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ESF Tackling Poverty through Sustainable Development

Title	ReACT III		
Organisation	Department for Education & Skills (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	The Welsh Government's ReAct III programme aims to address the needs of people who have been made redundant, or are under notice of redundancy, through a series of measures designed to remove barriers to obtaining new employment.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1: To increase the employability of those closest to the labour market at most risk of poverty.		
Group(s) targeted	Individuals aged 25 years old and over within the West Wales and the Valleys area who have been made redundant in the previous 3 months or those who are under notice of redundancy.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£45.7m	Total ESF at approval	£33.9m

Title	Active Inclusion Wales - WWV		
Organisation	Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)		
Synopsis	This project is reducing the number of economically inactive and long term unemployed people across West Wales and the Valleys.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the employability of economically inactive and long term unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment.		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Activities will be targeted and concentrated on the following groups; Economically inactive over 25 years of age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low/non skilled • Work Limiting Health Conditions/disability • Carers and those with childcare responsibilities • Over 54 years • Jobless households. <p>Long term unemployed over 25 years of age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low/non skilled • Work Limiting Health Condition/disability • Carers and those with childcare responsibilities • Jobless households • BAME individuals 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£16.5m	Total ESF at approval	£11.5m

Title	Communities4Work		
Organisation	Department for Local Government and Communities (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	Communities4Work is a major development of the Welsh Government's Communities First Programme to tackle poverty, co-sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions. It provides opportunities to deliver creative and innovative models of intensive mentoring and employment support, engaging long term unemployed and economically inactive "hard to reach" groups, supporting them into work.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the employability of economically inactive and long term unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment.		
Group(s) targeted	Economically inactive over 25 year olds with low or no skills, with working limiting health conditions or disabilities (including substance or alcohol abuse), with care or childcare responsibilities, from jobless households and over 54 year olds. Long term unemployed males over 25 years old with low or no skills, work limiting health conditions or disabilities (including substance and alcohol abuse), from a BME group and jobless households		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£38.3m	Total ESF at approval	£24.5m

Title	Communities4Work		
Organisation	Department for Local Government and Communities (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>Communities4Work is a major development of the Welsh Government's Communities First Programme to tackle poverty, co-sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions.</p> <p>It provides opportunities to deliver creative and innovative models of intensive mentoring and employment support, engaging long term unemployed and economically inactive "hard to reach" groups, supporting them into work.</p>		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the employability of economically inactive and long term unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment.		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Economically inactive over 25 year olds with low or no skills, with working limiting health conditions or disabilities (including substance or alcohol abuse), with care or childcare responsibilities, from jobless households and over 54 year olds.</p> <p>Long term unemployed males over 25 years old with low or no skills, work limiting health conditions or disabilities (including substance and alcohol abuse), from a BME group and jobless households</p>		
Geographical area	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£12.7m	Total ESF at approval	£6.4m

Title	Bridges2Work		
Organisation	Torfaen County Borough Council		
Synopsis	<p>The project supports the reduction of poverty by increasing employment levels, particularly for underrepresented groups and those furthest from the labour market.</p> <p>It targets economically inactive and long term unemployed people.</p>		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the employability of Economically Inactive and Long Term Unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Economically inactive (aged 25 and over), not in education or training. b) Economically inactive (aged 25 and over), with low or no skills. c) Economically inactive aged 54+ d) Economically inactive (aged 25 and over), from a jobless household. e) Economically inactive (aged 25 and over), with care or childcare responsibilities. f) Economically inactive (aged 25 and over), with a work limiting health condition or disability. <p>(The activity will not seek to focus upon those with care responsibilities or WLHC / disabled participants however it is recognised that participants will have multiple and complex barriers.</p> <p>The activity will look to complement other projects, such as Healthy Working Wales to avoid duplication.)</p>		
Geographical area	Torfaen, Caerphilly, Bridgend, Blaenau Gwent, Merthyr Tydfil		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£7m	Total ESF at approval	£5.5m

Title	Parents, Childcare and Employment (PaCE)		
Organisation	Department for Local Government & Communities (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>Helps economically inactive parents aged 25 plus into sustainable work, where childcare is their main barrier.</p> <p>The project aims to provide solutions to overcome their childcare barriers to enable the parent to prepare for and access employment opportunities. Parents will receive individualised help via a Parent Employment Adviser in their local community.</p>		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2(WWV)/SO1(EW): To increase the employability of Economically Inactive and Long Term Unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Our priority target groups would be the following economically inactive parents aged 25 plus, with childcare as their main barrier to education, training or employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lone parents • Couple parent – workless household • Couple parent – one parent working 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	<p>Poverty and Youth Branch</p> <p>WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK</p>		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £6.8m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £4.8m
	East Wales - £4.1m		East Wales - £2m

Title	Active Inclusion Fund		
Organisation	Wales Council for Voluntary Action		
Synopsis	Reduces the number of economically inactive and long term unemployed people across West Wales and the Valleys and East Wales.		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1(EW): To increase the employability of Economically Inactive and Long Term Unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Activities will be targeted and concentrated on the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economically inactive over 25 years of age • Low/no skilled • WLHC / disability • Carers and those with childcare responsibility • Over 54 years • Jobless households • Long term unemployed over 25 years of age • Low/no skilled • WLHC / disability • Carers and those with childcare responsibility • Jobless households • BAME individuals 		
Geographical area	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£6m	Total ESF at approval	£3m

Title	Healthy Working Wales (In-Work Service)		
Organisation	Department of Health (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>To provide wrap-around support to the Health & Work Service (HWS), which is being funded by the DWP from December 2014 (the provider is to be appointed in July).</p> <p>The ESF project will primarily receive referrals from HWS and deliver rapid access to work-focussed interventions for employees in the early stages of long-term sickness absence, and also support employers and GPs to address health and work-related issues.</p>		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO3: To reduce underemployment or absence rates for employed individuals with work limiting health conditions and/or other barriers to sustainable engagement with the labour market		
Group(s) targeted	Those at risk of becoming unemployed due to long term sick absence		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£4.8m	Total ESF at approval	£3.3m

Title	Healthy Working Wales (Out of Work Service)		
Organisation	Department of Health (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	To provide peer mentoring and specialist employment services to achieve employment outcomes for people aged 25+ with substance misuse and/or mental health issues.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2(WWV)/SO1(EW): To increase the employability of Economically Inactive and Long Term Unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment		
Group(s) targeted	Inactive and long-term unemployed people aged 25+ with substance misuse and/or mental health issues and facing complex barriers to getting closer to or accessing the labour market; and those from this population who have moved through the project into employment (initial three months maximum).		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales Valleys - £8.9m East Wales - £4.3m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales Valleys - £6.7m East Wales - £2.1m

Title	Workways		
Organisation	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council		
Synopsis	Workways offers training and paid work experience opportunities to long-term unemployed people to help get their lives back on track.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2(WWV): To increase the employability of Economically Inactive and Long Term Unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Long-term unemployed (over 12 months) Age 25 – 53 (including BME)</p> <p>Economically inactive Age 25+</p> <p>Individuals who are looking for employment to avoid or move out of poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with no skills or low skills • Individuals with work limiting health conditions or disabilities • Individuals with care / or childcare responsibilities • Individuals 54+ who are economically inactive • Workless Households 		
Geographical area	Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£9.1m	Total ESF at approval	£7.5m

Title	SOVA Achieving Change through Employment		
Organisation	SOVA		
Synopsis	Sova provides mentoring support to the B&ME community of Wales through engagement, confidence and motivation building, enhancing skills and knowledge to empower individuals to compete on an equal footing in the employment market in Wales.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2(WWV):To increase the employability of Economically Inactive and Long Term Unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment.		
Group(s) targeted	Economically inactive aged 25 and over not in education or training who have complex barriers to employment		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales Valleys - £1.2m East Wales - £1.1m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales Valleys - £0.9m East Wales - £0.6m

