

## **ESIF-ERDF Update for VCS**

## **ERDF**

This is the twenty third in a series to update you on the main European Funds in Greater Manchester, provided by GMCVO with the support of Network for Europe, and is part of Technical Assistance. This one covers ERDF.

### **Context**

The approved lead bidder for the £50m ESF human resources Co-Finance call was announced on 22nd November.

### **SUD (Sustainable Urban Development)**

The deadline for the £21m ERDF SUD call was extended, with a final deadline of 30th November. It is hoped that information about possible projects, and the involvement of the third sector might be available shortly.

### **New ERDF Calls due**

There are expected to be new calls for the second half of the programme announced possibly 8th December, (previously expected to be in November) - deadlines possibly 26th January. It is not known if this will include calls for Greater Manchester, or if these will be announced later - perhaps early in 2018. This will include support for enterprises, including startups and social enterprises.

### **ESIF and SUD sub-committees for GM**

The meeting of the two sub-committees did not take place in October as expected, nor in December, and will now take place in 2018.

### **Industrial Strategy white paper**

The green paper was issued in February, and now on 27th November, the white paper is available. This will also influence whatever replaces the current ERDF Programmes. It refers to a vision of five foundations for a transformed economy.

Ideas - the world's most innovative economy

People - good jobs and earning power for all

Infrastructure - a major upgrade to the UK's infrastructure

Business Environment - the best place to start and grow a business

Place - prosperous communities across the UK

It says that the first four grand challenges focus on global trends that will transform our future.

Growing artificial intelligence and the data driven economy

Clean growth

Future of mobility

Ageing society

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