

# EU PROGRAMME 2014-2020

## FUNDING THEMES

1. **Innovation** and R&D (incl. commercialisation)
2. **ICT**: Improving access; quality and usage
3. **SMEs**: Improving competitiveness
4. **Shift to Low Carbon economy**
5. **Climate Change** adaptation and risk management (low priority)
6. **Environmental Protection** & resource efficiency (low priority)
7. **Sustainable Transport** and unblocking key networks (low priority)
8. **Employment** and labour mobility
9. **Social Inclusion** and fighting poverty
10. **Education, Skills** and lifelong learning

# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUND (ESIF) STRATEGIES

Enable the implementation of LEP Strategic Economic Plans (SEPs)

Priorities include:

- Supporting and creating **new businesses**;
- Growing **existing businesses**;
- Attracting **incoming businesses**;
- Increasing **exporting**;
- Developing **skills base and labour mobility**;
- Improving and enhancing **infrastructure**.

# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUND (ESIF) STRATEGIES

Measured by:

- **Jobs** and **Businesses** created;
- Increased **Productivity GVA** moving the economy up the value chain;
- Increased **Skills**;
- Increased **Employment** levels;
- **Benefits** to LEP areas (urban and rural) as a whole & all residents.

# FUNDING LEP STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLANS

- Provide a clear, **single Plan** produced by LEP partners on:
  - How the LEP regions should **grow and change**; and
  - How this change should be **delivered** within the area.
- LEP Plans identifies the **funding, freedoms and flexibilities** that the region needs to deliver growth;
- Plans will provide an **integrated approach** to different funding sources (**Local Growth Funds & ESIF Strategies**);
- Plans will influence the amount of money we are allocated from the **Local Growth Fund** - The **stronger the Plans the more money LEPs will receive.**

