

Low Carbon Innovation Fund

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Introduction

Stuart Evans, EEDA Board Member;
Chairman, Novacem and non-exec



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The Low Carbon Innovation Centre

Dr Simon Gerrard
Chief Technical Officer

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Founding Activities

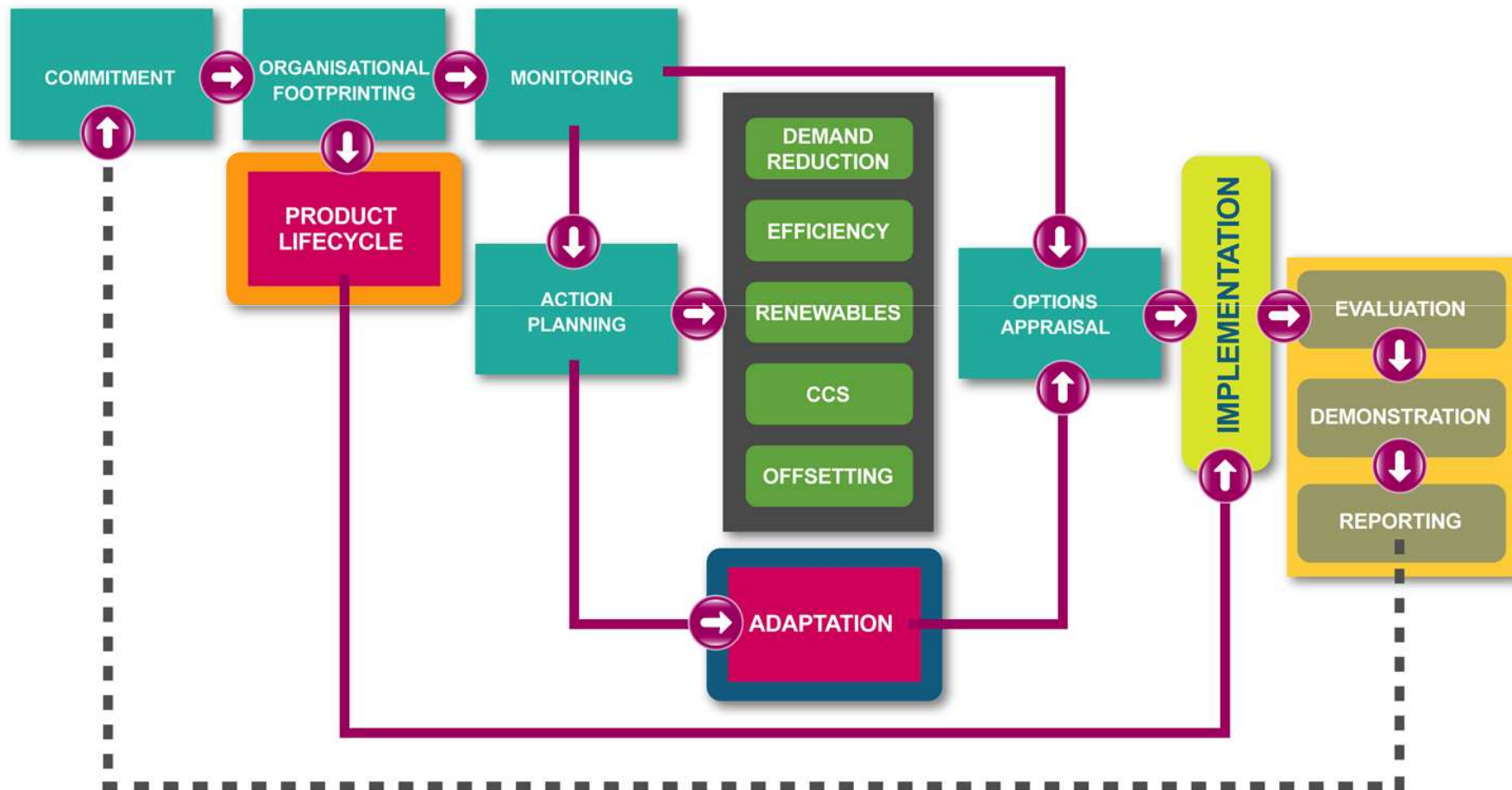


Getting
organisations and
people started

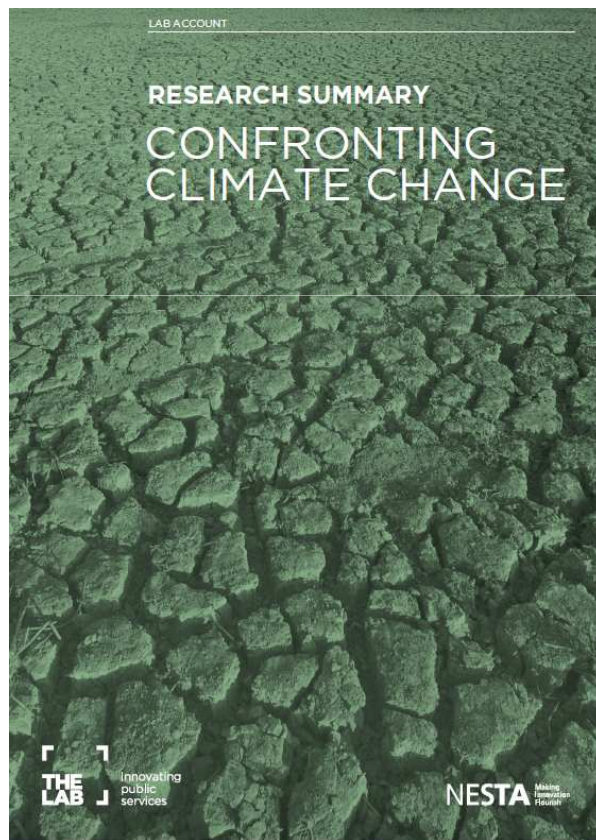


Finding new
low carbon
technologies &
services

The Carbon Management Process



Innovation for Carbon Reduction



Insufficient levels of innovation to combat the challenge of climate change

Too many eggs in too few baskets

Too much focus on incremental efficiency gains; under-reliance on disruptive innovation

The Way Forward

- ✦ Broaden the range of possible solutions
- ✦ Think more disruptively
- ✦ Focus on technology and behaviour
- ✦ Improve the quality of evaluation

To work with the Low Carbon Innovation Centre on your
project please contact info@lcic.com
or call 01603 591379

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East of England European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Competitiveness Programme 2007-13

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Andy Luff – Head of European Structural Fund Programme
27th September 2010



