

## External Funding Panel – 3 June 2015

### OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS

<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide an update on current and planned European and other External funding applications
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Swansea Bay City Region Economic Regeneration Strategy.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	1) Update on European and External funding applications 2) Approval to submit certain project enquiry forms
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal, Finance and Access to Services.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	1) That the WREN grant be accepted if the application is successful. 2) That the project enquiry form for Hafod Copperworks be submitted to HLF 3) That the draft Logic Table be submitted to appropriate City Region pillar working groups and WEFO 4) That an URBACT III application be pursued under the innovation theme 5) That alternative funding options for the City Centre be explored further 6) That the indicative allocation of £1.4m RDP be accepted, and that regular reports are made on progress to the External Funding Panel 7) That opportunities to access other European programmes be actively explored
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## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide:

- an update on European and External funding applications in progress or nearing approval
- early notification of proposed forthcoming funding applications and programmes

The applications are categorised by funding programme and theme.

1.2 A broader summary of existing and future European funding programmes presented to the previous membership of the External Funding Panel in August 2014 is appended at Appendix A.

## 2.0 Hafod & Morfa Copperworks site

2.1 The CU@Swansea project, a partnership between Swansea University and the Council, has undertaken a successful programme of stabilisation works, clearance of vegetation, interpretation and extensive community engagement has taken place with EU and Welsh Government funding over the past three years, resulting in production of a draft site Masterplan. The work to date provides a platform for further improvements to be undertaken via further external funding.

### WREN

2.2 An application was submitted at the end of April 2015 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration to meet a short notice deadline to secure a WREN grant of £75,000 towards repairs to the Musgrave Engine House. The Musgrave engine house is the most important historic building on the site and will form the centre piece of the regeneration. However it is currently at risk of partial collapse and urgent work is required whilst the wider project is developed and funding secured. A decision from WREN is expected in June 2015.

**Recommendation 1: that the WREN grant be accepted if the application is successful.**

### Heritage Lottery Fund – Enterprise

2.3 The next stage of the regeneration of the site requires substantial additional funding. The best suited source for this purpose is the Heritage Lottery Fund Enterprise programme, enabling applications of £2m or more for heritage regeneration, linked to a sustainable private sector end use as part of the overall scheme. Information contained in the Masterplan produced via the CU@Swansea project provides a sufficient evidence base to initiate discussions with the HLF via a project enquiry form. There is no formal commitment at project enquiry stage. If the

response to the enquiry is positive, the deadline for submission of a Stage 1 Development Phase application would be 1 September 2015 for a decision in December 2015.

[Incorporation of the Bascule Bridge in this proposal would help with the match funding requirement of 10%.]

**Recommendation 2: That the project enquiry form for Hafod Copperworks be submitted to HLF**

### **3.0 City Centre Regeneration**

3.1 The 3 major strategic schemes within the 'Realising the Potential' programme are detailed below and these will be supported by a number of other commercial development opportunities, as well as schemes to increase city living, improve the existing commercial property portfolio and the environment and to transport connectivity. The full programme is currently being finalised as part of the Review of the City Centre Strategic Framework. The three priority schemes are:

- Kingsway Growth employment hub
- St. David's Regional Leisure and retail scheme
- City Centre Waterfront Destination

This section of the report outlines draft applications in progress and other options to be considered.

#### European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Priority 4 Objective 4 proposal for Kingsway employment hub

3.2 The 2014-2020 ERDF programme has replaced expressions of interest for funding with a 'Operation Logic Intervention Table' designed to show how a proposal links directly and unambiguously to delivering the programme objectives and outputs. A draft Logic Table for the proposed employment growth hub at the West end of the Kingsway is attached. This is pitched at the limited funding available for infrastructure in the new programming round. The majority of programme funding is being allocated via national centrally-run Welsh Government projects.

3.3 The proposal is for creation of a high growth regional employment hub via enabling infrastructure and high quality, modern, flexible and affordable property development at the Kingsway in Swansea City Centre to provide grow-on space for existing tech businesses and new start-up companies growing out of the higher education sector.

The final outcomes will be:

- Reconfigured site at West end of Kingsway through building acquisition and selective demolition

- Reconfigured transport infrastructure immediately adjacent to the development site
- Design and construction of new high quality but affordable office space on the site to accommodate expansion of high growth SMEs, in particular TechHub businesses and spin-outs from HE.
- Limited public realm enhancements within and immediately adjacent to the site to complement the new office space created.

