

Workshop on the new European Social Fund Priority: Public Services Reform and Regional Working

A new Priority Axis (Priority 5) for **Public Service Improvement through Regional Working** has been established under the 2014-2020 European Social Fund programmes.

The new Priority covers both the West Wales and the Valleys and the East Wales programmes and is worth around £27m of EU funds (£14m for WW&V and £13m for EW).

Workshop – 5 December 2018

If you would like to know more, please register to attend the workshop at our annual event on 5 December 2018 at the Marriott Hotel, Cardiff.

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Further information about the new Priority can also be obtained by contacting the WEFO Skills Branch mailbox: WEFOSkillsBranch@gov.wales

or visiting the EU funding web pages:

West, North Wales and Valleys programmes (Operational Programmes)

<https://gov.wales/funding/eu-funds/2014-2020/west-wales/?lang=en>

East Wales programmes (Operational Programmes)

<https://gov.wales/funding/eu-funds/2014-2020/east-wales/?lang=en>

The priority will act as a catalyst to stimulate new regional solutions, planning and service models, reflecting the strategic agenda set out in the Welsh Government's strategies *Prosperity for All*, the *Economic Action Plan* and the *Employability Plan*. The new priority will help organisations to innovate and work together on a regional basis to find new ways to tackle some of the challenges they are facing and improve the delivery of public services.

Indicative actions may include, for example, building capacity and capability; developing new approaches for integrated services; or implementing shared services and solutions. The Priority Axis incorporates the possibility of a range of different activity, but has a set of key results covering number of new methods, procedures and tools developed.

The priority is open to a range of applicants including from the public sector; the Third Sector; Research Organisations and higher/ further education bodies; and the private sector. The end beneficiary is expected to be involved in public service design and delivery and regional planning. Approved projects will be able to run until 2023.

We expect at least 30 public service organisations to get involved with work under this priority, helping to develop at least 20 new methods, processes or tools.