



European Union  
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# FUNDING SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

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enterprise **m3**

Delivering prosperity through innovation

## How can we help?

Enterprise M3 has received a notional allocation of £40 million for the period 2014-2020 from the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for use in the Enterprise M3 LEP area. One of the funding streams available is the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) with £20 million to be allocated to projects in support of research and development, SME competitiveness, digital growth and low carbon initiatives. The list of contracted projects below are open to eligible participants in the EM3 area.

## Colour Scheme

## How can I benefit from existing schemes?

ALL SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES

SME MANUFACTURERS

You can access for free any of the following initiatives to help you on your journey to employment or self-employment.

ERDF Project	Specialised Innovation Support	Knowledge Exchange with Universities	Increase Research and Innovation	Energy efficiency audits	Workshops	Meet the Buyer events	Investor events	Intensive one to one specialist support	Trade Shows/ Overseas missions	Clinics and surgery sessions	Grants for innovation	Summary of Support
Emphasis 3 CO2 reductions	★	★	★	★	★			★			★	Support shift towards a low carbon economy by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use in SMEs. Promote research & innovation in and adoption of low carbon technologies.
LoCASE Low Carbon Across the South East	★	★		★	★	★		★	★		★	Supporting a shift towards a low carbon economy by providing a consistent, accessible business support programme that helps SMEs optimise resource use and adopt eco-innovative and low carbon solutions in ways that improve business performance in terms of resilience, profitability and competitiveness.
The South Internationalisation Fund					★	★	★		★	★	★	Up to £9K Grant funding support for SMEs with significant potential to grow international sales.
South East Gateway to Trade	★				★	★			★	★	★	Supports SMEs to mitigate any new barriers or challenges they experience in trading internationally to improve their capacity and capability to export to new markets, stimulating economic growth and productivity, whilst safeguarding and creating jobs.
Manufacturing Growth Programme	★							★			★	Help SME manufacturers to make improvements resulting in increased productivity levels.

To enrol in any of the programmes, make contact today with:

### Your Contacts for projects:

Emphasis 3 CO2 Reductions:

[www.greentechsouth.com/emphasis3](http://www.greentechsouth.com/emphasis3)

LoCASE:

[www.locase.co.uk](http://www.locase.co.uk)

South Internationalisation Fund:

[www.great.gov.uk/campaigns/internationalisation-fund-for-english-businesses](http://www.great.gov.uk/campaigns/internationalisation-fund-for-english-businesses)

South East Gateway to Trade:

[www.newable.co.uk/our-programmes-with-the-european-regional-development-fund](http://www.newable.co.uk/our-programmes-with-the-european-regional-development-fund)

Manufacturing Growth Programme:

[www.manufacturinggrowthprogramme.co.uk](http://www.manufacturinggrowthprogramme.co.uk)

### How do I find out more information about the benefits of ERDF projects?

Find out more about the experiences of beneficiaries of ERDF projects on the Enterprise M3 LEP website: <https://www.enterprisem3.org.uk/european-regional-development-fund-erdf>.

For more information, you can download our *ESIF Strategy and ESIF implementation Plan* giving you the strategic context for the ESIF programme: [www.enterprisem3.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-08/ESIF%20Implementation%20V23%20Final.pdf](http://www.enterprisem3.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-08/ESIF%20Implementation%20V23%20Final.pdf)

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### Enterprise M3 Growth Hub Services:

- Dedicated [Growth Champions](#) who focus on supporting individual businesses' growth plans.
- Personalised growth plans for businesses created in partnership with their Growth Champion, based on individual requirements and goals.
- A wide variety of expertise including: developing new markets; finding finance; innovation; product development and developing staff
- Impact assessment; growth results really matter to businesses and to the local economy, so we are with businesses every step of the way to track progress.
- Benefit from Peer to Peer learning.
- Contact: [www.enterprisem3growthhub.co.uk/](http://www.enterprisem3growthhub.co.uk/)