**Recommendation 3: that the draft Logic Table be submitted to appropriate City Region pillar working groups and WEFO**

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Priority 4 Objective 4 Welsh Government 'Use it or Lose it' scheme submissions

3.4 'Use it or Lose it' is one of the Welsh Government administered national projects to be supported within the infrastructure priority. The scheme has been announced at relatively short notice, with a tight deadline for identification and development of expressions of interest of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015. The scope of the scheme is city/town centres only, and can be used for bringing redundant buildings back into productive economic use, through acquisition, refurbishment, or selective demolition and new build. There must be potential to accommodate businesses and jobs. Approximately £20m is available in the region. Three proposals were cleared with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration:

- Acquisition and refurbishment of Peacocks/Bright house stores
- Palace Theatre
- Albert Hall

Regional scoring took place 27<sup>th</sup> May to enable submission of a prioritised list for Welsh Government to include in their overall national submission to WEFO. Projects not starting immediately could potentially be replaced later on in the programme by new projects, subject to availability of funding and re-approval by WEFO.

Notification of Grant Assistance (NGA) forms will be completed if any of the three applications has been prioritised for ERDF support at regional level.

URBACT III

3.5 URBACT III is a European level programme aimed at sharing of knowledge and good practice between cities and other levels of government. The aim is to promote integrated sustainable development and improve the effectiveness of regional and cohesion policy (including structural funds ERDF/ESF).

3.6 The basis of the programme is formation of a network of "cities" working on a theme of common interest. The assumption is that cities are the public 'politico-administrative' with the closest link to the largest urban

centre. For South West Wales this equates to local authority level. The lead partner must be a public authority, i.e. a local authority, in the case of South West Wales this would be City and County of Swansea.

- 3.7 An URBACT III network can be formed initially of 5-6 EU cities, rising to 10-12 cities later in the development process. A maximum of 3 non-city partners can be involved (universities, regional and national government, other public authorities e.g. health).
- 3.8 A specific theme has to be chosen as the basis for the network. The theme must be directly linked to an actual issue or problem that the lead city wants to solve, from the following list:
- Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
  - Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors
  - Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency
  - Promoting employment and supporting labour mobility
  - Promoting social inclusion and combating poverty
- 3.9 Once a theme has been selected, other cities and non-city partners are then recruited with support from the URBACT Support Unit around the chosen theme.
- 3.10 The development process is as follows:
- Call for proposals announced
  - Submission of first proposal (must be an identified common urban challenge – only 5-6 cities with a lead city identified)
  - Eligibility checks and assessment/appraisal undertaken
  - Successful first stage applications are given 6 months to develop final proposal including an expanded partnership.
  - Further round of eligibility checks and appraisal.
  - Successful partnerships are given approval and 24 months to implement project.
- 3.11 A successful partnership will be allocated 600-750k euros. 30% match funding is required for 'more developed areas', 15% for partners from 'less developed (Convergence) areas' (including West Wales & the Valleys), which is usually staff time. The budget is used to support travel, employment of experts, lead body support team and other necessary resources to support project implementation.
- 3.12 At local level each city has to establish a 'local working group' to undertake local work packages agreed by the network. This can be an existing group or partnership, but must be appropriate to the theme being tackled. For South West Wales this could be a combination of the Swansea Economic Regeneration Partnership and Swansea Bay City Region Board. A work programme for the project duration has to be

drawn up, with each city in the network being assigned a 'work package'. Regular meetings are convened by the lead sponsor at European level to enable feedback on progress in relation to the various work packages, and dissemination of results.

3.13 Innovation is a key plank of the Swansea Bay City Region narrative for Swansea – 'City of Innovation' and is a recurring theme of the City Centre Strategic Framework (review version Jan 2015) which fits the URBACT III theme of 'Strengthening research, technological development and innovation'. There are a number of problems that need solving around this theme:

- Marketing and branding
- Ensuring effective pipeline of accommodation and infrastructure for technology businesses (e.g. ensuring timely availability of grow-on space)
- Effective, sustainable support environment for tech businesses
- Determining the conditions and environment required to see a High Growth Employment Hub prosper and become sustainable.

**Recommendation 4: that an URBACT III application be pursued under the innovation theme.**

#### Parks for People

3.14 An opportunity has been identified to consider a submission to the Parks for People lottery-funded programme for a scheme that could combine reconfiguration of the Kingsway with an upgrade to Castle Square. More information will be provided in the next update.

