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European Working & Climate Change

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Why Work at a European Level?

- **EU main destination for Y&H exports & EU regulations have a major impact upon our regional economy;**
- **Europe offers Y&H opportunities to grow our trade, maintain competition and help influence our future.**
- **Essential we engage with Europe to promote our interests, create business and partnership opportunities & where possible try to influence EU decision makers.**



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European Climate Change Policy Context

- The EU is committed to working to a global agreement to control climate change; Undertaken through a variety of approaches:
 - Research and development activities; Political approaches (internal & external); Regulatory approaches: e.g. establishing emission limits; Economic approaches: e.g. taxation systems, emissions trading schemes etc; Financial approaches: FINANCIAL SUPPORT INSTRUMENTS
- Also developed an European Strategy for adapting to climate change:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52009DC00>



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European Climate Change Policy Context

- The key priorities for the EU 2020 Strategy include: 'Empowering people in inclusive societies' & 'Creating a competitive, connected and greener economy' ;
- The LGA believes that Local Authorities should be recognised as key stakeholders in any developments to promote energy saving measures & decentralised generation & well placed to coordinate the roll out of energy saving measures and renewables;
- In July 2009, LGA published its manifesto for building Low Carbon Communities:
<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/publications/publication-display.do?id=2399913>



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Getting Started? - European Funds

- LIFE+ is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU **Budget of €2.14 billion (2007-2013)**.
- 4th LIFE+ call for proposals €243 million available (2010 now closed); Generally 1 call per year, UK National Contact Point – Beta Technology
- FP7 EU's R&D Programme, Budget: €1 890 million (2007 - 2013)
- "Environment" programme which includes: Climate change, pollution and risks; Pressures on environment and climate; Environment and health; Natural hazards



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European Funds

- **Intelligent Energy Europe** - supports capacity building, exchange of best practice, development of market & intelligence awareness raising, education and training
- IEE 2010 call now closed, 2011 call will be published in early 2011
- **Marco Polo II** – EU's funding programme for projects which ship freight transport from the road to sea, rail & inland waterways
- **TENs** (Trans European Transport Networks) – Around €1 billion of financing is available for financial support towards important transport infrastructure projects - in line with a more efficient & environmentally friendly transport networks.



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Getting Started

- Do your desk research, find out as much as you can about the European fund; subscribe to website alerts re: calls for proposals & information days/seminars
- Plan & prepare early, maybe become a partner in a project first to 'test the water' and then move onto becoming Lead Project partner in a later project;
- Find reliable partners early, look to your own networks (e.g. twin towns) to locate partners).
- Use www.yorkshireurope.be partner search facility;
- Use support from NCPs (National Contact Points)
- Use your regional networks/expertise: e.g. Transnational European Funding Group (TEFG), Y&H European Officer Network (EON)



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Useful Websites:

1. LIFE+ website: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm>
2. TENs Networks:
http://tentea.ec.europa.eu/en/apply_for_funding/follow_the_funding_process/calls_for_p
3. FP7: http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm?pg=env
4. Marco Polo II: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/marcopolo/home/home_en.htm#
5. Intelligent Energy Europe:
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm



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QUESTIONS???

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