



ESF funds in the UK

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- Information, Representation and Strategy
- Supporting partnership working
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# Structural Funds

- Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion
- Additionality
- Match Funding
- Subsidiarity

# UK ESF

- A third of ESF delivered by NGOs
- Match Funding
- Outputs, Results and Impacts
- Simplification
- Technical Assistance

# UK Programmes

- 1994-1999
- 2000-2006
- 2007-2013
- 2014-2020

# UK - ESF

- Direct Bidding
- Co-Finance Organisations and Prime Contractors
- Community Grants
- Technical Assistance

# Direct Bidding

- Publicise bidding rounds
- Many bids
- Eligible
  - (and hurdles)
- Quality (score)
  - (and cut off)
- Fund highest scores

# Co-Finance Organisations and Prime Contractors

- CFO - Select a few Government organisations
- Primes - Competition for a few large organisations
- Then sub-contract some activity
- Less administration for the Member State
- More administration for NGOs
- Higher risk



# Community Grants

- One organisation provides the match
- Simple application process
- Rapid decision making (4-8 weeks)
- Maximum bid (€5,000 to €10,000)
- Signposting

# Technical Assistance

- Specifically to support NGOs
  - (but can be used for other Partners)
- Higher intervention rate for NGOs
- Information, Representation and Strategy
- Partnership working
- More efficient and effective programmes



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