#### Alternative options for funding City Centre regeneration

3.15 Whilst public funding forms a necessary part of realising the regeneration of the City Centre, funds currently available alone are not sufficient to achieve a programme of regeneration to realise the full potential of the City as a major growth hub for the region. It is recommended that alternative options being actively explored to complement external funding applications. Examples could include:

- Loans – e.g. European Investment Bank
- Successor to JESSICA scheme
- TIF

**Recommendation 5: That alternative funding options for the City Centre be explored further.**

## **4.0 European Social Fund**

4.1 Existing 2007-2013 programmes compared to the previous Objective 1 programme has focussed on larger more strategic projects rather than many smaller projects. Examples of recently completed projects include

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- South West Workways
- COASTAL (CCS lead)
- ENGAGE
- Reach the Heights (WG lead) – dozens of small projects including Swansea University's CHOICE project
- Regional Essential Skills for the workforce (CCS lead)
- Traineeships programme (WG lead)

4.2 Key points to note for the new 2014-2020 ESF programme:

- Priorities are: 1. Tackling poverty through sustainable employment; 2. Skills for growth; 3. Youth employment and attainment;  
*Summary document:*  
[wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/westwalesvalleys/erdf-esf-summary/?lang=en](http://wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/westwalesvalleys/erdf-esf-summary/?lang=en)  
*Full Programme document:*  
[wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/westwalesvalleys/westwalesvalley-sop/?lang=en](http://wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/westwalesvalleys/westwalesvalley-sop/?lang=en)
- Programme will be characterised by national and regional prioritisation around limited range of priorities, with an increased emphasis on targeting of funding on specific areas of need.
- At regional level endorsement by Regional Learning Partnership and Swansea Bay City Region Board is required in majority of cases
- Lengthy application process with multiple stages of submission prior to funding decision.

4.3 The Regional Learning Partnership for Central and South West Wales process is critical to ESF project development:

- Regional Delivery Plan for Employability and Skills under development at request of DfES – underpinned by substantial evidence base [www.rlp.org.uk/regional-delivery-plan/](http://www.rlp.org.uk/regional-delivery-plan/)
- A call for expressions of interest to help deliver the plan took place during summer 2015. A series of brokerage groups were formed to review alignment with Welsh Government proposals and identify regional-level proposals, and to ensure fit with the Delivery Plan.
- Welsh Government is developing a suite of national programmes. Regional level is expected to 'fill the gaps' around the national schemes.
- A small number of regional projects is proposed.

Cynydd and 'Symud 'Mlan

- 4.4 Pembrokeshire County Council are leading two proposals for working with young people who are either NEET or at risk of becoming NEET (not in education, training or employment):

*Cynnydd*: provision of a range of engagement, learning and training activities for 11-19 year olds in order to reduce youth unemployment and the number of young people at risk of becoming NEET, as well as to increase the attainment levels of 11-16 year olds who are at risk of becoming NEET.

*Symyud 'Mlan*: provision of a range of engagement, learning and training activities for 16-24 year olds in order to reduce youth unemployment and reduce the number of young people who are NEET, as well as to increase the attainment levels of 16-24 year olds who are NEET.

Detailed costings will need to be supplied during June – July. The projects hope to be approved by 1 September 2015.

#### Workways Plus

Workways Plus will be the only employability project submitted for ESF support from the South West region. The project will focus on a narrow target group of those who are economically inactive, but living outside of Communities First wards. (Communities First wards will be served by the national 'Communities 4 Work' ESF project only). The project will not support those who can readily access support from mainstream job centre support, or those who are not able to work.

Detailed costings will need to be supplied during June – July. The project hopes to be approved by 1 September 2015.

As a point of principle, learning the lessons from previous programmes and projects and discussion in June 2014 at Executive Board, it is proposed that the European Office are formally part of the project management of all EU-funded schemes.

Detailed individual reports will be supplied once more information on the proposed projects is available.

## **5.0 Rural Development Plan 2014-2020**

- 5.1 The next programme will cover the same wards as the 2007-2013 programme: Bishopston, Fairwood, Gower, Llangyfelach, Mawr, Penclawdd, Pennard, Pontarddulais.
- 5.2 A draft rural local development strategy (effectively the 'bid') was submitted to Welsh Government in September 2014 in consultation with Cabinet Member for Regeneration. The document has been approved but is to be subject to detailed annual review.

