

Swindon and Wiltshire

European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020

Annual Event

Lackham House

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About: The EU funds in Swindon & Wiltshire

- ESIF European Structural & Investment Funds
- **ERDF European Regional Development Fund**
- **ESF European Social Fund**
- EAFRD European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (aka "Rural Development")
- Programme Local priorities and strategic fit







ESIF: How it works in Swindon and Wiltshire

- **ESIF = three funds:** ERDF, ESF and Rural Development
- **ESIF Strategy** devised in 2013-14 preceded Economic Plan and Industrial Strategy
- □ UK programme of £8.4bn (€10.5bn) Local Enterprise Partnership area allocations
- Swindon and Wiltshire allocation is €43m ESIF = £37.7m of EU funds and with match funds of £37m+ = £75m+ total expenditure
- **Programme runs 2014-20** *began 2015* projects will run into Brexit-transition
- **Partnership approach** to setting local priorities SWLEP and government departments
- **Calls for projects** with **local and national priorities** published by government depts.
- **ESIF sub-Committee advises** government departments which take all decisions
- □ Projects deliver the ESIF Programme 13 contracted projects ... and counting
- Government depts. "Managing Authorities" and Technical Assistance support





£8.34m ERDF projects contracted: £16.9m total allocation

Priority 1 Promoting Research and Innovation				
Innovate2Succeed	Helping SMEs plan & execute innovative process & products			
Porton Science Incubator	300m ² high-spec. workspace & facilities for life science SMEs			
Health & Life science hub	Research & innovation to develop & commercialise products			
Priority 3 – SME Competitiveness				
Export for Growth	Boosting trade by supporting SMEs become exporters			
SME Growth	Range of start-up and growth support plus productivity grants			
Local Manufacturing (LMAP)	Specialist support for manufacturers productivity and growth			
Workspace*	New incubation and grow-on space for SMEs			
Investment & Growth*	A joined-up investment service across Wiltshire and Swindon			
Priority 4 – Low Carbon economy				
Porton Down PV, Storage & Grid Services*	New renewables storage provision linked to strategic employment site and research infrastructure			

* Projects at full application or appraisal phase of selection process

Future calls for ERDF projects

Priority 1 Promoting Research and Innovation

Digital Industries – call to increase <i>Digital Capability</i> delivering digitalisation support for non-digital businesses and facilities that enable digital businesses to start-up and grow	ation support for non-digital businesses and facilities that £0.5m				
Research Infrastructure – call for a significant investment that brings SMEs into contact with researchers, knowledge & enabling technologies, for development of new & innovative products	£2.2m	2017			
Priority 3 – SME Competitiveness					
Business support 2019+ Seeking a range of support to update or extend existing business advice projects linked with Growth Hub	£1.8m	March 2018			
Priority 4 – Low Carbon economy					
Energy efficient business – call for services to drive up SME resource efficiency and costs down and building resilience	· ±1m				
Open call – call for low carbon energy projects demonstrating and deploying new technologies – with focus on hydrogen / fuel cells					



ESF - £16.9m allocation – 75% contracted

ESF priorities	Local allocation	Contracted value	Projects / Project Organisation
Priority 1: Inclusive Labour Markets for people who are unemployed or inactive	£9.07m	£7.75m	 Links to Work - Working Links Older workers - Learn Direct Raising Aspirations careers - CSW Building Bridges - Community First Offenders' support* - Shaw Trust
Priority 2: Skills for Growth for employed people	£7.85m	£4.89m	 Skills Support for Workforce - Serco Raising Aspirations: apprenticeships Careers South West (CSW)
Total	£16.92	£12.64m	

Rural Development Growth Programme: £3.9m

Growth Programme	Swindon and Wiltshire	
National Calls	allocations	
Business Development	£900,000	
Rural tourism infrastructure & accommodation	£1,500,000	
Food and Drink processing	£1,500,000	

£8m LEADER programme in Swindon and Wiltshire

- Countryside Productivity and Agri-Environment/ stewardship schemes for farms & land management
- Broadband fund new support for Local Authorities



