

Welcome to this edition of the national European Social Fund Newsletter.



## The Skills Show – events near you

The Skills Show Experience is a nationwide programme of over 220 events throughout the year extending the impact of The Skills Show and inspiring over 200,000 young people across the country, unlocking their potential and shaping their future. The first of these events, the Solent Skills Festival and Jobs Fair, took place in Southampton on Wednesday 16 October. Details of many more events can be found on the “events near you” page of The Skills Show website.

Co-financed by the Skills Funding Agency and ESF, The Skills Show Experience delivers local skills events for young people aged 14-25 with skills demonstrations, “have a go” opportunities, and independent careers advice from the National Careers Service. The Skills Show main event takes place at the Birmingham NEC on 14-16 November.

[>>Events near you](#)

[>>The Skills Show](#)

## EU competences review: call for evidence on cohesion policy

The Government is carrying out a [review of the EU's competences](#), which the Foreign Secretary launched in July 2012. This is an audit of what the EU does, and aims to provide a clear sense of how the national interests interact with the EU's roles.

As part of this review, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has launched a consultation (Published 21 October 2013) on the balance of competences between the UK and EU on activity supporting the EU's cohesion (economic development) policy. The European Social Fund is one of the EU's programmes that delivers cohesion policy.

[>>Review of the EU's competences](#)



## ESF plus ERDF equals more than the sum of their parts

People seek out jobs in successful businesses and businesses need talented and ambitious people to grow. Both the ERDF and ESF programmes are drivers in the delivery of European Cohesion Policy with ERDF investing in business growth and ESF investing in people. As we

look to the 2014-2020 programme period some good examples of Cohesion Policy delivery can be found on the Inspiring Work website (that incorporates Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly ESF Convergence), including the RegioStars 2014 finalist Fifteen Cornwall.

[>>European Programmes working together](#)



## London LEP ESIF Growth Plan consultation

Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in England have now produced first drafts of their European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) strategies. The London LEP is inviting stakeholders to participate in a consultation to further develop the draft London strategy, due to be finalised in January 2014. A first draft of the strategy submitted to Government is available to download, and an online consultation

questionnaire is open until 15 November 2013.

[>>London LEP consultation](#)

## London funding opportunity

The Skills Funding Agency has launched a new ESF funding opportunity in London for provision to support unemployed adults into sustained employment, covering the following geographic areas: North London, South London, East London and West London. Only organisations on the Skills Funding Agency Register of Training Organisations can apply, via the Bravo Solutions website. The closing date for applications is 8 November 2013.

[>>Bravo Solutions website](#)

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## Helpful Links

[@DWPESFEngland on Twitter](#)

[ESF-Works](#)

[Skills Funding Agency Co-financing Organisation \(CFO\)](#)

[Ministry of Justice \(National Offender Management Service CFO\)](#)

[Department for Work and Pensions CFO](#)

[Greater London Authority](#)

[Inspiring Work: Cornwall and SW](#)

[TAEN \(The Age and Employment Network\)](#)

[Europa \(Europe ESF website\)](#)

[The National Council for Voluntary Organisations NCVO](#)

[Gibraltar](#)

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