



2 August 2016

Dear ,

**ATISN 10551**

Thank you for your request which I received on 5 July. You asked for details on projects funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF) through the 2014-2020 Structural Funds programmes in Wales. The information you requested is enclosed.

**1. Breakdown of budgets for 2014-2020 under the European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund**

Information on budgets for the 2014-2020 ERDF and ESF programmes is already available in the public domain via the EU funding section of the Welsh Government website. A breakdown of budgets is available in each of the ERDF / ESF Operational programmes, which were agreed by the European Commission, and which can be accessed via the following weblinks:

ERDF West Wales and the Valleys Operational programme (p10)

<http://gov.wales/docs/wefo/publications/150603westwalesvalleysoperationalprogramme.pdf>

ERDF East Wales Operational programme (p9)

<http://gov.wales/docs/wefo/publications/150323eastwaleserdfen.pdf>

ESF West Wales and the Valleys Operational programme (p28)

<http://gov.wales/docs/wefo/publications/150603westwalesesfoperationalprogramme.pdf>

ESF East Wales Operational programme (p24)

<http://gov.wales/docs/wefo/publications/150603esfeastwalesoperationalprogramme.pdf>



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- **Details of specific projects funded with their postcodes or coordinates**
- **Amount of EU monies awarded including the amount of EU funds drawn down/provided to date**
- **Priority Axis for each project**

Most of the information you requested about individual projects awarded ERDF / ESF funds through the 2014-2020 programmes is available in the public domain via the EU funding pages of the Welsh Government website. Information available on the website includes details of each EU funded project including lead organisation, programming area, priority axis and specific objectives, geographical area, region, EU funding awarded and total project costs. This information can be accessed via the following web link: <http://gov.wales/funding/eu-funds/2014-2020/approved-projects/?lang=en>

Details about each project's geographical location are by region (e.g. West Wales and the Valleys / East Wales) and geographical area (e.g. pan Wales or specific Local Authority areas) rather than by postcode or coordinates. This is because the majority of EU funded projects operate across more than one Local Authority area in Wales. For the purposes of EU funds, West Wales and the Valleys covers 15 Local Authority areas: Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Carmarthen, Ceredigion, Conwy, Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Isle of Anglesey, Merthyr Tydfil, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Swansea and Torfaen. East Wales covers seven Local Authority areas: Cardiff, Flintshire, Monmouthshire, Newport, Powys, Vale of Glamorgan and Wrexham.

WEFO has so far invested EU funds of some £830 million to schemes across Wales. Project sponsors have begun to submit their claims regularly to WEFO and the level of 2014-2020 expenditure notified by projects has so far reached £108 million. On average, WEFO draws down EU funds (based on eligible and verified expenditure of EU projects) around two to three times a year from the European Commission. We are planning to submit a first draw down claim to the Commission by late Summer / early Autumn this year.

- **set-up costs and annual running costs for each project.**

Forecast annual running costs for each EU funded scheme announced so far through the 2014-2020 programmes are enclosed at **Doc 1**. The **Doc 1** information provided relates to forecast costs for the duration of each project currently held by WEFO, but may be subject to change over a project's lifespan. Please also note that we do not hold a breakdown of project set up costs.

## **2. Any draft budgets / plans for where future funding for these projects will come from.**

Each EU funded project is time limited, with an agreed start and end date, as EU funds exist to add value to provision and not to support the core activities of organisations. We therefore do not hold details of future draft budgets for schemes.

### **3. Whether post 2020 funding has been confirmed.**

Such confirmation can only be supplied by the UK Government as it negotiates the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

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Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

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Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
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Wilmslow,  
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SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

**Welsh European Funding Office**