Title	OPUS		
Potential Backbone Project	No		
Organisation	North Wales Economic Ambition Board		
Synopsis	<p>OPUS is in response to evidence that the long term unemployed and economically inactive population in North Wales has increased, with the region also experiencing high levels of 'entrenched worklessness'.</p> <p>It provides intensive support and a range of bespoke interventions to help participants move closer to the labour market.</p>		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1 (WWV) To increase the employability of Economically Inactive and Long Term Unemployed people aged 25 and over, who have complex barriers to employment		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economically inactive individuals and parents (aged 25 and over), not in education or training, who have complex barriers to employment • Long-Term Unemployed individuals and parents (aged 25 and over), who have complex barriers to employment • Complex barriers include low or no skills; a work limiting health condition or disability (including substance or alcohol misuse); care or childcare responsibilities; are over 54; or from a jobless household. 		
Geographical area	Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Wrexham, Flintshire		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£5.8m	Total ESF at approval	£4.8m

Title	Workways+ Powys		
Potential backbone operation	Niche Operation		
Organisation	Powys County Council		
Synopsis	To provide support to help economically inactive and long term unemployed individuals in the County of Powys back into work.		
Programme	East Wales ESF		
Specific Objective	Priority 1 SO 1.1		
Group(s) targeted	Over 54		
Geographical area	Powys		
Region	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£0.7m	Total ESF at approval	£0.3

ESF Skills for Growth

Title	Agile Nation 2		
Organisation	Chwarae Teg		
Synopsis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote gender equality, career advancement and contribute to the reduction of the pay gap in the labour market. • Deliver skills support and mentoring for women in employment enabling them to progress in employment fully utilising their skills. • Deliver activities for employers focussing on gender disadvantage in the workforce & modern working practices fostering the promotion of diversity in workforce development. 		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO4: To improve the position of women in the workforce		
Group(s) targeted	Females/males in non-traditional sectors; women in growth sectors where they are under-represented in the workforce and in senior management roles.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£8.2m	Total ESF at approval	£6.3m

Title	Agile Nation 2		
Organisation	Chwarae Teg		
Synopsis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote gender equality, career advancement and contribute to the reduction of the pay gap in the labour market. • Deliver skills support and mentoring for women in employment enabling them to progress in employment fully utilising their skills. • Deliver activities for employers focussing on gender disadvantage in the workforce & modern working practices fostering the promotion of diversity in workforce development. 		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO3: To improve the position of women in the workforce		
Group(s) targeted	Females/males in non-traditional sectors; women in growth sectors where they are under-represented in the workforce and in senior management roles.		
Geographical area	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£2.2m	Total ESF at approval	£1.8m

Title	Apprenticeships		
Organisation	Welsh Government		
Synopsis	To provide an increased number of opportunities for those of working age to acquire skills at least at intermediate level across the range of vocational sector.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2.2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate level and higher level.		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed, including self employed participants whose highest qualification is at lower secondary level. • Employed, including self employed participants whose highest qualification is at higher secondary level and above. 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£175.5m	Total ESF at approval	£103.1m

Title	Apprenticeships East Wales		
Organisation	Welsh Government		
Synopsis	To provide an increased number of opportunities for those of working age to acquire skills at least at intermediate level across the range of vocational sector.		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate level and higher level.		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed, including self employed participants whose highest qualification is at lower secondary level. • Employed, including self employed participants whose highest qualification is at higher secondary level and above. 		
Geographical area	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£93.5m	Total ESF at approval	£16m

Title	Apprenticeships Skills Enhancement Programme		
Organisation	Welsh Government		
Synopsis	Providing an increased number of opportunities for those of working age to acquire skills at least at intermediate level across the range of vocational sector.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2.1: Employed individuals with no skills progressing to ISCED level 1; Employed individuals with skills at ISCED level 1 progressing to ISCED level 2		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed, including self employed participants whose highest qualification is at lower secondary level. • Employed, including self employed participants whose highest qualification is at higher secondary level and above. 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£128.6m	Total ESF at approval	£71.6m

Title	Apprenticeships Skills Enhancement Programme East Wales		
Organisation	Welsh Government		
Synopsis	To provide an increased number of opportunities for those of working age to acquire skills at least at intermediate level across the range of vocational sector.		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.1: Employed individuals with no skills progressing to ISCED level 1; Employed individuals with skills at ISCED level 1 progressing to ISCED level 2		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed, including self employed participants whose highest qualification is at lower secondary level. • Employed, including self employed participants whose highest qualification is at higher secondary level and above. 		
Geographical area	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£68.2m	Total ESF at approval	£15.5m

Title	Welsh Financial Sector Graduate Programme		
Organisation	Welsh Contact Centre Forum Ltd		
Synopsis	<p>A collaborative sector specific project in partnership with employers, Welsh Government and HE, unique to Wales, providing 40 graduate level participants with a 2 year development programme combining job specific, technical work experience, employability skills, project work and academic study leading to a Masters in Financial Services Management qualification. The project aims to accelerate career progress and develop future managers and leaders.</p> <p>This project enables individuals to gain skills that are required by employers in order to compete and achieve future growth and potentially differentiate Wales as a centre of excellence in financial services innovation.</p>		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level.		
Group(s) targeted	Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.		
Geographical area	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£5.6m	Total ESF at approval	£2.4m

Title	Working Skills For Adults II		
Organisation	Torfaen County Borough Council		
Synopsis	The project targets employed individuals outside of their employment context, supporting those unwilling to admit skills deficits to their employers or whose employers fail to engage.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1: To increase the skills levels, including work relevant skills, of those in the workforce with no or low skills.		
Group(s) targeted	Employed individuals with no skills progressing to ISCED level 1; Employed individuals with skills at ISCED level 1 progressing to ISCED level 2		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£3.8m	Total ESF at approval	£2.7m

Title	ION Leadership (Leading Business Growth) WWV		
Organisation	Swansea University		
Synopsis	The provision of higher level vocational and professional skills at ISCED Level 3 to 7 based on the highly successful LEAD & Leading Growth programmes, to organisation leaders through development interventions and programmes. The programme will be delivered in collaboration with 20Twenty at Cardiff Metropolitan University in East Wales.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level.		
Group(s) targeted	Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£4m	Total ESF at approval	£2.7m

Title	Materials and Manufacturing Academy		
Organisation	Swansea University		
Synopsis	The Materials Academy is a demand led, multi-level, flexible, research & training project with an existing track-record and long standing industrial relationships. The Materials Academy will continue to provide industry with training at level 4 - 7 and will expand its activities to better meet the growing needs of industry.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO3: To increase the number of people with graduate degrees or equivalent undertaking research and innovation activities with enterprise.		
Group(s) targeted	Participants with a graduate degree or equivalent. Enterprises who collaborate with learning providers in research and innovation activities.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£14.8m	Total ESF at approval	£9.5m

Title	GWLAD		
Organisation	University of Wales, Trinity Saint David		
Synopsis	Develop and deliver an integrated bilingual Professional Practice Framework with employers in south west and central Wales in response to their intermediate and higher skills needs. This will incorporate accreditation of staff development programmes, prior experiential learning and delivery of an extensive range of modules leading to qualifications in Professional Practice.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level		
Group(s) targeted	Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a lower secondary education. Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.		
Geographical area	South West and Central Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOskillsbranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£3.7m	Total ESF at approval	£2.4m

Title	MeTAL 2		
Organisation	Swansea University		
Synopsis	Building on the success of MeTAL, this project increases the skills level in industry focussing on the key growth area of Advanced Materials and Manufacturing (AM&M). This is achieved through delivery of demand led accredited STEM courses developed with industry to satisfy technical skills shortages.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level.		
Group(s) targeted	Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including lower secondary education. Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£1.5m	Total ESF at approval	£1.1m

Title	SEE (Skills for Employers and Employees) WWV		
Organisation	Coleg Cambria		
Synopsis	Provides training to upskill the workforce in North West region, targeting key sectors and providing skills required by industry. Training is delivered on employers premises or at a convenient community location (mitigating against difficulties in releasing employees for training, a significant barrier to the delivery of training).		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1: To increase the skills levels including work relevant skills of those in the workforce with no or low skills; SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate level.		
Group(s) targeted	Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a lower secondary education. Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.		
Geographical area	North West Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£10.6m	Total ESF at approval	£7.7m

