objectives

- **The aim is to improve the local VCS opportunities to access the EU SIF 14-20 programme.**
- **To increase your knowledge of VCS (infrastructure) engagement with LEP/EU SIF programme.**
- **To increase your understanding of local VCS (infrastructure)/LEP EU SIF work in progress .**
- **To support you identify where in the EM consortia are starting develop**



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***Building up the awareness,  
capabilities, and capacity of the  
VCS to engage with, and access  
ERDF (European Regional  
Development Fund)***

# Reach & Impact

## Focus

- Increase awareness of.....
- Increase access to.....

## ERDF

- increase partnerships/collaboration with....

**Third sector/universities/public sector /LEPs**

# Introduction to the European Structural and Investment Funds

- The Structural Funds are financial tools set up to implement the regional policy of the European Union. They aim to:-
- **Reduce regional disparities in terms of income, wealth and opportunities**
- **Europe's poorer regions receive most of the support, but all European regions are eligible for funding under the policy's various funds and programmes.**
- **The current regional policy framework is set for a period of seven years, with the 2007-13 the most recent, and now at the start of the period 14-20.**

# Introduction to the European Structural and Investment Funds

- The Structural and Investment Funds are the European Union's main funding programmes for reducing social and economic disparities across the EU. In England, these funds comprise the:
- **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) which supports research, innovation, business development and infrastructure investment**
- **European Social Fund (ESF) which supports training, enhancing access to employment and social inclusion.**
- **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) which supports economic development in our rural areas .**



# Local Enterprise Partnerships

- Announced in Budget June 2010, cover whole of England
- 39 voluntary, public/private partnerships, private sector led
- Very variable (geography/population covered – including overlaps; legal status; priorities; capacity)
- 5 LEPs in East Mids and South East Mids – D2N2, GLLEP, LLEP, NEP and SEMLEP
- No regions – other LEPs come into play – GCGP (Rutland), SCR (includes 5 Districts in Derbys and Notts) and Hull and Humber (includes North and North East Lincs)



## European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020 – LEP roles

Lead role for LEPs – notional 7 year allocations

- Develop strategy, working with wide range of partners
- Select projects (commissioning, bidding and co-financing)
- Identify match funding
- Spend allocation (on time and in line with EU regulations)
- Ensure outcomes delivered
- Monitor delivery against strategy and programme priorities
- Not responsible for administering the funds (remains with Managing Authorities)

- 1. Innovation**
- 2. ICT**
- 3. SME Competitiveness**
- 4. Low Carbon**

At least 80% of the ERDF budget must be spent on these objectives and at least 20 % spent on low carbon