- 5.3 Welsh Government has agreed to provide rural areas with an indicative funding allocation based on population size and density in rural wards. Swansea has been allocated £1.4m over 6-7 year period. It is anticipated this will be confirmed formally by Welsh Government in June-July 2015. Match funding of part of the programme is required. It is proposed this is realised by 0.25% European officer time, volunteer in-kind time and a new flat rate overhead option provided by Welsh Government.
- 5.4 EU regulations require the funding to be managed by an external Local Action Group partnership. No single interest is allowed to dominate, and public sector membership cannot exceed 49%. The Local Action Group must supervise implementation of the Rural Strategy and allocation of the funding.
- 5.5 The proposal is to base a small team of three officers within the European Team to administer the programme, service the Local Action Group, and report to Welsh Government.
- 5.6 There will be opportunity to bid in to the Rural Community Development Fund on themes including Access to Services and Village Renewal, for example to support projects like the Gower Sunday Bus service successfully supported under the 2007-2013 RDP. Guidance for this scheme has not yet been released by Welsh Government.

**Recommendation 6: that the indicative allocation of £1.4m RDP be accepted, and that regular reports are made on progress to the External Funding Panel.**

## **6.0 European Fisheries Fund**

- 6.1 A small allocation of £320k has been allocated to Swansea Bay for the tail end of the current programming period. Welsh Government were very late establishing processes. A Swansea Bay Fisheries Local Action Group (SBFLAG) was established early in 2012, with a Fisheries Local Development Strategy setting out basic objectives for the short time available to deliver the remainder of this programme. Funding from within the indicative allocation is provided to administer the programme.
- 6.2 Several applications have been supported by the FLAG, including:
- Swansea Marina Port Improvement Project to provide essential infrastructure improvements to the landing bay used by commercial fishermen moored at the marina. This includes cold storage and ice making facilities - £108k
  - Fishing Industry Research Study to evaluate the existing fishing industry and identify opportunities for sustainable growth. Findings from this will also inform a revised Local Development Strategy and future bid under EMFF - £15k

- Fish is the Dish Education Programme will deliver practical and engaging lessons to primary school children throughout the SBFLAG area - £27k
- Swansea University Hydro-hub feasibility study looking at the economic viability of this proposed development. The outcome of this project may lead to future EMFF and/or ERDF bids - £13k.
- Oyster Hatchery Feasibility Study to look at the options for establishing a hatchery within the bay the outcome of which may provide opportunities to further develop the shell fish industry in the bay. This links to successful Oyster reinstatement project supported by another EFF funding stream. £10k
- Small grant scheme for grants up to £5k for small projects to help deliver the local development strategy. Projects include support for the Mumbles Oyster & Seafood Festival 2014, Lobster Escape Gap Trial, Responsible Fishing Scheme Port Scoping project and the development of a Marine Code of Conduct - Total cost £31k.

6.3 Arrangements for 2014-2020 round of European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) are yet to be finalised by Welsh Government but are currently indicating they will hold a soft launch in June 2015 and a full launch in September/October 2015.

6.4 The programme will be small scale with an indicative budget of £12M nationally covering all measures, but potentially very useful area of funding for fisheries and marine-related developments and studies. The funding will present an opportunity to build upon developments made under EFF and support other proposals.

6.5 The SBFLAG will need to be re-established under the new round, with a revised Fisheries Local Development Strategy. The indicative allocation for each FLAG area is up to £500k and will include some resource to help stakeholders develop projects and also signpost to other funding streams. A further update will be provided nearer to the time.

## **7.0 Other European programmes**

7.1 A range of other opportunities exist, particularly through programmes designed for joint problem-solving through regions across Europe and beyond working together. Programme titles and weblinks to draft programme documents are provided as part of Annex A.

7.2 General characteristics of these programmes:

- Usually should include at least one other member state – varies between programmes
- Primarily revenue expenditure, only limited scope for capital works
- There must be a European dimension to project proposals – not just bolted on to a local initiative to secure funding.
- Opportunities to work with other cities and regions across EU to work on joint problems and issues.

- Grant rates usually generous, 75-80%.

**Recommendation 7: that opportunities to access other European programmes be actively explored.**

## **8.0 Equality and Engagement Implications**

8.1 Every European programme is subject to a full Equality (and Environmental) Impact Assessment, which are available for public consultation as programme development progresses. Projects and strategies developed for submission to the programme must detail how they will address equality issues as a cross-cutting theme. The level of integration of equality into project and strategy design is part of the formal development and assessment process for every strategy and project seeking European funding.