Title	SEE (Skills for Employers and Employees) EW		
Organisation	Coleg Cambria		
Synopsis	<p>Provides training to upskill the workforce in North East region, targeting key sectors and providing skills required by industry.</p> <p>Training to be delivered on employers premises or at a convenient community location (mitigating against difficulties in releasing employees for training, a significant barrier to the delivery of training).</p>		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	<p>SO1: To increase the skills levels including work relevant skills of those in the workforce with no or low skills;</p> <p>SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate level.</p>		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a lower secondary education. Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.</p>		
Geographical area	North East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	<p>Skills Branch</p> <p>WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK</p>		
Total Project Cost at approval	£5.6m	Total ESF at approval	£2.7m

Title	KESS II		
Organisation	Bangor University		
Synopsis	<p>KESS II promotes higher level / innovation skills to increase research and innovation within the workplace for SMEs including micro companies.</p> <p>The project is delivering a range of collaborative research masters and doctoral level opportunities within universities and companies in the West Wales and the Valleys area.</p>		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO3: To increase the number of people with graduate degrees or equivalent undertaking research and innovation activities with enterprise.		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Participants with a graduate degree or equivalent.</p> <p>Enterprises who collaborate with learning providers in research and innovation activities.</p>		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	<p>Skills Branch</p> <p>WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK</p>		
Total Project Cost at approval	£36m	Total ESF at approval	£25.9m

Title	Skills for Industry 2		
Organisation	Gower College Swansea		
Synopsis	Provides a strategic approach to the delivery of workforce development raising skill levels and tackling skills gaps and shortages by providing lower skilled workers with vocational skills and qualifications and supporting demand led provision across a variety of occupational sectors across South West and Central Wales		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	<p>SO1: To increase the skills levels, including work relevant skills, of those in the workforce with no or low skills;</p> <p>SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate level.</p>		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Employed individuals with no skills progressing to ISCED level 1; Employed individuals with skills at ISCED level 1 progressing to ISCED level 2;</p> <p>Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a lower secondary education. Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.</p>		
Geographical area	South West and Central Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£16.8m	Total ESF at approval	£11.8m

Title	Upskilling@Work WWV		
Organisation	Coleg y Cymoedd		
Synopsis	<p>Provide a strategic approach to the delivery of workforce development raising skill levels and tackling skills gaps and shortages by supporting demand led provision across a variety of occupational sectors across the south east section of the West Wales & the Valleys area.</p> <p>Enables employed individuals to access training and development activities developed to be a driver of productivity and growth and aid employment opportunities, leading to a certified outcome at Level 3 to Level 5 across identified sectors.</p> <p>All qualifications will be accredited with Ofqual. The delivery of qualifications will take place in the workplace, on-line and specialist centres where appropriate.</p> <p>The content will be tailored to the needs and requirements of the employer and build upon the experience and skills of the participant.</p>		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	<p>SO1: To increase the skills level, including work relevant skills of those in the workforce with no or low skills;</p> <p>SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level.</p>		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed, including self-employed participants with no formal qualification. • Employed, including self-employed participants with qualification up to and including level 2. • Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a lower secondary education. • Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education. 		
Geographical area	South East Wales		
WEFO team contact	WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost	£9.3m	Total ESF at approval	£6.2m

Title	Upskilling@Work EW		
Organisation	Coleg Gwent		
Synopsis	<p>Provide a strategic approach to the delivery of workforce development raising skill levels and tackling skills gaps and shortages by supporting demand led provision across a variety of occupational sectors across the south east section of the West Wales & the Valleys area.</p> <p>Enables employed individuals to access training and development activities developed to be a driver of productivity and growth and aid employment opportunities, leading to a certified outcome at Level 3 to Level 5 across identified sectors.</p> <p>All qualifications will be accredited with Ofqual. The delivery of qualifications will take place in the workplace, on-line and specialist centres where appropriate.</p> <p>The content will be tailored to the needs and requirements of the employer and build upon the experience and skills of the participant.</p>		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	<p>SO1: To increase the skills level, including work relevant skills of those in the workforce with no or low skills;</p> <p>SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level.</p>		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed, including self-employed participants with no formal qualification. • Employed, including self-employed participants with qualification up to and including level 2. • Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a lower secondary education. • Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education. 		
Geographical area	South East Wales		
WEFO team contact	WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost	£9.5m	Total ESF at approval	£4.6m

Title	Leading Business Growth East Wales		
Organisation	Cardiff Metropolitan University		
Synopsis	The provision of higher level vocational and professional skills at ISCED Level 3 to 7 based on the highly successful LEAD & Leading Growth programmes, to organisation leaders through development interventions and programmes. The programme is delivering in collaboration with 20Twenty at Cardiff Metropolitan University in East Wales.		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level.		
Group(s) targeted	Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.		
Geographical area	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost	£4.1m	Total ESF at approval	£2.4m

Title	North Wales Business Academy WWV		
Organisation	Grwp Llandrillo Menai		
Synopsis	Grwp Llandrillo Menai led project delivering academic qualifications and theoretical knowledge with practical application in the workplace. The project is driving significant, sustainable and measurable economic growth through excellent, strategic leadership and management for North Wales.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level.		
Group(s) targeted	Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including lower secondary education. Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.		
Geographical area	North West Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost	£2.7m	Total ESF at approval	£1.9m

Title	North Wales Business Academy EW		
Organisation	Grwp Llandrillo Menai		
Synopsis	Grwp Llandrillo Menai led project delivering academic qualifications and theoretical knowledge with practical application in the workplace. The project is driving significant, sustainable and measurable economic growth through excellent, strategic leadership and management for North Wales		
Programme	ESF		
Specific Objective	SO2: To increase the number of people in the workforce with technical and job specific skills at an intermediate and higher level.		
Group(s) targeted	Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including lower secondary education. Employed, including self-employed participants with up to and including a higher secondary education.		
Geographical area	North East Wales		
Region	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Skills Branch WEFOSkillsBranch@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost	£1.7m	Total ESF at approval	£0.8m

ESF – Youth Employment and Attainment

Title	Jobs Growth Wales		
Organisation	Department for Education & Skills (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	The project is aimed at unemployed young people aged 16-24, giving them valuable work experience for a 6 month period paid at or above National Minimum Wage between 25 and 40 hours per week		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1: To reduce the number of 16-24 year olds who are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET).		
Group(s) targeted	16-24 year olds who are unemployed not on the DWP's Work Programme, that are work ready and have completed all relevant training but have failed to secure employment as they lack work experience.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £32m East Wales - £20.9m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £18m East Wales - £7m

Title	Traineeships		
Organisation	Department for Education and Skills (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	Provides vocationally based learning for 16-18 year olds who are NEET.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1: To reduce the number of 16-24 year olds who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET)		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Young people 16-18 years of age who are NEET.</p> <p>Those that have left compulsory education, who are undecided on a post 16 learning opportunity and/or do not have the skills and aptitudes to secure employment.</p>		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £90.9m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £58.1m
	East Wales - £64.8m		East Wales - £17.5m

Title	Stem Cymru 2		
Organisation	Engineering Education Scheme Wales Ltd.		
Synopsis	The Project will offer a progressive series of exciting and motivating interventions to increase the take up of and attainment levels in STEM subjects amongst 11-19 year olds.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO3: To increase the take up of and attainment levels in STEM subjects amongst 11-19 year olds.		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people aged 11-14 prior to their GCSE choices • Young people aged 15-16 prior to their Level 3 choices • Young people aged 17-19 prior to their further or higher education choices • Females aged 11-19 at all key stages of education 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£2.1m	Total ESF at approval	£1.7m

