

# **Preparing for EU Structural Funds in the East Midlands 2014-2020**



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## 2014-2020 How have we got here?

- Consultative roadshows: Nov/Dec 2012
- Notional indicative allocations: March 2013
- Published guidance: April 2013 and July 2013
- Submission of draft strategies: 7 October 2013
- Submission of final strategies: 31 January 2014
- Growth Programme Board: 28 February 2014

# Key findings: State of the ESIFs



## **LEP ESI plans - good progress since October**

- ✓ Good fit with EU priorities & programme requirements
- ✓ Ready for delivery partners to develop funding proposals

## **But some further work needed**

- Gaps in the evidence base
- Match funding
- Outputs and Result Targets
- And many details.....



# 2014-2020 What's next - National?

- Re-make allocations – April
- Operational Programmes consultation – from today
- Partnership Agreement – submission in April
- Operational Programme Approved by EC – November



## 2014-2020 What's next – Local?

- Identify potential pipeline
- ESIF Strategies finalised – November
- Applications welcomed!



# Proposed local delivery arrangements

- LEPs – develop and promote projects
- MA – approve, monitor and pay
- Joint – chair local sub committees



# Opportunities

- Big
- Influence LEPs
- Collaboration across LEPs
- Build LEP and partner capacity and technical (EU) expertise
- Develop high quality, eligible projects
- Leverage in match funding
- Learning the lessons from 07-13 (and before!!)



# Further information

- Engage with your LEPs

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- Operational Programme consultation (launches today) DON'T FORGET!!