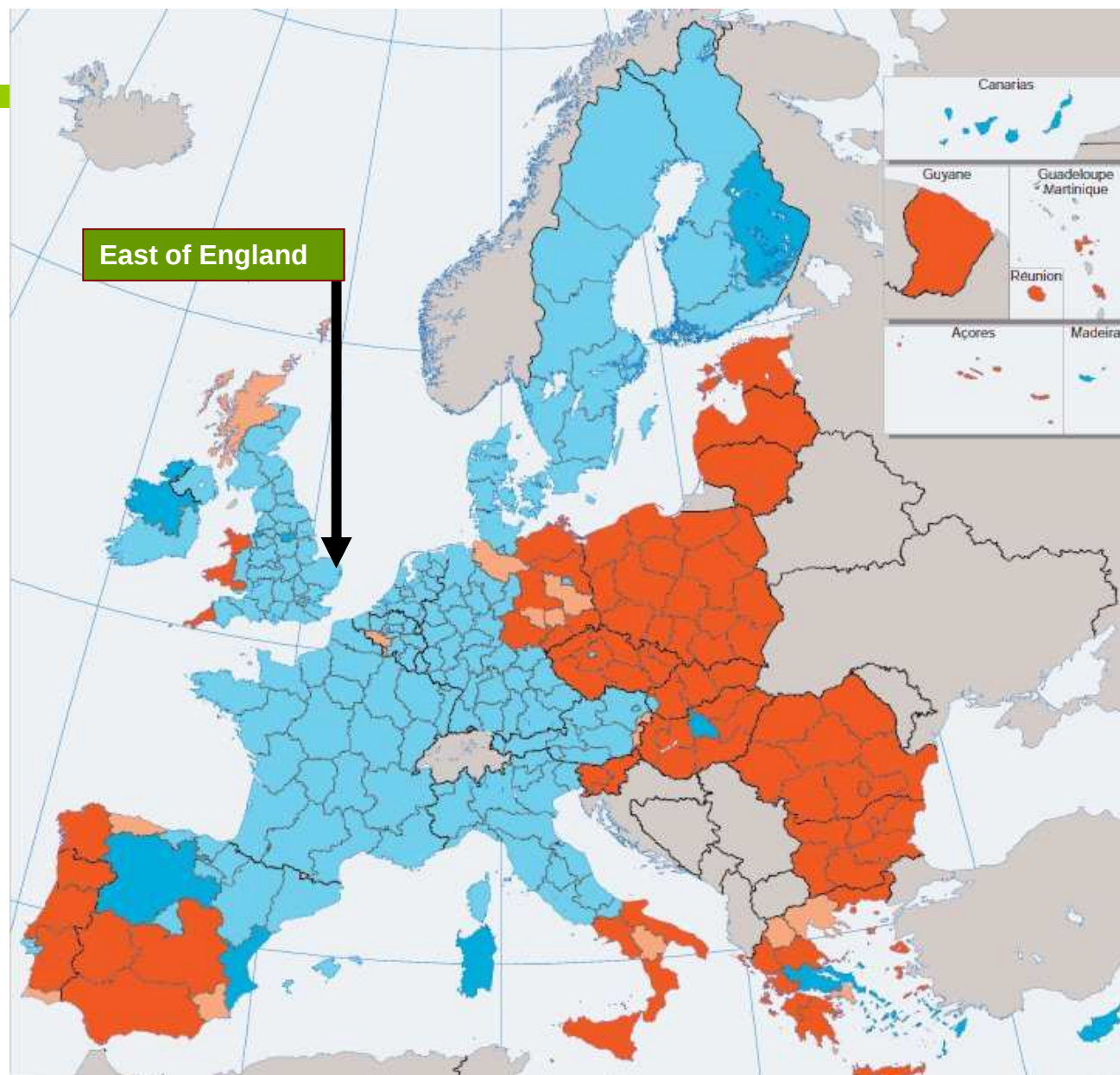
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EU Structural Funds



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EU Structural Funds

For the 2007-13 period, the UK has been allocated €10.6 billion in total: €2.9 billion under the Convergence objective, €7 billion under the Regional Competitiveness and Employment objective, and €722 million under the European Territorial Cooperation objective.

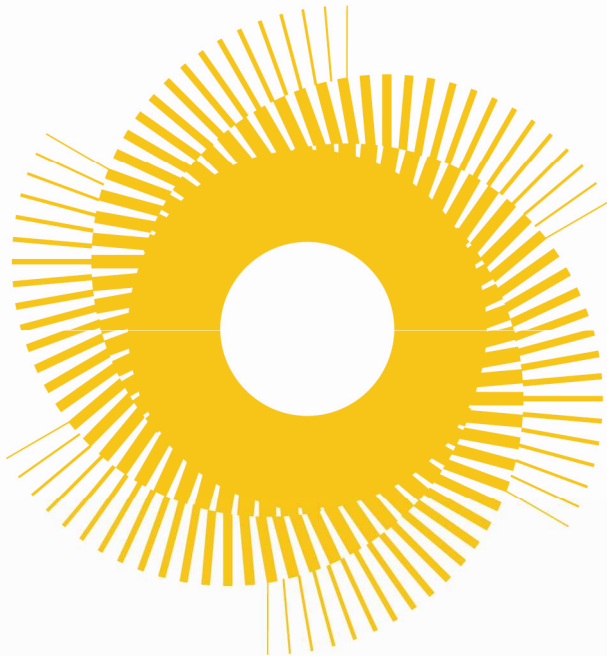


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ERDF Programme Strategy



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→ Meaning of low carbon economic growth?

