



# SELP Report: Glossary

Subject: **Membership of Southern England Local Partners (SELP) and European funding update**

- **Assembly of European Regions:** An independent organisation of regions from the geographical area of Europe. The largest interregional cooperation network in the wider Europe. Established in 1985, AER is a forum for interregional co-operation and a lobbyist for regional interests on the European stage. AER's policies are driven by a Presidium and Bureau consisting of regional presidents and high-level politicians. Those policies are implemented within three working Committees and two Standing Committees, which are chaired by regional politicians and co-ordinated by staff within AER's General Secretariat in Strasbourg and Brussels. The committees are pragmatic, non-bureaucratic structures that continuously evolve and respond to the diverse needs of AER members.
- **Building European Environmental & Maritime Skills Project (BEEMS) project:** - **£1.6m** total project that aims to stimulate the development and sustained growth of environmental and maritime skills within the marine renewable energy industry, and to increase the sector's economic viability through enhanced cross border cooperation and joint working. The scheme is led by **Southampton City Council** and delivered through eleven strong UK/French partnership comprising regional and local authorities (including Portsmouth City Council and Isle of Wight), industry associations, educational institutions and training providers. The Solent area have a budget allocation of **£520,000**.
- **Committee of the Regions (CoR):** An advisory body to the EU made up of representatives from local and regional governments. Consultation with the CoR is obligatory in a number of decision areas including education & youth, culture, health, social policy, transport, trans-European networks for transport, telecommunications & energy, economic & social cohesion, environment, social affairs and trans border cooperation. The South East of England has three members.
- **DG Regio:** The mission of the European Commission's Directorate General (DG) for Regional and Urban Policy is to strengthen socio-economic and territorial cohesion by reducing disparities between the levels of development of regions and countries of the European Union. The policy contributes positively to the overall economic performance of the EU by co-financing infrastructure projects, developing the information society, accelerating the transfer of know-how and supporting investments in people and stimulating cross-border cooperation.



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- **Easy move for SME's project:** is part of the Leonardo da Vinci Partnership. The project is coordinated by the Chamber of Trade from Caen in partnership with PCC, Chamber of Trade from Vaucluse (FR) and the Chamber of Trade from Wiesbaden (Germany). The project aim is to create an EU network of partners favouring a suitable environment to facilitate conditions for hosting and sending entrepreneurs in trade companies, "artisans", on professional placements. This will enable them to get the opportunity to develop their professional skills, will help them to innovate, extend their market and recruit. The partnership will develop and/or adapt methods and tools to support mobility for SME's owners. For this project which is due to commence in August 2013 and conclude July 2015, Portsmouth City Council has to date received **£13,000**. The Lead EU partner for this project is *Chambre des métiers et de l'artisanat de Caen*.
- **EC:** The EU Commission is responsible for proposing legislation, implementing decisions, upholding the Treaties and the general day-to-day running of the Union. There is presently one 'Commissioner' per member state. It is divided into more than 27 Directorate Generals or DGs, each of which, deal with policy portfolios related to environment, education and transport.
- **EU Marine Science Applications Consortium (EMSAC) project:** - Portsmouth City Council as the identified Lead Partner for this project forms a platform for international collaboration between marine clusters and their constituent laboratories, organisations and companies. The total budget for this scheme was £1.3m.
- **ERLAI** (EU Regional and Local Authorities on Asylum and Immigration) network. Thirty five regions, cities and local authorities from eight EU member states form this consortium with an interest in immigration and asylum. ERLAI brings together Brussels-based officers working on justice and home affairs for their respective regions and localities. Over the last five years, members have met regularly to share good practices from the represented authorities and to liaise with the EU institutions and other relevant organisations on legislative developments and funding opportunities.
- **eSkills Week (October):** European Commission launched a campaign with leading stakeholders aimed at raising awareness about opportunities for work that can be won through the acquisition of e-Skills
- **European Integration Fund:** The European Integration fund is a European fund, running from 2007 until 2013. The objective of the fund is to support the efforts made by the European Member States in enabling third country nationals of different economic, social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds to fulfil the conditions of residence and to facilitate their integration into European society. The Home Office's European Funding Team will administer the UK allocation of the European Integration Fund (EIF).



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- **ERDF:** European Regional Development Fund. ERDF aims to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Union by correcting imbalances between its regions. The ERDF supports regional and local development by co-financing investments in R&D and innovation; climate change and environment; business support to SMEs; services of common economic interest; telecommunication, energy and transport infrastructures; health, education and social infrastructures; and sustainable urban development.
- **Facing youth unemployment project:** This scheme is part of the Regio Partnership. The project will focus on creating an Education support model for young people with vital routes and attitudes that are predicting unemployment and to prevent them becoming NEETs. The Lead Partner is the Council of Badia de Valles (a Council close to Barcelona) in collaboration with six other Spanish partners including another Spanish Council and Spanish secondary schools. Portsmouth City Council will be charged with the coordination of the project at the local level working jointly with the Harbour School, Bivol Trust and Motiv8. The project, which is due to commence early August 2013 and conclude July 2015, has a total budget allocation of £25,000.
- **Gateway Portsmouth project:** is a pilot project co-financed by the European Integration Fund for the integration of third country nationals. The total budget for this project is **£784,000**.
- **Green Week (Annual May event) :** Annual Conference about EU Environment Policy
- **Interreg:** Funding Programme for inter-regional cooperation projects between regions from different member states. They are currently in round 4 of the Programme (known as Interreg IV). There are three strands to the funding: Interreg IVA for projects between bordering regions, Interreg IVB for regions in a larger geographical area and Interreg IVC, which can include regions from anywhere in the EU.
- **Interreg IVA Channel Programme:** A joint France / England Programme supporting cross border cooperation from both side of the Channel. Activities supported by programme include: economic development, environment, culture, tourism, social inclusion and maritime cooperation. Projects receive an ERDF grant of a maximum of 50% of the total project budget. Channel Programme cooperation area covers a wide geographical area from Cornwall to Norfolk in England; and from Finistère to Nord-Pas- de- Calais in France. The future Managing Authority will be Norfolk County Council.



