

European Funding Opportunities – 2011/12

Background to EU funding

- European Structural Funds are the main instrument for supporting social and economic cohesion across the European Union. They account for over one third of the EU budget and are used to tackle regional disparities and support regional development. London's European Structural Funds are worth £517 million between 2007 and 2013. This comprises £142 million European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and £375 million European Social Fund (ESF).
- ESF was set up to improve employment opportunities in the European Union, and it aims to help people fulfill their potential by giving them better skills and better jobs prospects. ERDF is used to tackle regional disparities across Europe. ERDF supports regional development through actions such as business innovation and support and regeneration.
- In addition to the Structural Funds, the EU directly manages a large number of programmes that provide a wide range of opportunities for local authorities to deliver regeneration, environmental, social and cultural projects. The overall purpose of EU funding is to support the development and implementation of EU policy. Key EU programmes (excluding ESF and ERDF), relevant to local authorities are outlined in the table below. The EU is currently reviewing its budget and funding programmes post 2013, however, there remain significant opportunities during this 2007-2013 funding period.

Benefits of EU funding

A recent report by the Local Government Association, 'More Than Money: maximising the true value of EU funds' identifies a number of potential benefits of EU funding including:

- **EU funding targets local issues** – EU funding offers the flexibility to support innovative, locally relevant projects that may not be reflected by broad national spending priorities
- **A stable 7 year funding period** offers opportunity to plan how to maximise use of EU funds in an area
- **Levers in additional public and private sector match funding to the borough.** It is estimated, that each Euro spent by Regional Policy, can generate another 3 Euros worth of investment, through providing the impetus for a range of organisations to commit to innovative partnerships and projects.
- **Provides 'space' for innovation, research and development**, providing funding to pursue novel and emerging policy areas, and to develop new methods for delivering public services or tackling emerging challenges

- **Supports new, cross sector/level partnerships** – broadening horizons, facilitating innovation, development and sharing of best practices
- **Supports joint working to tackle common issues**, with other European areas, enabling exchange and development of expertise and knowledge

Common features of EU funding programmes include requirements to:

- Work in partnership, often with organisations in other EU areas, to tackle common issues, share knowledge and develop best practice
- Leverage match funding of between 10-50% from public or private sources (this may be in-kind and through existing staff time in many cases)

For most programmes, national, regional, and local authorities, universities, and civil society organisations are eligible to apply. 'Calls for Proposals' are published on a regular basis, by the Directorate General of the EU administering the funding programme. These can range from annual rounds, to up to 6 rounds per year, depending on the funding programme.

Featured in the table below is a list of key European funding programmes relevant to boroughs. The current priorities, deadlines for calls for proposals in 2011/12, and links to the EU websites for further information are given.

How to access EU funding

There is currently support available to help the Council access EU funding. The London Council's/GLE European Service aims to enable boroughs to create and maximise opportunities arising from EU funding and legislation. They provide support and advice to boroughs to help overcome challenges to accessing funding, including:

- briefings and workshops for officers on EU funding opportunities
- free consultancy support to boroughs in developing bids

EU service website: <http://www.londoncouncils.glegroup.co.uk/index.php>

EU Funding bids are coordinated in the RBKC by the External Funding and Partnerships Officer, Economic Development Team. Contact: Lucy.ashdown@rbkc.gov.uk, Telephone: 020 73612509 for a discussion about support available and more detailed briefings on the programmes, below.

Table of key EU Funding Opportunities – 2011/12 (excluding ESF and ERDF)

Name of EU programme	Overview	Budget /EU Co-financing rate*	What it can fund	Deadlines (updated June 2011)	Further information
CULTURE	Supports cultural cooperation projects between artists, stakeholders and cultural institutions.	Total programme budget for 2007-2013 is 400m Euros Project budget varies. 50% co-financing rate.	A project may focus on one or more of the following art forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all types of theatre (including street theatre and circus) • music & dance • the visual arts and cultural heritage Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performances and exhibitions • Artistic exchanges • Training Open to all non-audio visual organisations <i>Need at least 2 other EU partners.</i>	Deadlines throughout the year, none announced for 2011 at this time.	EU Culture Website http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc411_en.htm
DAPHNE III	Preventing and tackling violence against women, children and young people, and assist and protect victims of violence.	2011 and 2012 budgets combined for this year's call. 80% co-finance rate.	Priorities for 2011 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of victims • Children as perpetrators • Media violence • Harmful practices Activities funded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Knowledge sharing • Good practice 	Call expected Sept 2011, deadline November	1. DAPHNE website: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/daphne3/funding_daphne3_en.htm 2. DAPHNE toolkit (archive of projects /