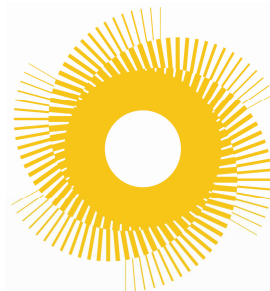
→ Broad definition intended...

⇒ 'vertical' lower carbon technologies

⇒ 'horizontal' lower carbon practices

→ Must have low carbon at the **heart** of the proposed activity

→ Must produce economic benefits



Priorities and Funding Allocations



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Priority Axis 1

Innovation and
knowledge
transfer

€37.3m (£33.8m)

40% Intervention

Priority Axis 2

Stimulating
enterprise
& supporting
business

€26.6m (£24.1m)

40% Intervention

Priority Axis 3

Sustainable
development,
production
& consumption

€42.6m (£38.6m)

40% Intervention

Priority Axis 4 Technical Assistance €4.4m (£4.0m) 50% Intervention

Total funding = €110.9 million (~£100.0m)

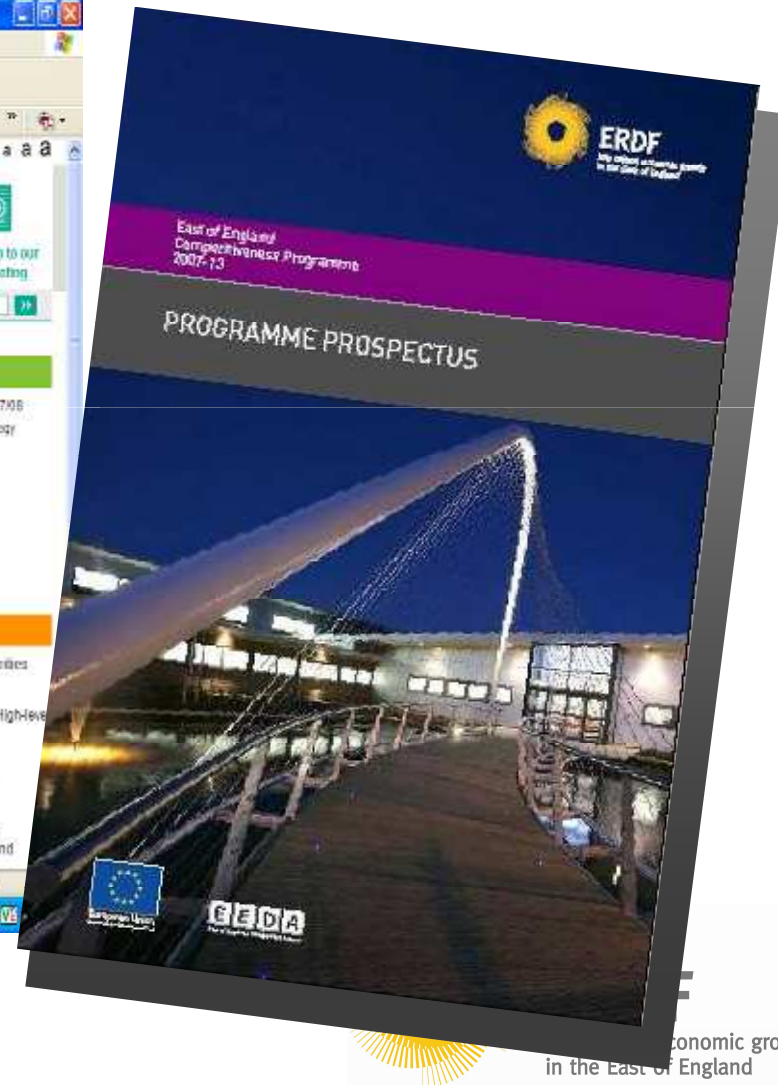
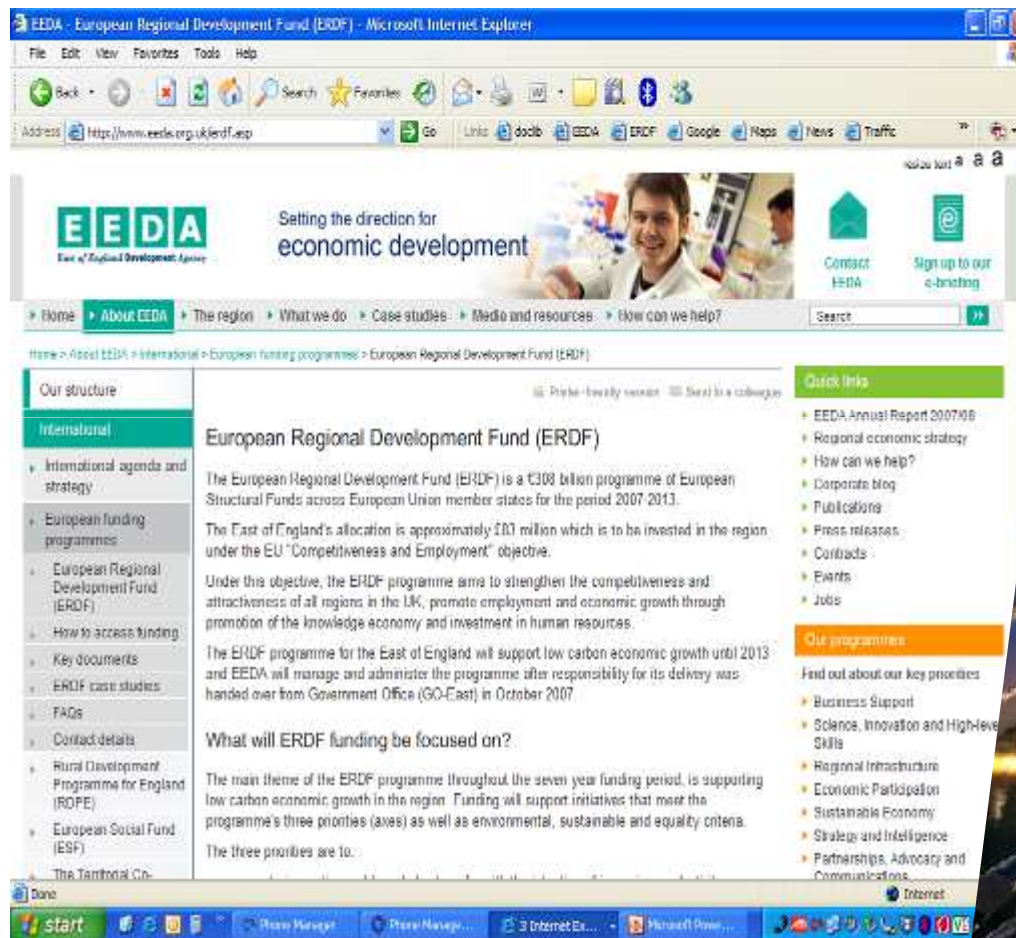
Matched by UK public and private sector

Programme value > €275.3 million (~£249.3m)

More information



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Chris Harrison, Director,
27th September 2010
St John's Innovation
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What is it?

- > Early stage VC fund
- > Primarily a co-investment fund
- > Supported by £8m from ERDF
- > Operating in the East of England
- > Focussing on “low carbon”

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Venture Capital

- > Not a grant scheme
- > Risk capital
- > Equity / pseudo-equity and small amounts of debt finance (mezzanine)
- > Terms from fund will be at least equal to private investors

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Co-investment

- > Investment from LCIF must be matched with private funds
- > At the same time and *pari passu*
- > Under the same investment agreement
- > 40% from LCIF
- > Raising private funds is part of the role of the Fund Manager

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Fund size and scope

- > £8m from ERDF
- > To be matched with at least £12m of private money
- > Investments typically in £50k - £500k range (from LCIF)

