

## **Item 5: National Sub-Committee Report**

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### **ESI Funds Growth Programme Board**

#### **Summary Report from the National Sub-Committees**

**Purpose:**

This paper summarises business at National Sub-Committee meetings held in the last quarter. It lists their current membership and covers:

1. Performance National Sub-Committee
2. Evaluation National Sub-Committee

**Recommendations:**

That the Growth Programme Board notes the report.

**Rob Martell**  
**GPB Secretariat, DLUHC**  
**10th March 2023**

# Performance National Sub-Committee

## Membership

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| • <b>David Malpass (Chair)</b><br>DLUHC                          | • <b>Stuart Scott</b><br>GLA                                       | • <b>Katie Dalsgaard</b><br>IB network            |
| • <b>Simon Jones</b><br>DLUHC                                    | • <b>Keith Harrison</b><br>Action for Communities in<br>Rural Kent | • <b>Heather Waddington</b><br>Core Cities        |
| • <b>Clare Bonson</b><br>DWP                                     | • <b>Steve Gilson</b><br>DEFRA                                     | • <b>John Hunt</b><br>College                     |
| • <b>Mark Burns</b><br>DWP                                       | • <b>Emily Kent</b><br>Cornwall & Isles of Scilly                  | • <b>Guus Muijzers</b><br>DG Regio                |
| • <b>Pete Long</b><br>DWP  | • <b>Helen Milne</b><br>Third Sector                               | • <b>James Newman</b><br>LEP Network (transition) |
| • <b>Sean Hughes</b><br>DLUHC                                    | • <b>Richard Davies</b><br>BEIS                                    | • <b>Carol Vonne</b><br>Third Sector              |
| • <b>Mary-Louise Harrison</b><br>LEP Network (more<br>developed) | • <b>Richard Powell</b><br>Local Nature<br>Partnerships            | • <b>Pernille Kousgaard</b><br>MCA                |
| • <b>David Pratt</b><br>Higher Education                         | • <b>Paul Green</b><br>Local Government (LGA)                      |   |

1. The Performance National Sub-Committee (PNSC) last met on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
2. Pete Long (DWP) updated members on ESF programme performance, detailing the progress up to the end January 2023. He provided details of the proposed introduction of a new Priority Axis, PA5, for the new Fast Care scheme for providing funding for Ukrainian Refugees. Details of this were forwarded to Growth programme Board (GPB) members on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Nick Campbell presented an update on the Equality Outcomes to date from the ESF programme Evaluation.
3. Simon Jones (DLUHC) led the ERDF update, providing details on the latest programme performance (running through each priority axis in turn).
4. Tom Wood (DLUHC) presented a further update on the ERDF Evaluation report concentrating on findings from the Counterfactual Impact Analysis. Details of the latest update have been forwarded to Growth Programme Board members and a presentation will be given at the GPB on 21st March 2023.
5. The next PNSC meeting is scheduled to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

# Evaluation National Sub-Committee

## Membership

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| • <b>Simon Jones (Chair)</b><br>DLUHC              | • <b>Lucy Townley</b><br>DLUHC                | • <b>Rob Martell</b><br>Secretariat, DLUHC                        |
| • <b>Tom Wood</b><br>DLUHC                         | • <b>Elyott D'Shap</b><br>DLUHC               | • <b>Danielle House</b><br>BEIS                                   |
| • <b>Nicholas Campbell</b><br>DWP                  | • <b>Hamish Proctor</b><br>BEIS               | • <b>Peter Wills</b><br>Cornwall Council                          |
| • <b>Tony Pike</b><br>DEFRA                        | • <b>Phil Smith</b><br>Business West          | • <b>Sue Parkinson</b><br>North East LEP                          |
| • <b>Anthony Mtitimila</b><br>Liverpool University | • <b>Anne Lythgoe</b><br>Social Audit Network | • <b>Mary-Louise Harrison</b><br>Leicester and Leicestershire LEP |
| • <b>Capucine Riom</b><br>What Works Centre        | • <b>Andy Churchill</b><br>Network for Europe | • <b>Peter Matthijs</b><br>EC                                     |
| • <b>Robyn Owen</b><br>Middlesex University        | • <b>TBC</b><br>DCMS                          |   |
| • <b>Stuart Merali-Younger</b><br>Wavehill         |   |   |

1. The Evaluation National Sub-Committee (ENSC) last met on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023
2. Managing Authorities for each of the programmes provided updates on the various pieces of evaluation work either underway or completed.
3. For ESF Thea D'ambra and Adam Robinson, both DWP and from the ESF Analysis team, presented an impact analysis of the ESF Programme in England, which had used counterfactual comparisons. DWP plan to publish this analysis at some stage ideally before the end of the programme, and share with the EC, but this is subject to ministerial clearance. They also confirmed that they are working with the DWP Datalab team to run some ESF project level analysis which would also, with ministerial clearance, be published. More information about the DWP Datalab is here: [Employment Data Lab - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/employment-data-lab)
4. Tony Pike (DEFRA) provided an update on the RDPE Programme Evaluation focusing specifically on legacy schemes. He outlined how over the course of this year they would be producing an ex-post evaluation report for the whole programme in line with EU requirements. He also confirmed that supporting the implementation and assessment of new domestic programmes was probably the most important reason for their undertaking scheme level evaluations and that learnings are already informing the delivery of current schemes.
5. For ERDF Tom Wood (DLUHC) reported that in December an evaluation report was provided to the European Commission which received positive feedback. He also

mentioned that DLUHC were working with the What Works Centre to produce a paper looking at recommendations for what works for various intervention types. Stuart Merali-Younger (Wavehill) then presented on the production of the final report for the ERDF national evaluation (a summarised version of this presentation was given at ENSC and is on the agenda for the March GPB).

6. The date for the next ENSC meeting is tbc.