		Project budget 75,000-600,000 up to 2 yr project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and delivery (pilot initiatives) <p><i>At least 2 EU partners needed.</i></p>		project development guidance) http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/daphnetoolkit/html/welcome/dpt_welcome_en.html
DRUGS PREVENTION AND INFORMATION	Preventing and reducing drug use, dependence and drug related harm to health and society.	2011 total budget is 1.8m Euros and 7 projects are expected to be funded Project budget: €75,000 - €500,000 80% co-finance rate	2011 priorities include development of preventative interventions (e.g. life skills), young people, legal highs, on-line support, and approaches for specific users groups. Activities funded include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and exchange of good practice • Training • Study visits • Research • Seminars, meetings, conferences <p><i>At least 2 EU partners must be involved.</i></p>	Due Feb 2011 but pushed to latter half of the year.	1. EU DPIP Website http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/drugs/funding_drugs_en.htm 2. 2011 Annual Work Programme http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/drugs/awp_2011_en.pdf
EUROPE FOR CITIZENS	To promote intercultural understanding, and increase citizens'	Depends on type of project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town twinning and citizenship activities connecting local communities across Europe • Projects involving civil society organisations that enable citizenship 	Various	EU Commission Citizenship website: http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/in

	engagement with the EU		(voluntary and community sector) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High visibility events and Remembrance of Nazism and Stalinism 		dex_en.htm
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP	Promotes tolerance, fights racism and encourages sense of European citizenship	2011 budget is €8.74m. Project budget €100,000-€1m, for 1 or 2 years 80% co-financing rate	2011 priorities include combating racism, homophobia, training and networking between legal practitioners to improve knowledge of EU Charter for Fundamental Rights, promotion of children's rights enshrined in the EU Convention on Rights of the Child, and active participation in EU democracy and understanding of EU citizenship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and exchange of good practice Training Study visits Research Seminars, meetings, conferences 	Due early 2011 – anytime now. Check website.	EU Fundamental Rights and Citizenship website http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/rights_funding_rights_en.htm
HEALTH PROGRAMME	To promote health and reduce health inequalities, in line with EU Health Strategy.	60% co-financing rate. Project budget: 250,000-1m Euros.	The main objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve citizens' health security. Promote health Generate and disseminate health information and knowledge 2011 priorities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> health promotion for children and young people at local level 	2011 annual deadline was on 27 May.	EU Commission Health website: http://ec.europa.eu/health/index_en.htm (quick links – 'funding' tab)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic illness and work • Sport • Sexual health • Mental health • Drugs and alcohol <p><i>At least 2 EU partners must be involved.</i></p>		
INTEGRATION OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS FUND (TRANSNATIONAL PROGRAMME)	This programme aims to promote the integration of newly arrived third-country nationals	<p>Total budget €825m for 2007-2013</p> <p>Grants range from €100,000 to 1m+ Euros with co-financing rate of up to 80%</p>	<p>The Fund supports actions to enable integration of newly arrived third country nationals (from outside EU member states) and enhance the capacity of Member States to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate in general all integration strategies, policies and measures for third country nationals.</p> <p>Activities include the exchange of information, best practice and co-operation in and between Member States.</p> <p><i>In 2010, 5+ member states must be involved.</i></p>	<p>The last annual deadline for the 2010 call was in Q4 2010.</p> <p>2011 Work Programme/deadline still to be published. Check website.</p>	<p>EU Integration Fund website: http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/integration/funding_integration_en.htm</p>
INTEGRATION OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS FUND (NATIONAL PROGRAMME)	This programme aims to promote the integration of newly arrived third-country nationals	<p>50-75% co-financing rate for projects.</p> <p>In 2011, £5.33m</p>	<p>Supports the above priorities but the programme is administered nationally, by the Home Office UK border agency.</p> <p>2011 priorities included language teaching; programmes to support new arrivals become full UK citizens, and community cohesion activities.</p>	<p>2011 deadline passed in April 2011.</p> <p>2012 deadline to be announced.</p>	<p>Home Office Border Agency Integration Fund website: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/n</p>