Startups ✓

Early stage growth ✓

Already equity funded ✓

Follow-on ✓

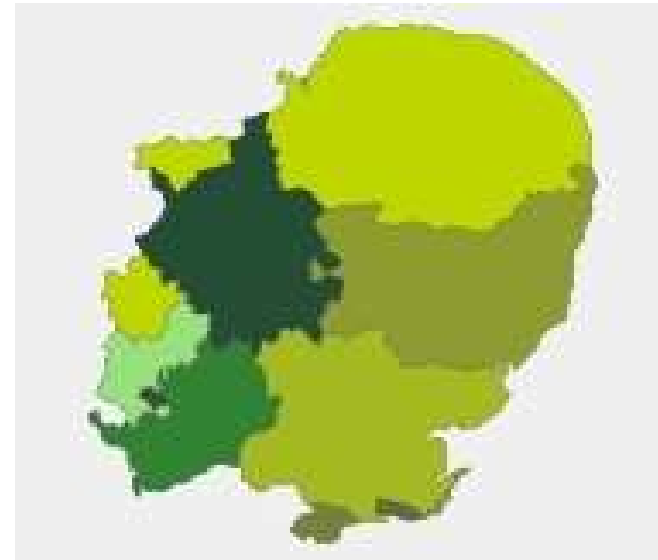
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East of England

Six counties of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk and the unitary authorities of Peterborough, Luton, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock



- > Investees must have all or some of operation in the Region or be relocating

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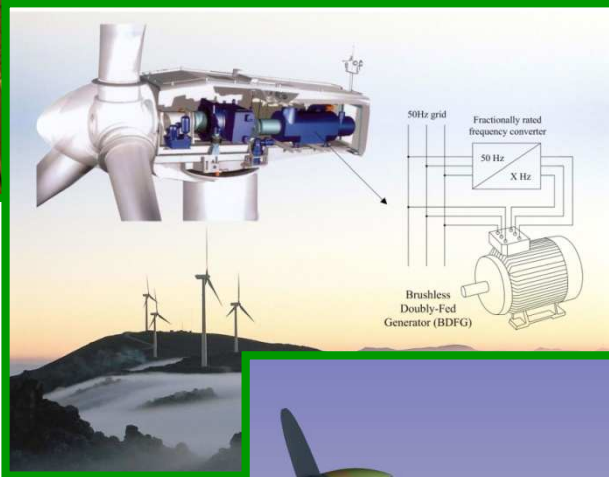
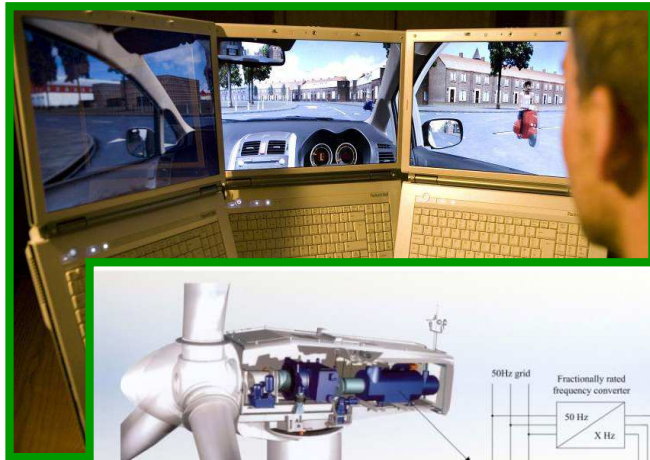
- > Producing low carbon products
- > Supplying low carbon services
- > Growth through investment in low carbon equipment or processes
 - > i.e. becoming low carbon in their operational activities
 - > Developing alternative energy sources
 - > Reducing existing carbon emissions

