

# London's ESF Programme 2007-2013: Innovation, Transnationality & Mainstreaming (ITM)

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# 2007-13 Programme Management Structures

- Government has devolved strategic oversight of ESF to the Mayor of London
- On behalf of the Mayor, the LDA's European Programmes Management Unit: (EPMU)
  1. Provides strategic regional lead for ESF programme, on behalf of Mayor and Government
  2. Appraises and approves CFO plans
  3. Acts as secretariat for ESF Regional Committee (chaired by Mayor's office).
  4. Ensures that European programmes are joined up with Mayoral initiatives
    - London Skills & Employment Board (LSEB) chaired by the Mayor, provides leadership in improving adult skills and employment in London.



- National OP and Mayor's London Regional Framework agreed €476m
  - Priority 1: Extending Employment Opportunities - €304m
    - reducing unemployment
  - Priority 2: Developing a Skilled and Adaptable Workforce - €167m
    - improving skills of employed
  - Technical Assistance - €5m
- Match funding provided by 4 public sector 'co-financing organisations' (CFOs):
  - Learning and Skills Council (59%),
  - Department for Work and Pensions (24%) ,
  - London Development Agency – not EPMU (13%),
  - London Councils (4%)
- Each CFO produces its own prospectus, detailing the funding available and outputs expected. EPMU co-ordinates this process.



## **Priority 1 (Workless): Total Participants 158,600 (2007-10: 90,600, 2011-13: 68,000)**

- Unemployed - 42%, Economically Inactive - 34%, 14-19 NEET - 20%
  - Participants with disabilities or health conditions – 22%
  - Participants who are lone parents – 12%
  - Participants aged 50+ – 18%
  - BME Participants – 56%
  - Female participants – 51%

## **Results**

- 22% Participants in work on leaving, rising to 26% after 6 months
- 45% Economically inactive engaged in Job search or further learning
- 45% NEETs into employment or training on leaving



## **Priority 2 (In Work): Total Participants 126,700 (2007-10: 72,400, 2011-13: 54,300)**

- Participants with Basic Skills Needs – 41% (45% gaining basic skills)
- Participants without level 2 qualifications – 41% (40% gaining level 2)
- Participants without level 3 qualifications – 12% (30% gaining level 3)
- Participants with disabilities or health conditions – 15%
- Participants aged 50+ – 20%
- BME Participants – 37%
- Female participants – 50%

## **Crosscutting Themes**

- In line with the National ESF programme the London Region incorporates CCTs of **sustainable development** and **equality**. In addition **health** is a London specific CCT.



# ITM in London (1)

- London has an allocation of just over £4m ESF to fund dedicated innovative and transnational activity in the region.
- The London region has selected 6 themes for Innovative and Transnational activity in 2007-10.

## **Priority 1 themes are :**

- Active Inclusion,
- Engaging with Employers,
- Demographic Change
- Total ESF funding available = £2.7m (3 projects)

## **Priority 2 themes are:**

- Engaging with Employers,
- Demographic Change,
- Skills for Climate Change
- Total ESF funding available = £1.3m (1 project)
- ESF funding will contribute up to 50% of the costs of each project, it is expected that up to £1 million ESF will be available per project - Applicants must provide at least 50% match funding.



# ITM in London (2)

- London 2007-10 ESF Regional Framework not prescriptive on how innovation relates to ESF; ITM not prescriptive either.
- Themes selected are those most relevant to Regional Framework.
- ESF Regional Committee consulted on content of London ITM programme.
- No indicative financial allocations for themes.
- May be scope to look at overall levels of funding and/or funding split between themes dependent on national picture.



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