Title	Communities4Work		
Organisation	Department for Local Government and Communities (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	Communities4Work is a major development of the Welsh Government's Communities First Programme to tackle poverty, co-sponsored by Department for Work and Pensions. The proposal provides an opportunity to deliver creative and innovative models of intensive mentoring and employment support, for 16-24 year olds who are Not in Employment Education or Training engaging and supporting them into work and/or training.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1: To reduce the number of 16-24 year olds who are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET)		
Group(s) targeted	C4W will engage 16-24 year old NEETS living within eligible Communities First funded areas who are disadvantaged and disengaged with 'mainstream services', economically inactive, or dependant on welfare benefits including:- lone parents ;parents from workless house holds; those with work limiting health conditions; those furthest removed from the labour market; those lacking in skills or no skills; those who have restricted or no access to IT services; those from BME communities		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales (Communities First areas)		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £14.6m East Wales - £4.8m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £9.4m East Wales - £2.4m

Title	Progress for Success (PfS)		
Organisation	Department for Education and Public Services		
Synopsis	The programme is raising the quality of the Early Years, Childcare and Play workforce by increasing the levels of relevant childcare qualifications held by the existing workforce within both the maintained and non-maintained sectors. The main focus is on up-skilling Childcare and Play sector workers up to the proposed 'ideal benchmark' of Level 3; a smaller proportion of childcare workers will be up-skilled to Levels 5 and/or 6.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO4: To increase the skills of the Early Years and Childcare workforce.		
Group(s) targeted	Childcare and Play sector workers		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£6.3m	Total ESF at approval	£4.1m

Title	TRAC 11-24		
Organisation	Denbighshire County Council		
Synopsis	North Wales Local Authorities led project supporting young people aged 11-19 disengaging with education, and at risk of becoming NEET. ASPIRE is improving attainment and will support the development of an appropriately skilled, agile and resilient workforce. The project is consistent with the six aspects of the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2: To reduce the number of those at risk becoming NEET amongst 11-24 year olds		
Group(s) targeted	The specific group targeted will be Young People 11-19 within an educational provision (including Pupil Referral Units and home schooled pupils), and identified as being at highest risk of becoming NEET.		
Geographical area	North West Wales (Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy and Denbighshire) East Wales (Wrexham, Flintshire)		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£18.1m	Total ESF at approval	£11.5m

Title	Inspire 2 Achieve WWV		
Organisation	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (West Wales & the Valleys)		
Synopsis	Provides one to one and group tailored support for young people aged 11-24 to address and overcome their barriers. Young people to increase their self esteem, develop soft skills and gain qualifications to enable them to enter further learning, training and/or employment.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To reduce the number of those at risk becoming NEET amongst 11-24 year olds		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Participants most at risk of becoming NEET (11-24):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-16 year olds: Identify young people through Local Authority Early Identification processes as part of the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework. • 16-18 year olds: Identify young people through the Welsh Government Wales 5 tier model, who are at risk at becoming NEET and are in Tier 1 (unknowns) and 4. • 19-24 Vulnerable groups (e.g. BME, ESOL, ALN, young carers, young parents, homeless, pregnant, care leavers, young offenders) identified through partnership forums in Local authorities including statutory, voluntary and third sector. 		
Geographical area	Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Torfaen, Neath Port Talbot		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£18.9m	Total ESF at approval	£14m

Title	Inspire 2 Achieve EW		
Organisation	Newport City Council (East Wales)		
Synopsis	To provide one to one and group tailored support for young people aged 11-24 to address and overcome their barriers. Young people will increase their self esteem, develop soft skills and gain qualifications to enable them to enter further learning, training and/or employment.		
Programme	ESF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2: To reduce the number of those at risk becoming NEET amongst 11-24 year olds		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Participants most at risk of becoming NEET (11-24):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-16 year olds: Identify young people through Local Authority Early Identification processes as part of the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework. • 16-18 year olds: Identify young people through the Welsh Government Wales 5 tier model, who are at risk at becoming NEET and are in Tier 1 (unknowns) and 4. • 19-24 Vulnerable groups (e.g. BME, ESOL, ALN, young carers, young parents, homeless, pregnant, care leavers, young offenders) identified through partnership forums in Local authorities including statutory, voluntary and third sector. 		
Geographical area	South East Wales (Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Torfaen, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport and the Vale of Glamorgan)		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£9.2m	Total ESF at approval	£4.2m

Title	Parent, Childcare and Employment (PaCE)		
Organisation	Welsh Government – Department for Local Government and Communities		
Synopsis	The Project is helping economically inactive parents aged 16 to 24 into sustainable work, where childcare is their main barrier. The project is providing solutions to overcome their childcare barriers to enable the parent to prepare for and access employment opportunities. Parents will receive individualised help via a Parent Employment Adviser in their local community.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1: To reduce the number of 16-24 year olds who are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET)		
Group(s) targeted	Economically inactive: a) Lone parents aged 16-24 b) Couple parent aged 16-24– workless household c) Couple parent aged 16-24– one parent working		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales & Valleys - £1.8m East Wales - £0.9m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales & Valleys - £1.2m East Wales - £0.5m

Title	Active Inclusion Youth		
Organisation	WCVA		
Synopsis	<p>Active Inclusion Youth will concentrate on groups that sit outside mainstream provision. The project is taking a focussed approach to support young people who are NEET and sit within specific target groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lone Parents • Work Limiting Health Conditions • ex-offenders and BME <p>They will receive support and up to 26 weeks paid opportunity.</p>		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1: To reduce the number of 16-24 year olds who are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET)		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Young people aged between 16 – 24 who are not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETS) and who are not work ready</p> <p>Lone Parents, People with Disabilities or work limiting health conditions, BAME, young people in workless households.</p>		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	<p>Poverty and Youth Branch</p> <p>WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK</p>		
Total Project Cost at approval	<p>West Wales Valleys - £8.3m</p> <p>East Wales - £4.6m</p>	Total ESF at approval	<p>West Wales Valleys - £5.8m</p> <p>East Wales – 1m</p>

Title	Cynnydd		
Organisation	Pembrokeshire County Council		
Synopsis	Providing a full range of engagement, learning and training activities for 11 – 19 year olds in order to reduce the number of young people who are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training). Also increasing the attainment levels of 11 – 16 year olds who are at risk of becoming NEET.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO2: To reduce the number of those at risk of becoming NEET, amongst 11-24 year olds.		
Group(s) targeted	Participants most at risk of becoming NEET aged 11-19		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Poverty and Youth Branch WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£19m	Total ESF at approval	£13.3m

Title	Achieve Through Work Experience		
Organisation	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales		
Synopsis	Provides a coherent programme of work experienced based interventions and encourage take up of employability enhancing experiences for students on HE programmes in Wales facing the greatest barriers to employment.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2: To reduce the number of those at risk of becoming NEET, amongst 11-24 year olds.		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Individuals pursuing a HE course in Wales who are under the age of 24 years at the start of their intervention from one of more of the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students with disabilities, • students from BME groups, • care leavers, • students with caring responsibilities, • students from low income households, students from communities first households, • students from low HE participation areas 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales Valleys - £5.2m East Wales - £2.1m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales Valleys - £3.6m East Wales - £1m

Title	Together for a Healthy Working Wales (16-24)		
Potential backbone project	No		
Organisation	Welsh Government – Department for Health and Social Services		
Synopsis	Provides peer mentoring and specialist employment services to achieve employment outcomes for young people aged 16-24 with substance misuse and/or mental health issues who are in the NEET category.		
Programme	ESF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	Specific Objective 1 – To reduce the number of 16-24 year olds who are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET).		
Group(s) targeted	Young people who at the point of entry into the OOWS are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged 16-24 • NEET • Have Substance Misuse (SMU) or Mental Health (MH) or MH or co-occurring SMU and MH issues and • Living within the eligible geographical area 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales Valleys - £2.6m East Wales - £1.4m	Total ESF at approval	West Wales Valleys - £2m East Wales - £0.7m