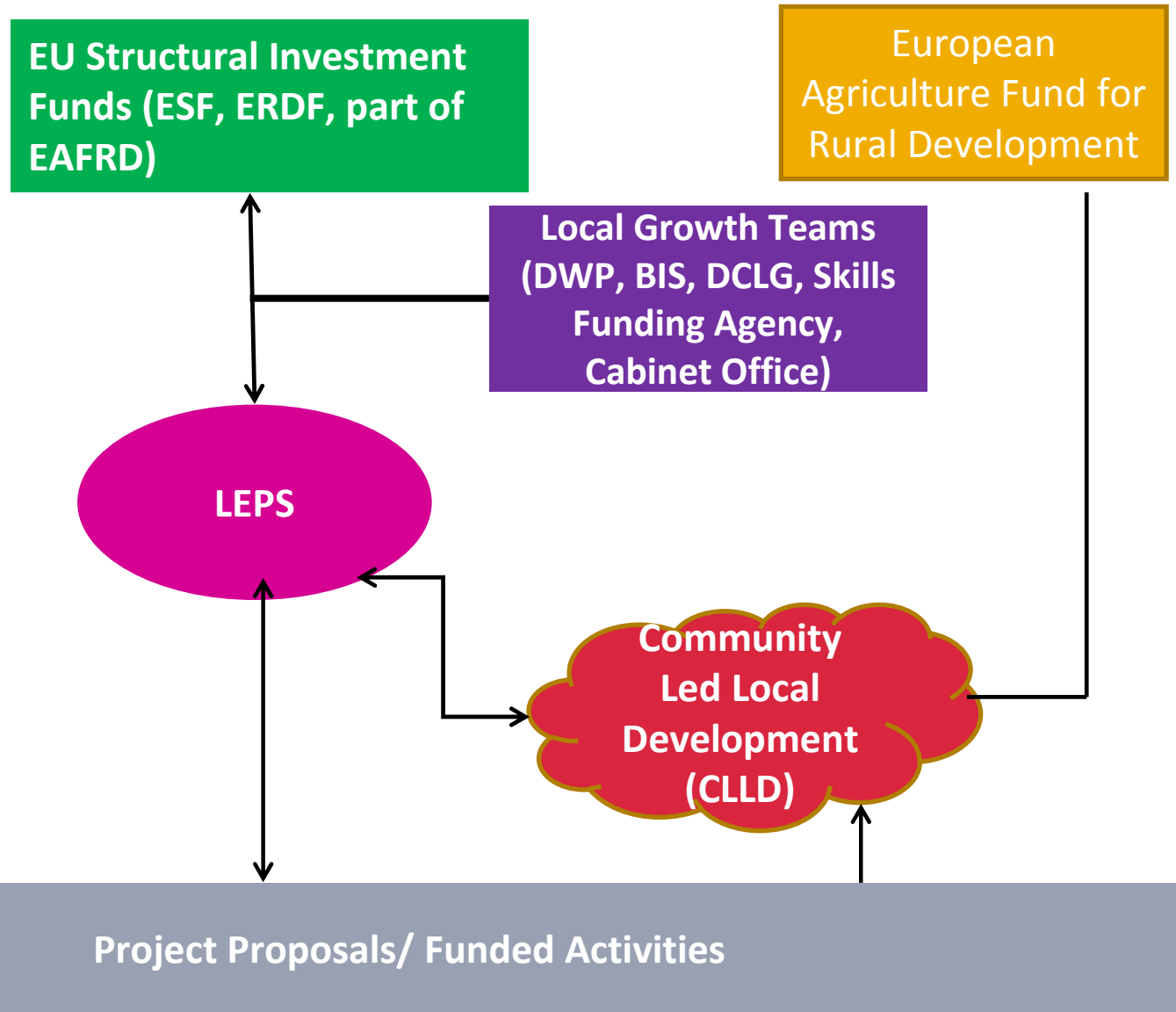
- 5. Climate Change Adaption**
- 6. Environmental Protection**
- 7. Sustainable Transport**

No minimum spending requirements set

- 8. Employment and Labour Mobility**
- 9. Social Inclusion**
- 10. Education, Skills , Life Long Learning**

At least 80% of the ESF budget must be spent on these objectives and at least 20% on social inclusion.

# How will the EU SIF 2014-20 Programme work?



# Local focus new opportunities?

- Match funding to complement Growth programme (e.g. Big Lottery Fund, Skills funding agency)
- Community Led Local Development
- Community Grants
- Social innovation, social inclusion, social investment (Social Investment Business – local impact fund)

# How are the VCS tapped so far in the East Midlands?

- LEP VCS Board Representation
- ONE EM/LEP/VCS infrastructure events Jul-Sep 13 – BIS/DCLG/Cabinet office
- Local Collaboration events led by VCS infrastructure examples
- LEP Specific VCS Engagement project – D2N2
  - Social Inclusion and Combating Poverty

# Activity?

- Social ..... Economic Inclusion
- 2 Pieces of flipchart paper
- Post it Note pads
- Identify VCS in your area that deliver social  
.....economic inclusion
- Where are the gaps
- Who can fill them – who do you need to talk to?



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