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- **Interreg IVA 2 Seas Programme:** The INTERREG IVA 2 Seas Programme promotes cross border cooperation between the coastal regions of four Member States: France (Nord-Pas de Calais), England (SW, SE, E), Belgium (Flanders) and The Netherlands (South coastal area). The Programme has three priority themes as well as a common priority between the French Channel and England INTERREG IVA Programme.
  - Priority 1: Creating an economically competitive, attractive and accessible area
  - Priority 2: Promoting and enhancing a safe and healthy environment
  - Priority 3: Improving quality of life
  - Priority 4: Common priority with the France (Channel) – England programme.
- **Interreg IVC Programme:** INTERREG IVC provides funding for interregional cooperation across Europe. It is implemented under the European Community's territorial co-operation objective and financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The overall objective of this Programme is to **improve the effectiveness of regional policies and instruments**. The initiative builds on the exchange of experiences among partners who are ideally responsible for the development of their local and regional policies. The areas of support are **innovation and the knowledge economy, environment and risk prevention**.
- **Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP):** The LLP provides [grants](#) for all areas of education, training and learning. It provides opportunities for organisations, staff and learners involved in education and training across Europe to work together, learn from each other's' expertise, and widen their experience of other cultures and languages. In the UK thousands of projects are funded each year and the work undertaken is helping to develop and **shape the education and training** landscape in the UK.
- **Maritime Day (May):** The European Maritime Day is celebrated annually across Europe on 20 May. It shows the importance of the sea for everyday life, and for economy and job creation, both in coastal communities and in landlocked areas across Europe.
- **Open Days:** Annual Event for EU Regions held in October (7-10 October 2013) and is an opportunity for EU regions to showcase their projects and examples of best practices as well as to get information of the EU issues and priorities.
- **POLIS:** Polis is a network of European cities and regions working together to deploy innovative technologies and policies for a more sustainable mobility.



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- **Peri-Urban Regions Platform Europe (PURPLE):** The PURPLE network wishes to be truly pan-European in order to improve its knowledge base and enhance its capacity to influence.
- **Regional Adult Learning Multipliers (REALM) project:** - This initiative is being led by Hampshire County Council with a total budget allocation of £169,000. The REALM project originated from a need to better connect adult learning in the regions of the European Union with EU policy development. The scheme focuses on one sector, (adult learning) and addresses the relevance of each of the seven designated Flagship Initiatives to this target group.
- **REMCAP:** is focusing on **innovation capacity for a resource efficient maritime** in Europe, targeting the whole life efficiency of marine extractive industries (fisheries & aquaculture, seabed aggregates and renewal energy). The project started in November 2012 and will finish in November 2015. The total budget is €1.8M, which is lead by: Marine South East Lt, Portsmouth City Council is a partner of this project as part of the Solent cluster.
- **SMEs:** Small and Mediums Enterprises
- **Southern England Local Partners (SELP).** The partnership is including Local Authorities, universities and other public and private stakeholders from the South East of England.
- **Solent Offshore Renewable Energy Consortium (SOREC) project:** in the Isle of Wight is envisaged to act as a business support organisation for the Offshore Renewable Energy sector. It will be private sector led so that it can truly react to the needs of this emerging and rapidly changing industry. The total budget for this project is £2,084,000 in total funded at 50% by ERDF so the grant funding is £1,042,000.
- **Sustainable Energy Week (June):** The EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) is an initiative of the European Commission, established in 2006. Today, it is coordinated by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation, in close cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy. EU Sustainable Energy Week showcases activities dedicated to energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions. It is designed to spread best practices, inspire new ideas and build alliances to help meet the EU's energy and climate goals.
- **Tackling Social Exclusion (TSE) project:** Southampton City Council (Lead Partner) with a £2m budget allocation. The TSE project brings together the three cities of Gent (B), Rotterdam (NL) and Southampton (UK) to look at innovative methods of tackling social exclusion. Furthermore, keeping our cities accessible for all, getting those furthest from the labour market into employment and improving the quality of services for people with disabilities and/or disadvantaged groups are also key priorities.



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- **Waste Reduction Week (November):** is about raising awareness on waste reduction strategies and the policies of the European Union and its Member States on this subject; to promote sustainable waste reduction actions across Europe; to highlight the work accomplished by various actors, through concrete examples of waste reduction and to encourage changes in the behaviour of Europeans (consumption, production) in everyday life.
  
- **7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme:** is the European Union's chief instrument for funding research over the period 2007 to 2013, playing a crucial role in reaching the goals of growth, innovation, competitiveness and employment. Its main objective is to further the construction of the European Research Area. Its specific goals are fourfold:
  - To gain leadership in key scientific and technology area
  - To stimulate the creativity and excellence of European research
  - To develop and strengthen the human potential of European research
  - To enhance research and innovation capacity throughout Europe