

**Our Ref: R268**

## **Freedom of Information Request – ERDF Projects**

### **Introduction**

Thank you for your request dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request was as follows:

*I am conducting some research into ERDF funded projects across the UK. As part of this work I am trying to identify successful ERDF applications in South East England. I would be grateful if you can provide me with, or direct me towards, details of all successful ERDF applications for the South East - ideally in a spreadsheet/Microsoft Excel format.*

### **Information requested**

I can confirm that the information you have requested is either publicly available or is held by SEEDA. By way of context I should say that, as you may be aware, the government has decided that all Regional Development Agencies will close by April 2012, and SEEDA is currently working on the transfer or closure of functions and programmes. The government has announced that responsibility for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) will transfer to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. In the meantime the programme remains open with Regional Development Agencies continuing to appraise applications and to monitor the projects which have been awarded funding.

Information relating to Rounds 1 and 2 of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) can be found at:

[www.seeda.co.uk/what-we-do/european-investment/erdf/existing-erdf-projects](http://www.seeda.co.uk/what-we-do/european-investment/erdf/existing-erdf-projects)

Published information includes project name, project description, lead delivery partner and amount of grant awarded. Please note that all grants made under Round 1 were awarded at project selection committees held in November 2008 and all grants made under Round 2 were awarded in July 2009.

The project selection committee for applications submitted under Round 3 took place in July 2010. Details of all the awards made under this round are not yet publicly available as, in some cases, contractual negotiations are still underway. However, I can let you have details of those Round 3 projects where funding agreements have been issued; the list is at Annex 1. Once all negotiations have been completed a final list of grants awarded in Round 3 will be made publicly available via our website.