Title	Inspire 2 Work		
Potential backbone operation	No		
Organisation	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (West Wales & the Valleys); Newport City Council (East Wales)		
Synopsis	To provide tailored support for young people aged 16-24 who are NEET to address and overcome their barriers, increase their self esteem, develop employability skills and move closer to the labour market. This will result in young people gaining valuable qualifications, entering further learning and gaining employment.		
Programme	ESF		
Specific Objective	Specific Objective 1: To reduce the number of 16-24 year olds who are Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET)		
Group(s) targeted	NEET Participants (16 - 24 years of age) 16-18 year olds: Identify young people through the Welsh Government 5 tier model, particularly those who Tier 1 (unknowns) or 2 (unable or have complex barriers). 19-24 (YA+E) JSA Claimants (non work programme/ work programme returners) 16-24 Vulnerable groups (e.g. BME, ESOL, young carers, young parents, homeless, pregnant, care leavers, young offenders), and those young people experiencing the most disadvantage and furthest from the labour market.		
Geographical area	South East Wales (Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Torfaen, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport and the Vale of Glamorgan)		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	WEFOEmploymentYoungPeople@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK		
Total Project Cost at approval	£7.3m	Total ESF at approval	£5.4m

ERDF – Research & Innovation

Title	Aberystwyth Innovation and Enterprise Campus (AIEC)		
Organisation	Aberystwyth University & Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)		
Synopsis	<p>The overall aim of AIEC is to serve as a platform to develop and evaluate new plant, microbial and animal production systems and increase research and innovation capacity in Wales.</p> <p>The infrastructure, facilities, advanced technology expertise will also help businesses translate innovations and investments in basic plant science, food supply chain, nutrition and environmental research into new products, processes and services.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.1: To increase the success of Welsh research institutions in attracting competitive and private research funding.		
Group(s) targeted	SME's and Research Institutes		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Andrew Davies Andrew.davies4@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£35.5m	Total ERDF at approval	£20m

Title	SMART Innovation (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Department for Economy, Science and Transport (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>SMART Innovation provides Pan Wales support for innovation and commercialisation in the form of specialist advice for SMEs and large companies. The project will fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation Specialists to provide technical support • Intellectual Property advisors • Manufacturing and Design Advisors (procured via a framework consultancy model) • Collaboration with the National Institute for Social Care and Health Research to facilitate the commercialisation of IP from the health service • Open Innovation activity focusing on developing R&D collaboration opportunities between Welsh SMEs, academia and Anchor companies. • A Commercialisation Manager, who will be closely aligned to the Open Innovation activity. • Innovation Specialists will link closely with academic institutions and develop collaborative projects with businesses and related academic departments. <p>The project represents the Welsh Government's core support for innovation and commercialisation. It links very closely with ES&T's SMART Cymru and SMART Expertise projects.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs		
Group(s) targeted	SMEs and large enterprises		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Natalie Owen Natalie.owen@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £11.3m East Wales - £7.6m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £7.5m East Wales - £3.8m

Title	Cardiff University Brain Research and Imaging Centre II (CUBRIC II)		
Organisation	Cardiff University		
Synopsis	<p>CUBRIC's vision is to understand variation in brain and behaviour in health and disease by developing advanced imaging methods that reveal specific, biologically informative features of brain structure and function.</p> <p>CUBRIC provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World-class imaging capacity / facilities • Hospital-standard clinical suite for patient research and clinical trials • Laboratory suites • Office space for people / students, with Hot-desking for researchers / external collaborator visitors 		
Programme	ERDF – East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1.1: To increase the success of Welsh research institutions in attracting competitive and private research funding.		
Group(s) targeted	Researchers and Industrial Partners		
Geographical area	South East Wales (Cardiff)		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Lynne McBride Lynne.mcbride@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£16.2m	Total ERDF at approval	£4.6m

Title	SMART Cymru (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Department for Economy, Science and Transport (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>SMART Cymru offers Pan Wales support for businesses at different stages of the RD&I process including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and Commercial Feasibility (TCF) – to investigate and assess technological & commercial viability of innovative ideas for products, processes or technologies • Industrial Research (IR) – to research and acquire new knowledge to facilitate the development of new products, processes or technologies, or significant improvement of existing ones • Experimental Development (ED) - to implement the results of industrial research for the development of new products, processes or technologies e.g. pre production prototype • Exploitation - to assist exploitation costs of a new product or process (developed in an earlier SMART Cymru phase) e.g. trade fairs and product certification. • Innovation Vouchers providing capital and revenue funding. <p>It represents the Welsh Government’s core support for RD&I, and operates alongside other Welsh Government projects such as SMART Innovation and SMART Expertise.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs		
Group(s) targeted	SME’s and Large Enterprises		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Richard Hooper Richard.hooper@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £34m East Wales - £29m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £15.1m East Wales - £12.3m

Title	SMART Expertise (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Department for Economy, Science and Transport (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>SMART Expertise offers a pan-Wales grants scheme via Higher and Further education Institutions, primarily designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the capacity and expertise of HE/FE institutions to develop research excellence in areas identified under smart specialisation, and • Promote increased engagement and knowledge transfer between HE/FE institutions and Welsh industry (SMEs and large enterprises), where there are common aims and a clear business pull / industrial need for the technology, product or process. • SMART Expertise forms one of three Welsh Government projects along with SMART Cymru and SMART Innovation, which form the core support for RD&I. 		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs		
Group(s) targeted	HE / FE Institutions and Welsh Industry (SME's and large enterprises)		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Rachel Jones Rachel.e.jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys – £33.7m East Wales - £17.5m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys – £21.2m East Wales - £9.1m

Title	M-SParc		
Organisation	Bangor University		
Synopsis	<p>M-SParc constructs and provides accommodation and ancillary services for science based industry facing projects.</p> <p>It provides support for the development of smart specialisation clusters, with a focus on commercialising research and development and innovation in the low carbon energy and environment (80%) and ICT (20%)sectors</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs		
Group(s) targeted	SMEs & HEIs		
Geographical area	North West Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Lynette Hough Lynette.hough@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£20.2m	Total ERDF at approval	£10.2m

Title	SER CYMRU II (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Department for Economy, Science and Transport (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>A fellowship scheme to form part of the Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales' strategy to build research capacity in Wales.</p> <p>The scheme will complement the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions COFUND proposal.</p> <p>The Welsh Fellowship Proposal will support fellowships in any areas of research of relevance to the three pillars in the Science for Wales strategy, with particular focus on smart specialisation and innovation.</p> <p>High quality researchers and research proposals which are driven by innovation will be prioritised. Applications to the scheme will come from individuals who have identified a University partner who will sponsor the fellowship (this is a requirement). Payments will be made to the university. Over half of the fellowships are expected to involve collaborations with industry.</p> <p>The scheme will support individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coming into Wales from anywhere in the world and will have transnational mobility (as with COFUND) and • UK applicants who will be based in Wales 		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1.1: To increase the success of Welsh research institutions in attracting competitive and private research funding.		
Group(s) targeted	Researchers within the UK and Globally		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Natalie Owen Natalie.owen@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys – £20.6m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys – £14.7m
	East Wales - £18.5m		East Wales - £8m

Title	Beacon+		
Organisation	Aberystwyth University, partnered with Bangor University & Swansea University		
Synopsis	<p>Beacon+ harnesses the capacity of bio-refining (the process of transforming plants into products via physical, chemical and biological means) to add value to Welsh natural resources.</p> <p>By undertaking collaborative R&D with business Beacon+ will translate academic knowledge into product innovation, thereby giving Welsh companies' competitive advantage to achieve sustainable growth.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs		
Group(s) targeted	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New and existing SME's in the convergence region 2. Larger private organisations 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Andrew Davies Andrew.davies@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£12m	Total ERDF at approval	£7.9m

Title	Advanced Engineering and Materials Research Institute		
Organisation	TWI Wales		
Synopsis	TWI has built the first specialised Structural Integrity centre, where advanced engineering materials and low-carbon energy innovations are developed and validated using full scale test structures currently unavailable in the UK. The centre optimises simulation and develop high speed automated inspection to ensure the safety of critical structures.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.1: To increase the success of Welsh research institutions in attracting competitive and private research funding.		
Group(s) targeted	Industrial companies throughout the UK will be supported. Collaborations will be sought with all Welsh Universities		
Geographical area	Port Talbot Harbourside (West Wales and the Valleys)		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Andrew Davies Andrew.davies4@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£12.9m	Total ERDF at approval	£7.5m