## **9.0 Financial Implications**

9.1 A number of issues need to be considered based on experience from the current programming round:

- Statutory provision is not eligible for European funding support.
- Need to take advantage of flat rate costing methodologies where possible across all council EU projects/contracts, e.g. overheads in line with WEFO guidance.
- Ensure resourcing is proportionate to the scale of schemes being undertaken with costs to support European Team staff included in applications where appropriate, including appropriate finance and procurement expertise. This will also ensure all eligible costs required are included, e.g. external audit costs.
- Ensure provision is made to allow for ineligible expenditure and other project related costs such as prior service in relation to redundancy.
- Consider the implications on central services of scale of activities proposed and associated administration requirements.
- Ensure appropriate procurement
- Review match funding options as resources become increasingly constrained as cash and staff resources continue to reduce, affecting the Council's ability to attract EU funding.
- Document retention and storage to meet EU audit requirements

## **10.0 Legal Implications**

10.1 Documentation prepared to support implementation of current collaborative arrangements will need to be reviewed against updated WEFO guidance, taking into account lessons learned from current implementation arrangements.

10.2 Generally the terms attached to EU Grant Funding are legally binding and should be formally recorded in an appropriate document/contract.

Any joint bid by Regional Partners should similarly be so recorded and governance issues clarified in terms of legal responsibility and decision making.

**Background Papers:**

Hafod Copperworks Musgrave Engine House WREN application  
Hafod Copperworks Heritage Lottery Fund project enquiry form  
Kingsway Growth Hub draft ERDF Operation Logic Intervention Table  
Draft 2014-2020 Rural Local Development Strategy and spreadsheets

**Appendices:**

Appendix A: Brief overview of European funding programmes

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### **1. Background**

European funding is currently in transition between the 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 programming periods. Programmes have an additional two years to complete their spending, so current schemes have to be complete by 31 December 2015. For local project sponsors earlier dates are set to enable WEFO/Welsh Government to complete programme closure at national level.

Mainstream European programmes include:

- European Regional Development Fund
- European Social Fund
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (RDP)
- European Fisheries Fund

A lengthy list of other EU funding sources is available, including:

- Creative Europe (successor to Culture 2007-2013 programme)
- LIFE
- Interreg Ireland-Wales
- Interreg 5B North West Europe
- Atlantic Area
- INTERACT

### **2. European Regional Development Fund**

#### Existing 2007-2013:

The round now coming to an end was characterised by WEFO shifting to larger strategic umbrella projects.

Examples include:

- Waterfront City programme
- Felindre Strategic Business Park
- 360 Watersports Centre/Olga/ etc (via Visit Wales)
- Oystermouth Castle (via Visit Wales)

#### Next round 2014-2020:

- Programme will be characterised by national and regional prioritisation around very limited range of priorities
- At regional level endorsement by Swansea Bay City Region Board will be required in majority of cases
- Support from Welsh Government departments also essential (primarily DfES and DEST)

- Priorities are:
  - 1. Research and Innovation;
  - 2. SME Competitiveness;
  - 3. Renewable energy;
  - 4. Infrastructure

Summary document:

<http://wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/westwalesvalleys/erdf-esf-summary/?lang=en>

Programme document:

<http://wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/westwalesvalleys/westwalesvalley-sop/?lang=en>

- Programme is approved.
- Increased emphasis on limited number of focussed results (not just numerical targets).
- Majority of Council's regeneration plans linked to Vibrant and Viable Places hinge on successful ERDF applications
- Lengthy application process with multiple stages of submission prior to funding decision.

Projects anticipated:

- City Centre regeneration – specifics have to be identified and regional workshop of all partners to confirm support.
- Successor to ARBED energy retrofit for housing – potential for sub-division into regional projects
- Social enterprise support
- Various HE-led initiatives
- WG-led business support
- WG-led entrepreneurship support

### **3. European Social Fund**

As with the ERDF programme, there was a move from smaller local initiatives to larger regional and national strategic projects.

Existing 2007-2013:

Examples, now all completed include:

- South West Workways
- COASTAL (CCS lead)
- ENGAGE
- Reach the Heights (WG lead) – dozens of small projects including Swansea University's CHOICE project
- Regional Essential Skills for the workforce (CCS lead)
- Traineeships programme (WG lead)

2014-2020 round:

- Programme will be characterised by national and regional prioritisation around limited range of priorities
- At regional level endorsement by Regional Learning Partnership and Swansea Bay City Region Board will be required in majority of cases
- Priorities are: 1. Transition into employment; 2. Skills for growth; 3. Early years and young people;  
Summary document:  
<http://wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/westwalesvalleys/erdf-esf-summary/?lang=en>
- Programme document:  
<http://wefo.wales.gov.uk/programmes/westwalesvalleys/westwalesvalley-sop/?lang=en> Programme in negotiation between WEFO and European Commission
- Increased emphasis on limited number of focussed results (not just numerical targets).
- Majority of Council's regeneration plans linked to Vibrant and Viable Places hinge on successful ERDF applications
- Lengthy application process with multiple stages of submission prior to funding decision.