		<p>was available nationally.</p> <p>In 2011, Minimum grant: £100,000 per year.</p>	<p><i>No EU partners needed.</i></p>		<p>ewsfragments/39-erf-eif</p>
<p>INTELLIGENT ENERGY EUROPE</p>	<p>To promote and facilitate energy efficiency and renewable energy sources to deliver EU climate change and energy targets.</p>	<p>€67m is available in 2011.</p> <p>Project budget ranges: 500,000-2.5m Euros, for 2 or 3 years.</p> <p>75% co-financing rate.</p>	<p>Priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency and rational use of resources • New and renewable energy resources • Energy in transport • Integrated initiatives (combining above, including local energy leadership; energy efficiency and renewable energy in buildings) <p>This programme will finance concrete projects with a real focus on implementing good practices. Type of project eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Enabling policies: to help implement EU energy policy on the ground; <input type="checkbox"/> Market transformation: to accelerate the growth of EU markets for energy efficient and renewable energy products and services; <input type="checkbox"/> Changing behaviour: at all levels from households to policy-makers; 	<p>2011 annual deadlines passed on: 15 June</p> <p>2012 deadlines to be announced.</p>	<p>EU Commission IEE website: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index_en.html</p>

			<input type="checkbox"/> Training: to provide knowledge and solutions; and <input type="checkbox"/> Access to capital: launch of new financing schemes <i>At least 3 EU partners must be involved.</i>		
INTERREG IVB	Urban development projects. The aim is to find innovative ways to make the most of territorial assets and tackle shared problems of Member States, regions and other authorities.	<p>Total budget 2007-13 is €700m</p> <p>Average project budget = €7.2m</p> <p>50% co-financing rate.</p>	<p>Funds large scale capital and revenue trans-national projects to find innovative solutions to common issues that would benefit from cooperation, sharing expertise, and joint development.</p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWE knowledge-based economy by capitalising on innovation • Sustainable management of natural resources and risks • Promoting intelligent and sustainable transport and ICT solutions • Promoting strong and prosperous communities <p><i>At least 2 EU partners must be involved; most projects have at least 5 EU partner countries</i></p>	<p>Last deadline 1 April; 9th and 10th call expected September 2011 and early 2012.</p> <p>NWE Project Development & Applicants' half day workshop will take place in London on 15 July 2011. Contact: Ian Hill ian.nweurope@btinternet.com</p>	<p>EU INTERREG IVB website: http://www.nweurope.eu/</p> <p>UK Contact Point for initial advice: Paula MacLachlan (southern and eastern England and Wales) Tel: +44 (0)1275 876 734 paula@interreg.org.uk</p>
LIFE +	European programme for the environment	Average project budget: €1m, for 2-5 year projects	<p>Priorities are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combat climate change 2. Halt biodiversity loss and protect nature 3. Reduce environmental impacts on health, and 	Next deadline 18 July 2011	<p>EU Commission Life + website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplu</p>

		50% co-financing rate.	<p>4. Reverse the unsustainable management of natural resources and waste</p> <p>Life + is organised into three strands: nature and biodiversity, policy and governance and awareness-raising.</p> <p>Activities eligible for funding includes physical installation and knowledge sharing.</p> <p><i>Does <u>not</u> require EU partners</i></p>		s.htm
LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME	Supports all stages of education and training for people across Europe.	<p>Total 2011 budget was 1.065 billion Euros</p> <p>Project budget depends on action applied for</p>	<p>Sub-programmes focus on different stages of learning, each with its own priorities and objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comenius – pre-schools to secondary • Leonardo Da Vinci – vocational education • Grundvig – non-vocational adult learning • Transversal study visits – professional exchange of expertise <p>Within each programme a number of different activities or ‘actions’ are funded, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study visits and exchanges of staff, teachers, learners, and volunteers • Trans-national partnership projects developing new approaches to 	<p>Expected February 2012.</p> <p>Most deadlines for programmes fall in February each year.</p>	<p>1. Lifelong Learning UK Website: http://www.lifelonglearningprogramme.org.uk/%20</p> <p><i>In the UK the LLP programmes are managed by the British Council and ECOTEC. ECOTEC manage Grundvig and Leonardo programmes</i></p>

			<p>training/education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic networks in field concerned • Research for evidence-based policy making <p><i>Number of EU partners needed depends on the Action – usually at least 2.</i></p>		<p><i>and you can call the helpline on 0845 199 1919 for advice.</i></p> <p>2. Lifelong Learning Programme EU website</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm</p> <p><i>Read the Lifelong Learning Programme Official Programme Guide parts I-III to get a grasp on this programme</i></p>
PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST CRIME	Prevent crime, and support its victims and witnesses	<p>Total budget 2007-13 is €600 million.</p> <p>2011 budget is 109m Euros</p> <p>Project</p>	<p>The programme consists of the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ crime prevention and criminology, ▪ law enforcement, ▪ protection and support to witnesses, and ▪ Protection of victims. <p>2011 priorities include fighting terrorism, child abuse and human trafficking, protecting witnesses and victims.</p>	<p>Three calls expected in 2011.</p> <p>The first call was due in March 2011 but is delayed and now anticipated in July, with a deadline 2 months later.</p>	<p>EU Prevention and Fight Against Crime website:</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm</p>

