



SELEP – EU Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)

Essex Rural Partnership (ERP)

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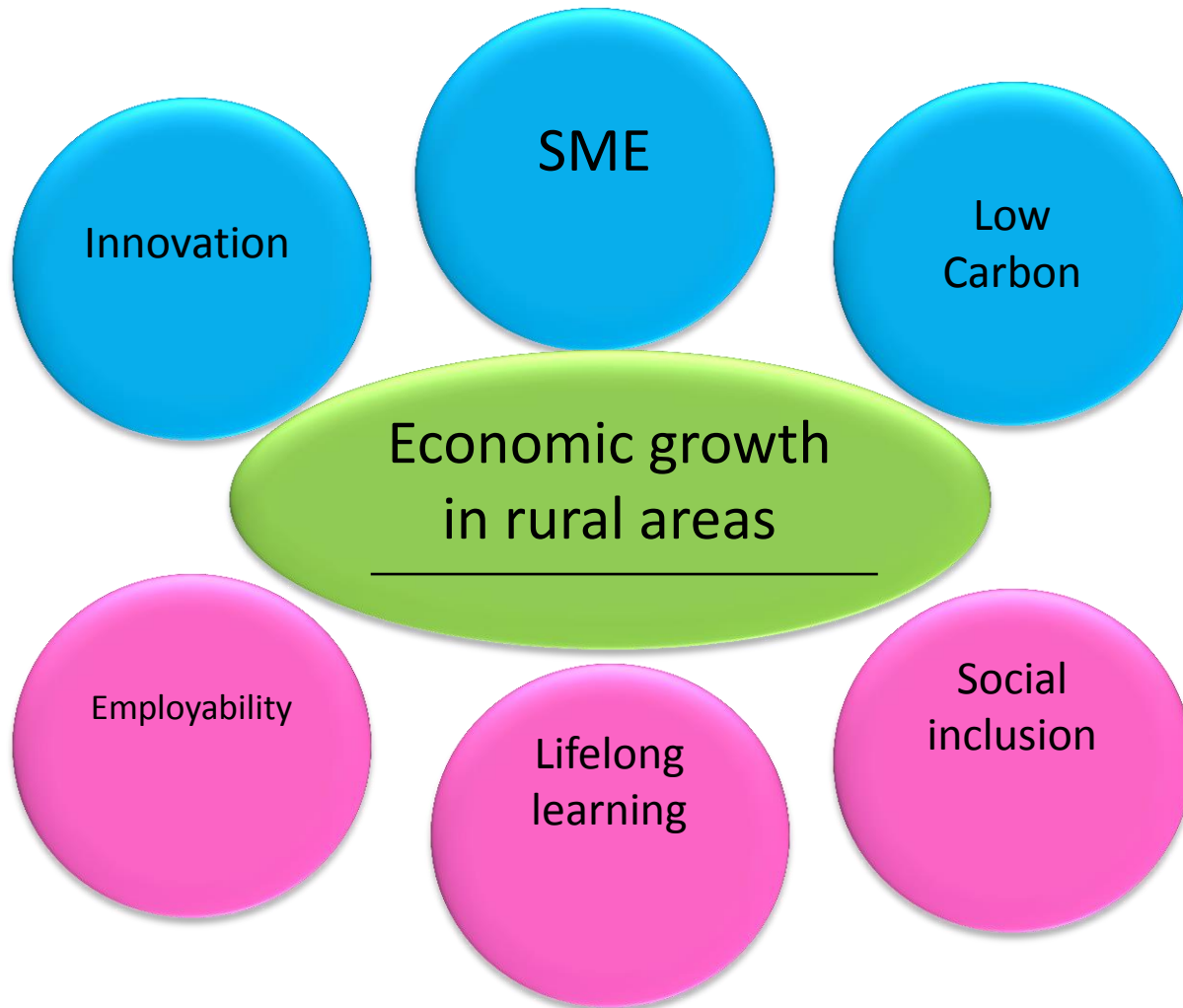
A reminder...



- Describe the work in progress towards producing the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for December 2014
- Inform regarding the progress towards the creation of the shadow ESIF Sub-committee, TOR and selection criteria
- Approval of Operation programmes x 3 and first calls for applications
- Progress with rural chapter of the ESIF
- Rural working group
- Close co-operation with Leader LAGs