Regional Learning Partnership process is critical to ESF project development:

- Regional Delivery Plan for Employability and Skills under development at request of DfES – underpinned by substantial evidence base  
[http://www.rlp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Regional\\_Delivery\\_Plan\\_3rd\\_Version.pdf](http://www.rlp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Regional_Delivery_Plan_3rd_Version.pdf)
- First call for expressions of interest has taken place – first sketch of proposals to deliver the plan, not targeting any specific funding streams, only basic details at this stage.
- Brokerage groups established at regional level to include those submitting EOIs and expertise relevant to themes emerging in line with the delivery plan.
- Welsh Government establishing clear pitch in their footprint document to indicate what they will lead at national level – strong inputs which is helping to narrow focus of regional project development.
- Anticipated that refined project proposals will start to develop from the brokerage groups, including potential ESF projects.

Projects under development:

- People (Education):
  - Regional ESF project to tackle NEETS
  - EMLAS
- People (Social Services):
  - Regional ESF employment for lone parents project
  - Regional ESF early years childcare staff training project
- Place:
  - Successor to current South West Workways ESF project

#### **4. Rural Development Plan**

##### Existing 2007-2013:

Rural Local Development Strategy

Business Plan 1 – 300k 5 projects

Business Plan 2 - £5m 5 umbrella projects incorporating a large number of smaller schemes including five grant schemes.

##### 2014-2020 round:

- New draft local development strategy submitted to WG
- Tied to indicative allocation – current figures for Swansea suggest £1.4m over 7 year period.
- Opportunity to bid in 2015 to Rural Community Fund on themes of Tourism, Access to Services and Village Renewal – awaiting guidance on scope of this.
- Tourism/business grants will be dealt with at national level via Business Wales portal.
- Scope of projects unclear at this point as guidance from WG is still evolving.

#### **5. European Fisheries Fund**

##### Existing 2007-2013:

Fisheries Local Development Strategy

Indicative allocation £300k

Examples of projects:

- Economic Development study £15k
- Small Grant Scheme: £100k (to be matched by third parties)
- Feasibility study for hydrohub project (Swansea University) £15k

##### 2014-2020 round:

Unclear as yet but likely that existing arrangements will roll forward. Likely to be 2015 soft-launch, 2016 for new programme start.

Small scale, but useful area of funding for fisheries and marine-related developments (e.g. could include elements of proposed Hydrohub – Swansea University)

Programme likely to be £10m nationally, but there will be scope for local bidding.

## 6. Other European programmes

Weblinks to a number of other European programmes are listed below. There are many others that the team will be exploring in the coming months.

- Creative Europe (successor to Culture 2007-2013 programme)  
[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/index_en.htm)
- LIFE:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2014/index.htm#traditional>  
<http://www.werh.org/EULIFE/Presentations/EULifeInformationDay.php.en>
- Interreg Ireland-Wales:  
<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/wefo/consultation/140605iwconsultationdocumenten.pdf>
- Interreg 5B North West Europe:  
<http://www.nweurope.eu/nwefiles/file/NWE%20Draft%20Programme%20for%20consultations.pdf>
- Atlantic Area: <http://atlanticarea.ccdr-n.pt/presentation/2014-2020>
- INTERACT:  
[http://admin.interact-eu.net/downloads/3574/INTERACT\\_Brochure\\_INTERACT\\_Programme\\_Organisation\\_and\\_Services\\_2010.pdf](http://admin.interact-eu.net/downloads/3574/INTERACT_Brochure_INTERACT_Programme_Organisation_and_Services_2010.pdf) [http://admin.interact-eu.net/downloads/8540/Publication\\_INTERACT\\_Operational\\_Programme\\_20140304.pdf](http://admin.interact-eu.net/downloads/8540/Publication_INTERACT_Operational_Programme_20140304.pdf)

### General characteristics of these programmes:

- Usually should include at one other member state – varies between programmes
- Primarily revenue expenditure, only limited scope for capital works
- There must be a European dimension to project proposals – not just bolted on.
- Opportunities to work with other cities and regions across EU to work on joint problems and issues.
- Grant rates usually generous.