Title	Sustainable Product Engineering Centre for Innovation in Functional Coatings (SPECIFIC)		
Organisation	Swansea University, in partnership with Cardiff University		
Synopsis	<p>SPECIFIC is an academic and industrial consortium led by Swansea University with significant industrial partners. Its vision is to address the challenge of low carbon electricity and heat by enabling buildings to generate, store and release their own energy, in one system, using only the energy from the sun, i.e. 'Buildings as Power Stations'.</p> <p>At its core is the SPECIFIC Innovation and Knowledge Centre (IKC) (the only one in Wales), which was set up in 2011 funded by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) • Innovate UK (formerly Technology Strategy Board) • Welsh Government funding. <p>Since its inception, SPECIFIC has established an expanding network of academic and industrial partners and the development of new technologies which are ready to be progressed and adopted for industry commercialisation.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs.		
Group(s) targeted	Welsh companies		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Gareth Llewellyn Gareth.Llewellyn@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£26.3m	Total ERDF at approval	£15m

Title	FLEXIS – Flexible Integrated Systems (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Cardiff University in partnership with Aberystwyth University, Bangor University, Swansea University and the University of South Wales		
Synopsis	FLEXIS aims to create a world class energy systems research capability in Wales, by bringing together research experts specialising in energy networks, infrastructure, resources, storage, load management, demand and safety management, who will adopt a systems approach to energy challenges, both within Wales and internationally.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1.1: To increase the success of Welsh research institutions in attracting competitive and private research funding.		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh-based academics/ researchers working in the energy environment sector • Welsh based SMEs • Large companies, including multi national and anchor companies • Domestic energy consumers • Industrial energy consumers 		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Lynette Hough Lynette.hough@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £14.6m East Wales: £9.8m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £9.5m East Wales: £5.6m

Title	Computational Foundry		
Organisation	Swansea University		
Synopsis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Capital build to house high-end computer science research facilities. • Revenue costs to fund a project management and delivery team to support the research staff on winning competitive research funding. • The Computational Foundry will increase the amount of research funding secured for Higher Education Institutions by providing state of the art facilities and increasing capacity within Swansea University to work closely with industry to understand their future research needs in order to deliver collaborate research. 		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.1: To increase the success of Welsh research institutions in attracting competitive and private research funding		
Group(s) targeted	<p>Higher Education Institutions and other institutions.</p> <p>Private sector businesses investing in Research & Development.</p> <p>Internationally recognized and world-class research collaborators.</p> <p>Anchor companies, large companies, small to medium sized enterprises, with a focus on Computer Science.</p>		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	<p>Rachel Jones</p> <p>Rachel.e.jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk</p>		
Total Project Cost at approval	£25.9m	Total ERDF at approval	£17.1m

Title	CEMET – Centre of Excellence in Mobile & Emerging Technologies		
Organisation	University of South Wales		
Synopsis	The CEMET proposal aims to increase research excellence base in mobile and wireless technologies in Wales, working with businesses to jointly develop R&D projects thereby translating academic knowledge and research into the development of improved products and services.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs.		
Group(s) targeted	Businesses within Smart Specialisation strength areas and clusters focussing on the three Grand Challenge areas.		
Geographical area	Pan-Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Richard Hooper Richard.hooper@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£6.4m	Total ERDF at approval	£4.2m

Title	ASTUTE 2020 (Advanced Sustainable Manufacturing Technologies) 2 x projects		
Potential backbone project	No		
Organisation	Swansea University in partnership with Cardiff University and other HE Institutions (to be confirmed) on an Associate basis.		
Synopsis	<p>The best engineering and science capabilities in Welsh Universities will be used to effectively collaborate with Welsh manufacturing companies in industry-led, applied technological research for high economic impact.</p> <p>The aim will be to use adaptive Smart Specialisation to address current technical challenges faced by the sector and to address, develop and drive future manufacturing trends to strengthen competitive, sustainable local manufacturing in a fully globalised economy.</p> <p>ASTUTE 2020 will aim to focus and build on the most successful aspects of the previous ASTUTE project and develop into a key driver for a Welsh Innovation Eco System.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs.		
Group(s) targeted	Welsh Businesses – particularly in aerospace, automotive, medical, photonics and other high value manufacturing sectors.		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Mark Williams Mark.Williams3@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£14.7m	Total ERDF at approval	£10m

Title	SEACAMS 2 (Sustainable Expansion of the Applied Coastal and Marine Sectors)		
Potential backbone project	Yes		
Organisation	Bangor University		
Synopsis	Expanding SEACAM's success with a focus to develop innovative change in the marine/coastal Low Carbon Economy of Wales, SEACAMS 2 will boost investment in renewable energy and sustainable resource sectors by facilitating the translation of research to business activity, meeting burgeoning demand for coordinated information, data and modelling of coastal/marine processes		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs		
Group(s) targeted			
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Cheryl Jones Cheryl.jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£17.1m	Total ERDF at approval	£11.9m

Title	AgorIP		
Organisation	Swansea University		
Synopsis	Creation of an open access framework to support the commercialisation of existing research through enhanced capacity and co-ordination, building upon the well developed and effective knowledge transfer system between HE and business. The activity will include experimental development, demonstrating, testing and piloting existing ideas leading to commercialisation.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs.		
Group(s) targeted	The main focus will be on the Grand Challenge area of Life Science and Health with innovation spill over providing technology opportunities in sectors including Advanced Manufacturing and ICT and the Digital Marketplace.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Amanda Hayman Amanda.Hayman@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£13.5m	Total ERDF at approval	£4.7m

Title	Institute for Compound Semiconductor		
Potential backbone operation	No		
Organisation	Cardiff University		
Synopsis	<p>The Institute for Compound Semiconductor (ICS) will focus on research and development activities relevant to the 'commercialisation' of CS technologies. ERDF will provide funding for the specialist fit out of the ICS to provide a laboratory and cleanroom and equipment, along with skilled personnel to deliver the research support for the development of new products, processes and services.</p> <p>The ICS will form part of the larger Translational Research Facility (TRF) which will be located on the new Innovation Campus at the Maindy Road site.</p>		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO1.2: To increase the successful translation of research and innovation processes into new and improved commercial products, processes and services, in particular through improved technology transfer from HEIs.		
Group(s) targeted	<p>The proposed ICS aims take advantage of the global opportunity that CS technology brings Welsh Businesses. The aim is to position East Wales as the focal point for the creation of Europe's 5th Semiconductor cluster, the first dedicated to Compound Semiconductor Technology.</p> <p>Wales already has a number of companies embracing CS technology. A growing number of CS technology based companies include those that manufacture products, develop devices and integrate systems, or provide services to those that do.</p>		
Geographical area	East Wales		
Region	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	<p>Mark Williams</p> <p>Mark.Williams3@wales.gsi.gov.uk</p>		
Total Project Cost at approval	£32.7m	Total ERDF at approval	£13.1m

Title	IMPACT – Innovation Materials Processing And Numerical Technologies		
Potential backbone operation	No		
Organisation	Swansea University		
Synopsis	<p>IMPACT includes a new building on the Swansea Bay Campus to provide an innovative material, processing and numerical technologies research base. It will house Specialist Laboratories, Innovations and Knowledge Exchange Space, the IMPACT Delivery Team and a Materials & Manufacturing Academy.</p> <p>This will enable the operation to deliver critical mass by providing the specialist space, tools, industrial engagement and higher skills development infrastructure.</p> <p>It aims to align world class technology development and delivery with industrial and entrepreneurial training in a multidisciplinary environment, within Swansea University's high impact research themes of Materials Science and Numerical Modelling.</p>		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO1.1: To increase the success of Welsh research institutions in attracting competitive and private research funding.		
Group(s) targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education Institutions • Other Institutions and Private Sector Businesses Investing in R&D • International Research Collaborators 		
Geographical area	Swansea		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Jacqueline Jones Jacqueline.jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£35m	Total ERDF at approval	£17.4