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Examples



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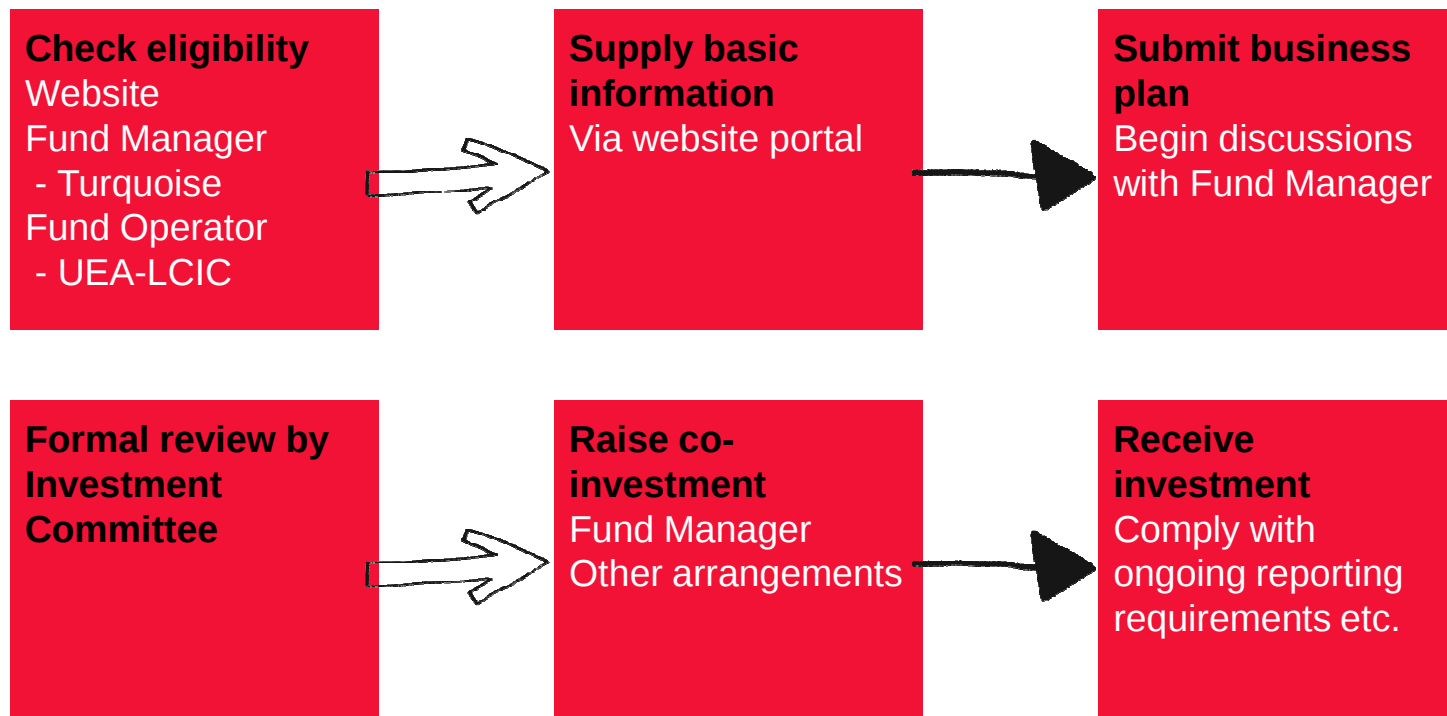
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Welcome

The Low Carbon Innovation Fund (LCIF) is a [European Regional Development Fund \(ERDF\)](#) supported venture capital fund. It is seeded with £8m from the ERDF and matched with private sector investment and will run until December 2015.

The fund will make early-stage equity investments into small and medium sized enterprises ("SMEs") within the East of England that are developing new and innovative products or processes in a low carbon, environmentally sensitive manner.

The definition of low carbon companies also includes companies producing low carbon products, supplying low carbon services or companies seeking to invest in low carbon equipment or processes to become low carbon in their operational activities. This could include those developing alternative energy sources or reducing existing carbon emissions amongst others.

The fund enhances the regional aspiration to become a leading, world class low carbon economy. It builds on the 'Low Carbon Economic Growth' theme set out by the [East of England Development Agency \(EEDA\)](#) aiming to achieve economic growth built upon the region's low carbon expertise.

[Turquoise International](#) is managing the fund in partnership with the [Low Carbon Innovation Centre \(LCIC\)](#) at the [University of East Anglia](#) (UEA).

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