

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

Fifteen Cornwall wins international award



Jamie Oliver's Fifteen Cornwall has achieved recognition at EU level by winning a top award at the Europe wide RegioStars 2014. The critically acclaimed restaurant, at Watergate Bay, beat off four other shortlisted finalists at a ceremony in Brussels on Monday (31 March). Fifteen Cornwall is a social enterprise which aims to inspire via food and offers a chance for disadvantaged young people to transform their lives by becoming chefs. Run by the charity Cornwall Food Foundation, the restaurant – which uses Jamie Oliver's international brand - was originally set up using European Social Fund

(ESF) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) investment. It continues to receive ESF Convergence for its Apprentice Programme, which is also supported by mainstream funding from Jobcentre Plus and the Skills Funding Agency - and 100% of the restaurant's profits. The project's award success has attracted a range of good media coverage across Cornwall.

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ESF 2014-2020 Operational Programme consultation document published

A consultation has been launched on the European Social Fund 2014-2020 Operational Programme in England. The draft programme document, summarising the Government's proposals, are located on the GOV.UK website.

The closing date for responses to the consultation questions is 5.00pm on 9 May 2014. Once the consultation has concluded, responses will be reviewed and a revised Operational Programme will be submitted to the European Commission. A formal response following the consultation is expected to be made available on the GOV.UK website.

[>>European Social Fund Operational Programme for England 2014-2020: Public Consultation](#)

New EU ESF communications products



A number of new EU level communication products have been published by the European Commission. Animated films, fact-sheets and info-graphics (posters) covering four EU ESF themes are available for download now via the Europa website free of charge. The Getting People Into Jobs and More Jobs, Less Marginalisation (social inclusion) themed material in particular is reflective of the focus of some ESF activity in England. A map showing European Structural Funds eligibility across Europe may also be of interest.

Please note that some information, including on the Youth guarantee and Transparent and effective public services is not directly relevant to England ESF

activity.

[>>ESF Factsheets](#)

[>>ESF animated films](#)

[>>ESF info-graphics and map](#)

Cornish project shines at conference



A workshop on 'Active Inclusion' which focused on Cornwall College's successful Young Mums Will Achieve project, was delivered at a major ESF launch conference in Brussels. The project, which offers support to pregnant and teenage mums aged between 14 and 19 years old, was held up as an example of best practice at the conference, which aimed to promote the efficient and effective use of the ESF funds available to Member States in 2014-2020.

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[Inspiring Work: Cornwall and the South West](#)

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