Title	SPARC II Solar Photovoltaic Academic Research Consortium		
Potential backbone operation	No		
Organisation	Swansea University, partnered by Bangor and Aberystwyth Universities		
Synopsis	SPARC II will build an internationally competitive R&I capacity in solar photovoltaic technology in Wales. The legacy will be a critical mass of strongly collaborating Welsh research centres providing continuity beyond the end of Smart Specialisation and additionally yielding positive impact on the expanding Welsh solar energy industry through access to world class expertise.		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO1.1: To increase the success of Welsh research institutions in attracting competitive and private research funding.		
Group(s) targeted	<p>The three universities comprising 6 Centres* will provide a critical mass of R&D expertise covering advanced power electronics for efficient extraction of power from PV modules, development of materials processes for thin film PV and PV module design for building integrated PV (BIPV).</p> <p>This operation will work with the Welsh PV industry: inward investment, existing Welsh based SMEs, large & multinational companies.</p> <p>*These centres will collaborate with leading research centres worldwide, multinational companies in PV manufacture/ PV supply chain.</p>		
Geographical area	West Wales		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Bethan Owen Bethan.owen@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£7.2	Total ERDF at approval	£4.8

ERDF – SME Competitiveness

Title	Entrepreneurship Support – Business Wales (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Department for Economy, Science and Transport (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>This project delivers entrepreneurship promotion and support to Wales based entrepreneurs and young growth businesses in order to develop an entrepreneurial environment and sustainable stock of young businesses in Wales.</p> <p>The project targets an improved entrepreneurial environment and an increase in number of sustainable business starts ups in Wales leading to an increase in jobs and business growth.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.2: To increase the number of SME start-ups through the provision of information, advice and guidance.		
Group(s) targeted	Individuals, SMEs		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Fiona Hay Fiona.Hay@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £31m East Wales: £10.3m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £18.6m East Wales: £6.2m

Title	SME Support – Business Wales (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Department for Economy, Science and Transport (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	The project will support micro businesses and SMEs in Wales to grow and prosper. The Welsh Government in collaboration with its partners in the public, private and third sector will deliver a comprehensive and tailored information and support package to enable job creation, wealth and business growth in Wales.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.4: To increase the growth of those SMEs with growth potential, in particular through accessing new markets (both domestic and international).		
Group(s) targeted	SMEs		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Fiona Hay Fiona.Hay@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £33.3m East Wales - £11.1m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £20m East Wales - £6.7m

Title	Social Business Wales (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Wales Co-operative Centre		
Synopsis	<p>Aligning to the Business Wales provision this project provides an overarching service to support growth social businesses in Wales. Social businesses include social enterprises, mutuals, co-operatives and employee owned business.</p> <p>The project aims to grow the social business sector and create good new quality jobs. It will support consortia development and work to build the capacity of SMEs to access procurement opportunities and will provide support for business succession and employee ownership.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.4: To increase SME productivity and promote business growth through the provision of advice and guidance.		
Group(s) targeted	Social Enterprises and SMEs		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Fiona Hay Fiona.Hay@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £8.9m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £5.2m
	East Wales - £2.2m		East Wales - £1.1m

Title	Superfast Broadband Business Exploitation (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Department for Economy, Science and Transport (Welsh Government)		
Synopsis	<p>The proposed project aims to increase the economic return of superfast broadband infrastructure by escalating its use by SMEs.</p> <p>This will be done by increasing the understanding of the technology and its benefits; an upturn in adoption of superfast broadband by Welsh SME; and an increased exploitation as more SMEs use the technology to improve their businesses.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.3: To increase the take-up and exploitation of NGA networks and ICT infrastructure by SMEs		
Group(s) targeted	SMEs		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Bethan Evans bethan.evans2@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £8.9m East Wales - £3.6m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys - £5.4m East Wales - £1.6m

Title	Wales Business Fund - SME Start-up and Expansion (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Finance Wales		
Synopsis	<p>The proposed funds will address market failure in the provision of finance to SMEs by establishing an investment fund which will invest in SMEs, thereby increasing the amount of finance available for both start-up and existing SMEs pan-Wales.</p> <p>Access to Finance scheme(s) such as loans, equity and mezzanine finance are identified as a backbone or core activity in the Economic Prioritisation Framework. A fund manager has been appointed and the fund will be projectal from July 2016.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.1: To increase the amount of finance available to SMEs for both business start-up and for business expansion		
Group(s) targeted	Start-up and existing SME's		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Mike Wallwork Mike.wallwork@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £149.6m East Wales: £22.3m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and Valleys: £74.8m East Wales: £9.9m

Title	Wales Business Fund – Innovation (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Finance Wales		
Synopsis	<p>Wales Business Fund provides risk-capital finance (equity) for the creation and growth of research-intensive and innovative businesses, such as spin-outs.</p> <p>The project will invest in SMEs across a number of the Thematic Economic Opportunities such as Advanced Manufacturing, Life Sciences and Health in particular.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.5: To address market failures in the availability of finance, in particular risk capital, for Welsh SMEs to undertake innovation and commercialise R&D.		
Group(s) targeted	Research-intensive and innovative businesses, such as spin-outs		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	<p>Mike Wallwork</p> <p>Mike.wallwork@wales.gsi.gov.uk</p>		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £41.4m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £20.7m
	East Wales: £12.7m		East Wales: £5.5m

Title	Social Business Growth Fund (SBGF) (2 x projects)		
Potential backbone project	No		
Organisation	WCVA		
Synopsis	<p>This project provides a tailored and specialised repayable assistance offering to social businesses in Wales to support their growth.</p> <p>The project will support social businesses that can demonstrate clear growth opportunities to increase their trading income, become more sustainable and create new employment opportunities.</p>		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
Specific Objective	SO2.4: To increase the growth of those SMEs with growth potential, in particular through accessing new markets (both domestic and international).		
Group(s) targeted	SMEs		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Cheryl Jones cheryl.jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £3m East Wales: £1m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £1.8m East Wales: £0.5m

ERDF – Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency

Title	Deep Green 1.5MW Holyhead Deep (2 x projects)		
Organisation	Minesto AB		
Synopsis	The establishment of the Minesto UK HQ in Anglesey, Wales, and the development of a 1.5MW Deep Green low velocity tidal energy array in Holyhead Deep, off the coast of Holyhead, Anglesey, Wales.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO3.1: To increase the number of renewable energy devices being tested in Welsh waters and off the Welsh coast, including multi-device array deployments, thereby establishing Wales as a centre for marine energy production		
Group(s) targeted	The Marine Energy Sector		
Geographical area	Tidal array in Holyhead Deep off the coast of Anglesey, North Wales, Minesto UK HQ based in Anglesey. Potential grid connection point in Llaingoch substation (53.309761°N, -4.650777°E) close to Holyhead.		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Bethan Owen Bethan.owen@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£24.2m	Total ERDF at approval	£10.5m

Title	Wave-Sub		
Organisation	Marine Power Systems Ltd		
Synopsis	Design (Swansea), manufacture and testing of a 1:4 scale WaveSub prototype WEC within the Haven Waterway Enterprise Zone.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO3.1: To increase the number of renewable energy devices being tested in Welsh waters and off the Welsh coast, including multi-device array deployments, thereby establishing Wales as a centre for marine energy production		
Group(s) targeted	The Marine Energy Sector		
Geographical area	Swansea and Haven Waterway Enterprise Zone, Pembrokeshire		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Lynette Hough Lynette.hough@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£3m	Total ERDF at approval	£2.1m

Title	Ocean Wave Rower		
Potential backbone project	No		
Organisation	Wave-tricity		
Synopsis	The building and testing of a wave energy converter device at 1/3 scale and establishment of a Welsh base in Pembroke for design and building and export of future full-scale devices.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO3.1: To increase the number of renewable energy devices being tested in Welsh waters and off the Welsh coast, including multi-device array deployments, thereby establishing Wales as a centre for marine energy production		
Group(s) targeted	The Marine Energy Sector		
Geographical area	South West Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Sarah Gaudie Sarah.gaudie@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£5.9m	Total ERDF at approval	£4.1m

