



**ENGLAND AND GIBRALTAR EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND  
CONVERGENCE, COMPETITIVENESS AND EMPLOYMENT  
PROGRAMME 2007-2013**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR INNOVATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL  
PROJECTS**

**31 OCTOBER 2008**

<b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER – THEMES AND REGIONAL CONTEXT</b>	
<b>Up to three projects will be supported in Yorkshire and the Humber</b>	
<b>PRIORITY 1 – EXTENDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES</b> <b>ESF funding available in Priority 1 = £1,152,755</b>	
<b>Themes Selected</b>	<b>Regional Context</b>
ICT & Digital Divide	<p>The ESF framework identifies the need to address differential access to participation in the knowledge economy particularly in relation to individuals with low or no skills. Applications should focus on one or more of the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving access to ICT skills;</li> <li>• Widening access to ICT to increase labour market participation;</li> <li>• Supporting ICT skills development.</li> </ul> <p>Of particular interest will be applications that investigate the opportunities for increasing participation in the knowledge driven economy presented by the proposed major ERDF investment in new generation broadband technology in South Yorkshire, and the similar investment in North Yorkshire supported through the previous Objective 2 Programme.</p>
Demographic Change (Older Workers & Migration)	<p>Applications can address either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues relating to age management and older workers including initiatives to prolong working lives by reengaging older workers or retaining older workers longer in employment. The region has an increasingly ageing population, a group that is vulnerable to labour market change;</li> <li>• Helping migrant workers and their families to adapt to the labour market and meet employers skill needs.</li> </ul> <p>Of particular interest will be applications which enable the formation of customised inclusion plans to overcome barriers to work and improve access to new opportunities</p>

	by seeking to align with activities supported through the ERDF Programme objective of improving connectivity to economic opportunities in deprived communities.
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**PRIORITY 2 - DEVELOPING A SKILLED AND ADAPTABLE WORKFORCE**

**ESF funding available in Priority 2 = £632,156**

<b>Theme Selected</b>	<b>Regional Context</b>
Skills for Climate Change	<p>The regional ESF framework identifies the opportunities to work with important employment sectors in the region to show how vocational training opportunities and routes can be used to minimise environmental impact. Applications should take full account of the Regional Sustainable Development Framework and set out how they will test and deliver new ways of addressing skills for climate change and sustainable development to meet employer needs. This might address training in environmental management, eco-friendly technologies, energy efficiency and recycling.</p> <p>Of particular interest will be applications that are responsive to the needs of employers in high growth and knowledge intensive industries to align with the ERDF Programme objectives of ensuring that business growth takes account of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and that businesses adopt environmental best practice.</p>