ERDF, ESF and EAFRD = £179.5million

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Some Highlights

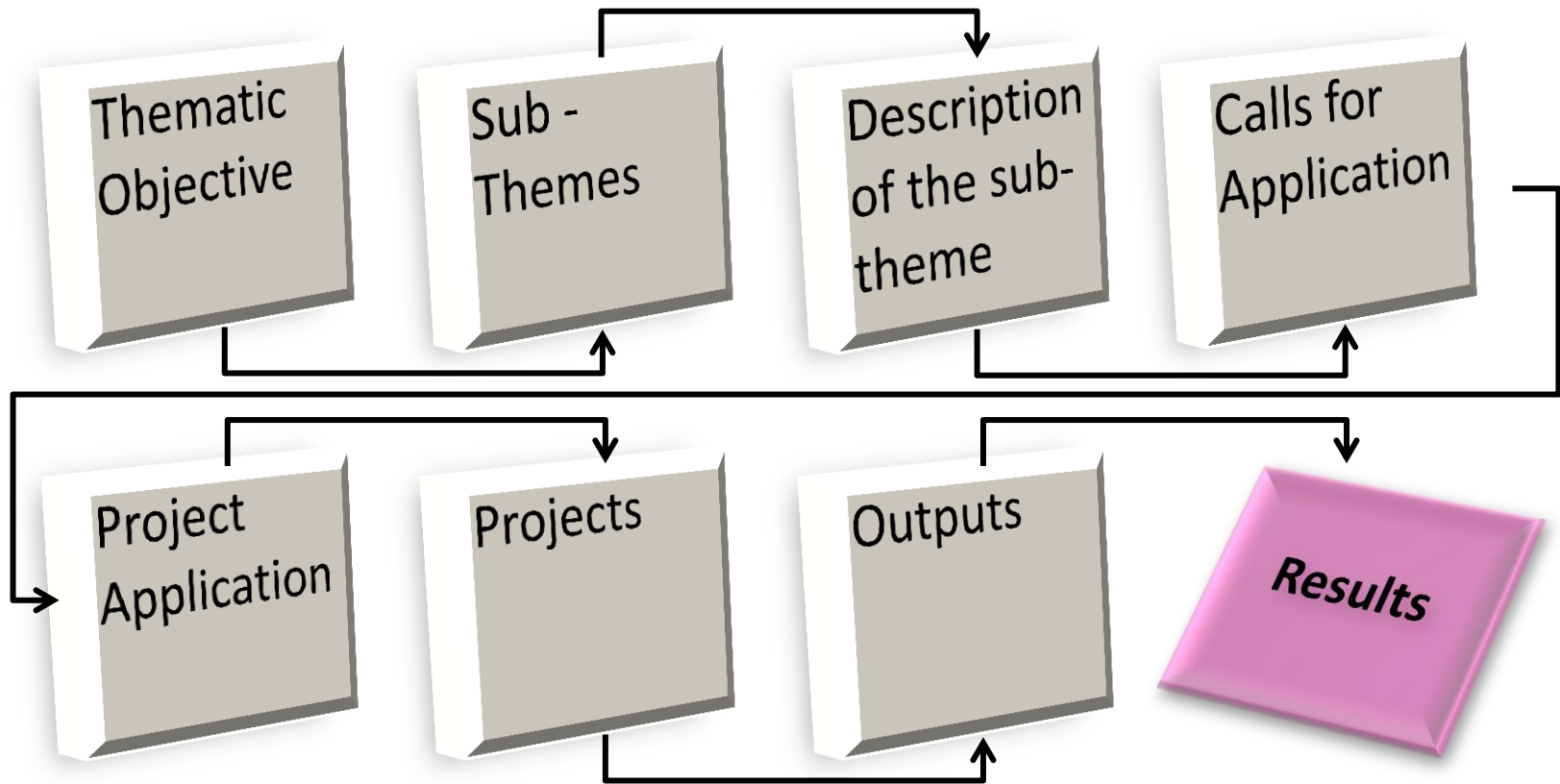
- Focus of ESF is apprenticeships including higher level apprenticeships
- £26 million ERDF committed to access to finance schemes for SMEs
- Business support for SMEs key part of strategy – Growth Hubs
- £16.5 million on Low Carbon projects – based on success of former ERDF programme
- Interest in knowledge transfer and commercialisation of ideas
- 9 x prospective Leader LAGs
- £14.5 million EAFRD for more strategic projects



EAFRD – some clarity and some uncertainties

- EAFRD own set of eligibility criteria not yet available
- DEFRA staff to help develop the projects
- EAFRD larger strategic projects
- ? EAFRD funds available to top up LEADER funding
- 5 themes “strawman”
- SMEs 50%
- Tourism 20%
- Skills 15%
- Broad band 10%
- Renewables ?

From Strategy to Delivery



The Draft Local Implementation Plan (LIP)



- First draft to Government by 30 September 2014
- Describe the types of investment/activities we want to take forward in 2015,2016, 2017 – a three year rolling programme updated annually
- Describe whether these will be secured through opt-in provision or calls
- Profile ESIF investments over time
- Confirm SE LEP's position with the Opt-ins
- Plan workloads
- An iterative process!



- Reports directly to the National Growth Board
- Important links to the SE LEP Board/federal areas regarding strategic fit, project pipeline
- ESIF Committee will approve/ reject projects
- Representation set in the draft TOR approved by the EC and National Growth Board - process starting now
- Draft project criteria available for ESF and ERDF
- In place by November 2014



- Operational programmes for ERDF, ESF and EAFRD approval at the end of the year – vital first step
- Negotiations on going between HMG and EC
- Interest in Gateway to London, Coastal Communities, Creative Sector, Universities x 9 cooperation and an understanding that large part of SELEP area is rural
- Recognise flexible and can work with relevant partners across the country (for example CORE)
- First calls for applications will take place in the first quarter of 2015 and first contracts in place by September 2015
- Technical assistance will help to fund promotion of the programmes

- The focus is jobs and growth
- SE LEP aims to be business led –challenges on EU side in particular
- The funds have to be targeted – not a panacea
- Synergies across the 3 funding streams plus Leader spend
- Good communications and cooperation essential
- BUT economies of scale so not hundreds of projects
- Many opportunities!

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