Title	ARBED 3		
Potential backbone operation	Yes		
Organisation	Welsh Government		
Synopsis	The operation will deliver energy efficiency measures in homes facing severe fuel poverty throughout Wales.		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO3.3: To increase the energy efficiency of existing Welsh housing stock, particularly in areas of fuel poverty.		
Group(s) targeted	Households in severe fuel poverty		
Geographical area	Pan Wales		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys & East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Cheryl Jones cheryl.jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £28.4m East Wales: £7.1m	Total ERDF at approval	West Wales and the Valleys: £19.7m East Wales: £3.5m

ERDF – Connectivity & Urban Development

Title	A40 Llanddewi Velfrey to Penblewin Improvement		
Potential backbone operation	Yes		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Science and Natural Resources		
Synopsis	The operation will construct 2 km of new highway to the north of the village of Llanddewi Velfrey and 2.5km of improved highway west of Ffynnon Wood and also include improved facilities for non-motorised travel via new cycle tracks and new bridleway, with a means of crossing the new highway either over or beneath.		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO4.1: To address issues of peripherality and improve private investment in local areas through improvements to the functioning of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).		
Group(s) targeted	Motorists using the A40 in South West Wales		
Geographical area	Pembrokeshire		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Justin Chipp justin.chipp@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£35m	Total ERDF at approval	£23m

Title	A55 Junctions 15 & 16		
Potential backbone operation	Yes		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Science and Natural Resources		
Synopsis	The operation will support the design and construction of grade separated junctions at Junctions 15 and 16 on the A55. The operation includes new slip roads and an underbridge at Llanfairfechan and a new overbridge and slip roads at Dwygyfylchi.		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	4.1 West Wales and the Valleys - To address issues of peripherality and improve private investment in local areas through improvements to the functioning of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).		
Group(s) targeted	Motorists using the A55 in North Wales.		
Geographical area	Conwy		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Kath.roberts@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£40m	Total ERDF at approval	£26.3m

Title	A55 Abergwyngregyn to Tai'r Meibion		
Potential backbone operation	Yes		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Science and Natural Resources		
Synopsis	The operation will widen a 2.1km length of the A55 from dual carriageway trunk road to modern dual carriageway standards thereby improving safety and resilience.		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	4.1 West Wales and the Valleys - To address issues of peripherality and improve private investment in local areas through improvements to the functioning of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).		
Group(s) targeted	Motorists using the A55 in North Wales		
Geographical area	Conwy		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Kath.roberts@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£22.4m	Total ERDF at approval	£14.9m

Title	Tourism Attractor Destinations		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Skills & Natural Resources Group		
Synopsis	To deliver a small number of regionally prioritised strategic tourism infrastructure projects that will help raise the quality and perception of destinations in Wales and encourage business investment and employment growth within the tourism sector in the region.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO4.4: To increase employment through investments in prioritised local or regional infrastructure supporting a regional or urban strategy.		
Group(s) targeted	The specific target groups for the project will be local authorities and organisational stakeholders that have an interest in tourism delivery.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Nicola Weekes nicola.weekes@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£84.8m	Total ERDF at approval	£27.7m

Title	Wales Station Improvement Programme Phase 2		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Science and Natural Resources		
Synopsis	To improve railway stations and the connection with other transport modes across 5 key stations in the West Wales and the Valleys area		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO4.2: To increase urban and labour mobility to and from key urban and employment centres.		
Group(s) targeted	Train passengers		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Craig Roberts craig.roberts5@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£22m	Total ERDF at approval	£16.4m

Title	Port Talbot Integrated Transport Hub		
Potential backbone project	Yes		
Organisation	Neath Port Talbot CBC		
Synopsis	The project provides an integrated transport modal interchange facility at the lower end of Station Road, Port Talbot adjacent to the rebuilt Port Talbot Parkway Station (funded through the NSIP+ Phase 2 Project), with the aim of promoting public transport usage, as well as attracting further economic investment to the area.		
Programme	ERDF – West Wales and the Valleys		
Specific Objective	SO4.2: To increase urban and labour mobility to and from key urban and employment centres.		
Group(s) targeted	Public Transport users in Neath Port Talbot.		
Geographical area	Neath Port Talbot		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Craig Roberts craig.roberts5@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£5.3m	Total ERDF at approval	£2.5m

Title	Ultrafast Broadband WWV		
Potential backbone operation	Yes		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Science and Natural Resources		
Synopsis	<p>This Operation forms part of the delivery of Pan-Wales activity that utilises the technology solution known as Fibre to the Premise (FTTP).</p> <p>The Operation focuses on continuing with the roll-out of an agreed existing deployment plan, along with the incorporation of “harder-to reach” and new premises identified in the Open Market Review (July 2014). The aim is to produce a powerful, future-orientated communications infrastructure provided through a fibre-based network. Beneficiaries accessing this service will include Welsh households and businesses.</p>		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO4.3: To contribute to Digital Agenda for Europe targets in Wales for 100% access to next generation broadband (30Mbps and above) and 50% access to 100 Mbps.		
Group(s) targeted	40,000 residential and business premises not receiving Next Generation Broadband as a result of the two current ERDF projects.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Esther Cashman esther.cashman@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£9.2m	Total ERDF at approval	£6.5m

Title	Ultrafast Broadband EW		
Potential backbone operation	Yes		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Science and Natural Resources		
Synopsis	<p>This Operation forms part of the delivery of Pan-Wales activity that utilises the technology solution known as Fibre to the Premise (FTTP).</p> <p>The Operation focuses on continuing with the roll-out of an agreed existing deployment plan, along with the incorporation of “harder-to reach” and new premises identified in the Open Market Review (July 2014). The aim is to produce a powerful, future-orientated communications infrastructure provided through a fibre-based network. Beneficiaries accessing this service will include Welsh households and businesses.</p>		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO4.2: To contribute to Digital Agenda for Europe targets in Wales for 100% access to next generation broadband (30Mbps and above) and 50% access to 100 Mbps.		
Group(s) targeted	40,000 residential and business premises not receiving Next Generation Broadband as a result of the two current ERDF projects.		
Geographical area	East Wales		
Region	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Esther Cashman esther.cashman@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£4.4m	Total ERDF at approval	£2.2m

Title	Superfast Broadband WWV		
Potential backbone operation	Yes		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Science and Natural Resources		
Synopsis	<p>This Operation forms part of the delivery of Pan-Wales activity that utilises the technology solution known as Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC).</p> <p>The Operation focuses on continuing with the roll-out of an agreed existing deployment plan, along with the incorporation of “harder-to reach” and new premises identified in the Open Market Review (July 2014). The aim is to produce a powerful, future-orientated communications infrastructure provided through a fibre-based network. Beneficiaries accessing this service will include Welsh households and businesses.</p>		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO4.3: To contribute to Digital Agenda for Europe targets in Wales for 100% access to next generation broadband (30Mbps and above) and 50% access to 100 Mbps.		
Group(s) targeted	40,000 residential and business premises not receiving Next Generation Broadband as a result of the two current ERDF projects.		
Geographical area	West Wales and the Valleys		
Region	West Wales and the Valleys		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Esther Cashman esther.cashman@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£21m	Total ERDF at approval	£13.8m

Title	Superfast Broadband EW		
Potential backbone operation	Yes		
Organisation	Welsh Government Economy, Science and Natural Resources		
Synopsis	<p>This Operation forms part of the delivery of Pan-Wales activity that utilises the technology solution known as Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC).</p> <p>The Operation focuses on continuing with the roll-out of an agreed existing deployment plan, along with the incorporation of “harder-to reach” and new premises identified in the Open Market Review (July 2014). The aim is to produce a powerful, future-orientated communications infrastructure provided through a fibre-based network. Beneficiaries accessing this service will include Welsh households and businesses.</p>		
Programme	ERDF		
Specific Objective	SO4.2: To contribute to Digital Agenda for Europe targets in Wales for 100% access to next generation broadband (30Mbps and above) and 50% access to 100 Mbps.		
Group(s) targeted	40,000 residential and business premises not receiving Next Generation Broadband as a result of the two current ERDF projects.		
Geographical area	East Wales		
Region	East Wales		
WEFO team contact (inbox)	Esther Cashman Esther.cashman@wales.gsi.gov.uk		
Total Project Cost at approval	£14.2m	Total ERDF at approval	£7.1m