



Discover EU funding: glossary

Term	Meaning
Annual Implementation Plan – AIP or Local Implementation Plan – LIP	A paper drawn up between the Managing Authority and the Local Sub Committee describing how and when calls for proposals will be managed.
Calls/Call for proposals	An invitation for organisations to submit initial applications for ESIF grant. All calls are published at www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds
Community Led Local Development (CLLD)	Funding methodology that allows for connected and integrated use of the ERDF and ESF, based on local needs, determined by a Local Development Strategy (LDS) and administered by a Local Action Group (LAG).
Contribution/Intervention/Match funding Rate	The percentage rate of Eligible Expenditure at which Grant is paid as contained in the funding agreement and may be Capital Contribution Rate and/or Revenue Contribution Rate.
Defra	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
EAFRD - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development	The element of EAFRD within the Growth Programme supports rural skills, micro companies and SMEs, small-scale renewables and broadband and tourism within rural areas.
ERDF - European Regional Development Fund	The aim of ERDF is to deliver economic growth. It does so by identifying the largest gaps in and barriers to economic growth, and supporting actions which fill those gaps.
ESF - European Social Fund	ESF supports the EU's goal of increasing employment by giving unemployed and disadvantaged people the training and support they need to enter jobs. It also equips the workforce with the skills needed by business in a competitive global economy.

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ESIF – European Structural Investment Funds	ESIF is an umbrella name for EAFRD, ERDF and ESF funds.
Local sub-committee (LSC)/ESIF sub-committee	The LSC is a sub-Committee of the PMC that advises the Managing Authority in making local investment decisions. In practice this is closely tied into the local ESIF Strategies.
Opt-In Organisation (OIO)	Organisation that brings together the ESF and match funding in a single funding stream. Local Enterprise Partnerships opt-in to utilise the offer made by the OIO.
Programme Management Committee (PMC) /Growth Programme Board (GPB)	A stakeholder group which oversees the delivery of the Programme and is responsible for setting the strategic direction, agreeing the selection criteria of the programme and redirecting the work of the Programme as and when
Managing authority (MA)	Body designated by the Member State to manage the operational programme. ESF – DWP ERDF – DCLG EAFRD - DEFRA
Operational programme (OP)	A statement of the objectives and financial framework for the ESIF funds (as described in parts 3 and 4 of Common Provisions Reg; specifically in Art. 96).
Partnership agreement	The top level agreement between the European Commission and a Member State outlining the, priorities, economic context and justification for the investment of funds into a Member State.
Priority axis (PA)	One of the priorities of the strategy in an operational programme.
Technical assistance (TA)	Support for the delivery of programmes and to organisations making applications.
Thematic objective (TO)	An England specific investment objective, based around a specific theme.