



EAST OF ENGLAND
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The East of England European Social Fund Regional Framework Review

Dear Regional Partner,

The purpose of the East of England European Social Fund (ESF) Framework is to establish how ESF spending can support regional priorities to tackle worklessness and low skills, within the parameters of the agreed ESF Programme for England for the seven year duration of the programme. It has been reviewed to take into account the impact that this recession has had on the employment and skills landscape in the region and sets the direction for investment in the region's employment and skills priorities for 2011-2013. It will help to ensure ESF funds are aligned to greatest need and complement and add value to domestic funding for employment and skills within the development of Co-Financing plans.

You are invited to take part in an informal consultation process and comments will be welcomed on specific aspects of the revised Framework as detailed below:

- The extent to which the overall balance of the Framework reflects current labour market need;
- The extent to which the Framework aligns with local and sub-regional need as expressed in local strategies and plans;
- The balance between and within Priority 1 and 2 and the extent to which you consider they meet regional need;
- Any substantive areas that have been omitted or key areas which you feel have not been addressed.

On completion of the consultation process, a final draft regional ESF framework will be presented to the European Programmes Strategy Group for approval in January 2010.

Please forward your views on the revised Framework to europeanunit@goeast.gsi.gov.uk to reach us by 5.00pm on Monday 30 November 2009.