		<p>budget: minimum €80,000</p> <p>Up to 90% co-financing rate.</p>	<p>Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint cooperation and knowledge exchange • Training and capacity building of stakeholders • Best practice and research • New methods and partnerships 		
PROGRESS	<p>To support the implementation of the objectives of the EU in the field of employment, and social affairs solidarity and gender equality.</p> <p>Complements European Social Fund with focus on employment and social affairs.</p> <p>Aims related to Europe 20/20 Strategy (Smart, sustainable,</p>	<p>Total 2011 budget = 95.87m Euros</p> <p>Project budget: 200,000-500,000 Euros</p> <p>80% co financing rate.</p>	<p>Priorities for 2011 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives to tackle youth unemployment • Partnerships between employment services • Initiatives on healthy, active, and dignified aging • One off call for pilot project for 'all inclusive cooperation between public sector, social enterprises, companies' <p>Activities funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • best practice and exchange of information • creating partnerships • developing tools to anticipate skills needed by employers • innovative pilot initiatives • meetings, conferences, seminars and research studies <p><i>At least 2 EU partners needed (in total)</i></p>	<p>Current call related to identifying best practices for youth employment – deadline 29 July 2012.</p> <p>Further calls due to be published during latter half of 2011.</p>	<p>PROGRESS EU website: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=327&langId=en</p>

	inclusive growth).				
EU REFUGEE FUND	To support reception of refugees, fair asylum procedures, and best practice in the field of asylum across the EU	Total 2008-2013 budget: €62m. 2010 budget was €3.6m, 90% co financing rate. Min/max grant: €200,000/ €1m.	2010 priorities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improving quality of asylum decision making • building capacity of stakeholders • supporting member states with particular asylum pressure • Supporting best practice in resettlement support for vulnerable asylum seekers including unaccompanied minors. Activities include the exchange of information, best practice and co-operation in and between Member States.	2010 deadline was 14 December 2010. 2011 Work Programme and deadline to be announced.	EU Refugee Fund website: http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/refugee/funding_refugee_en.htm
EU REFUGEE FUND (National Programme)	Assists organisations who work to support the integration of refugees.	2011 national budget was £1.8m Projects grants range from £75,000-	Supports / complements the EU programme above. The national programme is run by the Home Office UK Border Agency. Target groups include refugees, people who have been granted Humanitarian Protection (HP), or have been resettled through the Gateway Protection Programme. 2011 priorities were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative refugee specific entry level 	2011 deadline passed in April. 2012 details to be announced.	Home Office UK Border Agency Refugee Fund information: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/39-erf-eif

		£350,000 per year.	English language provision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative solutions to housing for newly granted refugees 		
SPORT PROGRAMME	To develop the EU dimension in the field of sport	2010 budget was 2.5m Euros in total	The Sport fund can help to support work in promoting community cohesion through sporting activities The current call 'preparatory actions in the field of sport' will support trans-national projects that identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport, in the following areas: (a) prevention of and fight against violence and intolerance in sport; (b) Promoting innovative approaches to strengthen the organisation of sport in Europe. <i>5 EU partners needed</i>	Current call deadline: 29 July.	EU Commission Sport website http://ec.europa.eu/sport/index_en.htm
URBACT II	To facilitate exchange of knowledge in tackling urban deprivation.	Total budget 2007-13 €69m €150-750,000 Euros, for 2-3 year project 70-80%	Priority themes include entrepreneurship, digital inclusion, economic and social integration, governance and urban planning, women, older people, young people. Activities supported include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thematic networks Research Pilot actions (small scale) Trans-national conferences and events to facilitate exchange of best 	Third call to open: December 2011	1. EU Commission website: http://urbact.eu/

		co-financing rate.	<p>practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for identifying best practice and defining action plans <p><i>6-12 EU partners must be involved.</i></p>		
YOUTH IN ACTION	Activities for young people and staff involved in youth work	<p>Varies – 5000 Euros – 150,000 Euros depending on Action.</p> <p>Co-financing rate varies.</p>	<p>Activities funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth and staff exchanges Volunteering projects Youth-led projects Staff training and activities Youth training and information 	5 rolling deadlines per year (1 Feb, 1 April, 1 June, 1 Sept, 1 Nov)	<p>1. Youth in Action website http://www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction.htm (read the YIA 2011 Programme Guide)</p> <p>2. Youth in Action helpline National Youth Agency Telephone: +44 (0)116 242 7400/E-mail: via@nya.org.uk</p>