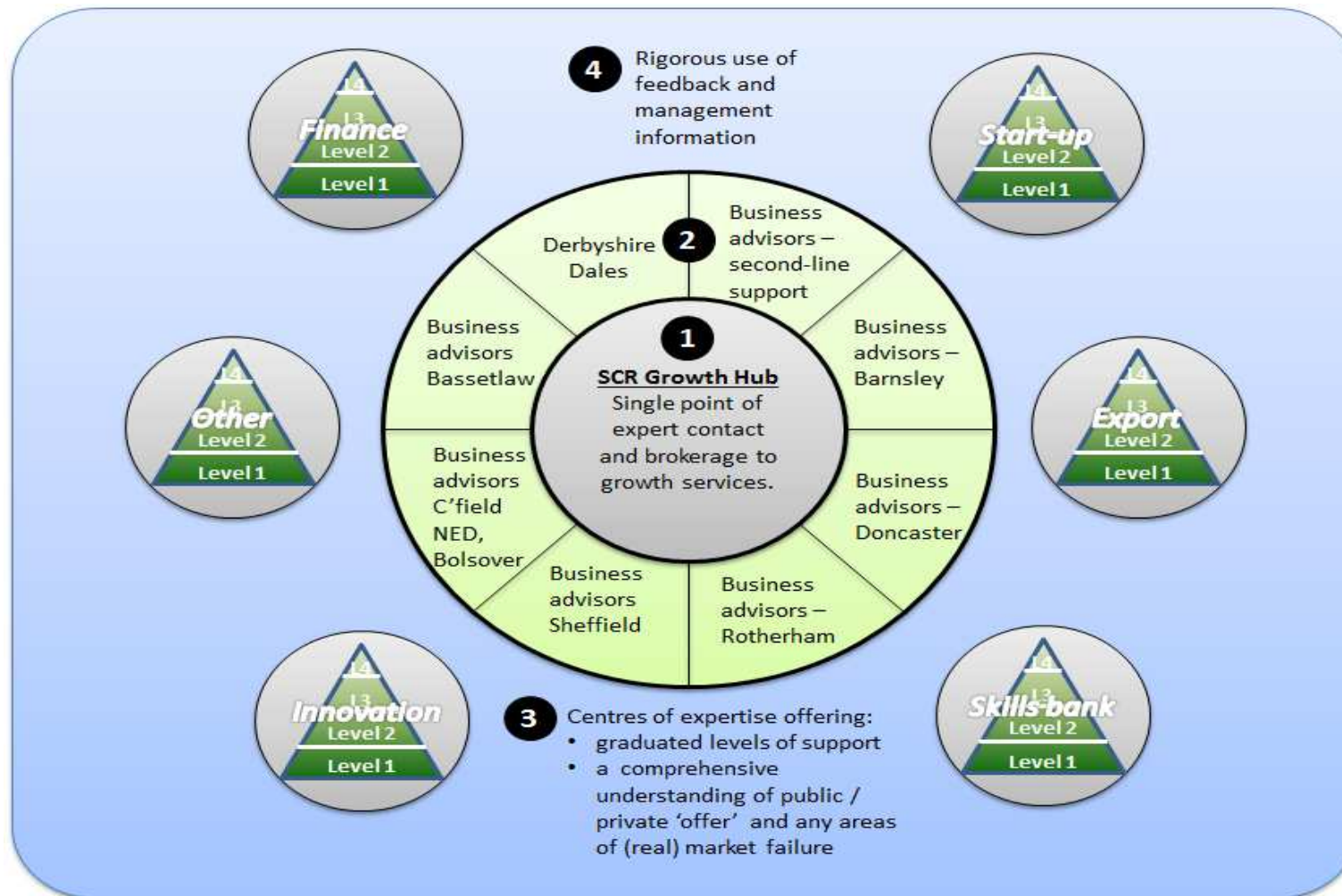
# ESIF FUNDING FOR BUSINESS SUPPORT

## ‘GROWTH HUB’ CONCEPT

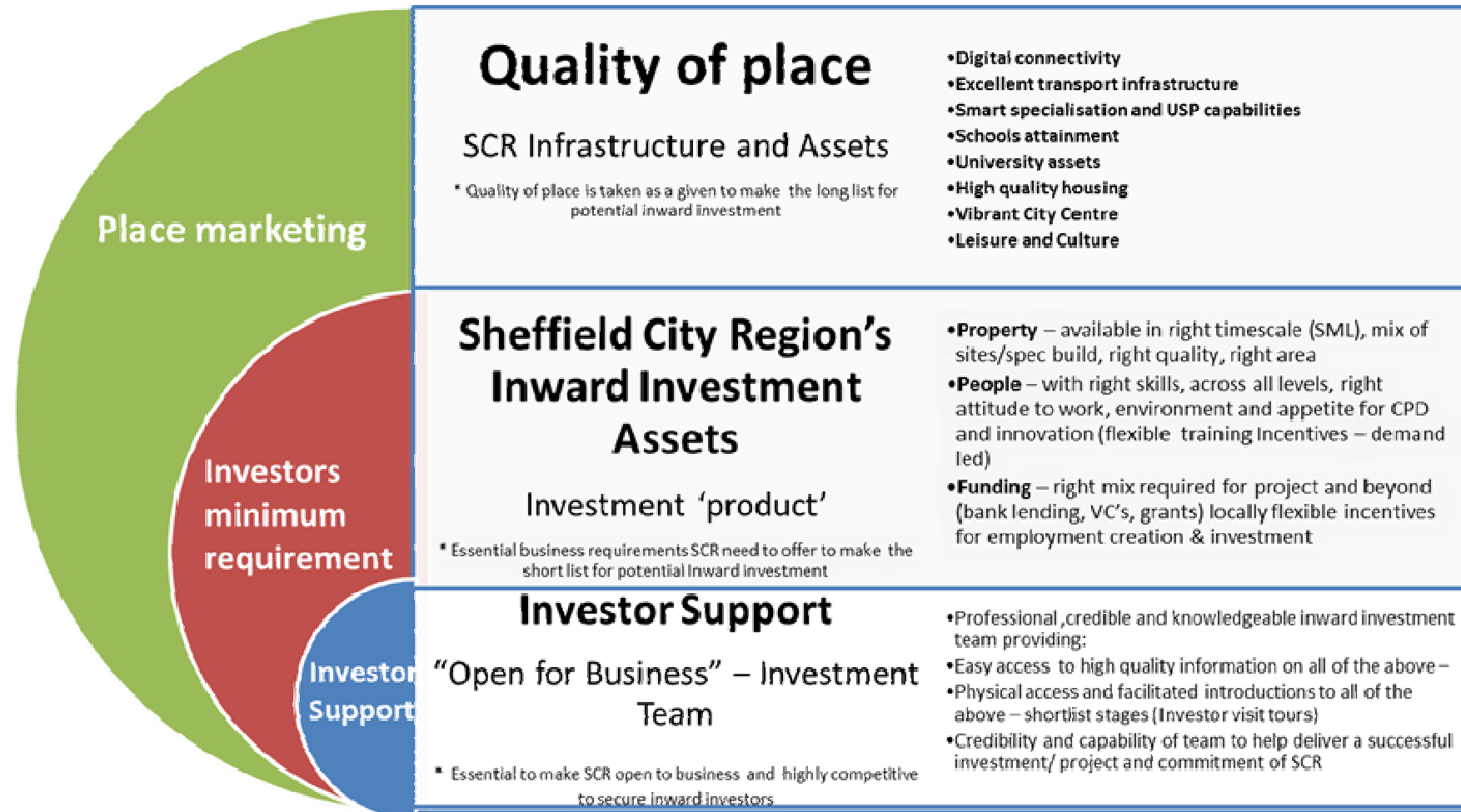
- **Start up** support / support for pre-revenue businesses;
- **Access to finance** – a coordinated offer able to bring together public & private sector finance;
- **Export** and international trade;
- **Skills Bank** – businesses looking to up skill their own workforce, take on an apprentice or graduate;
- New product or service development (**Innovation**) & ;
- **Infrastructure**, such as broadband.

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## 'GROWTH HUB' EXAMPLE



# ESIF PLACE MARKETING & INVESTMENT EXAMPLE



# ESIF CONSIDERATIONS

- **Final agreement** dependent on EC negotiations (UK Partnership Agreement & Operational Programmes) **Complete Oct - Dec. 2014;**
- ESIF Strategies **split** allocation between:
  - **Thematic objectives;**
  - **ERDF, ESF & EAFRD;**
  - **Transition/More Developed;**
- **Match funding** (Opt-ins, public/private)
- **Governance LEPAP** Membership & Technical Assistance
- **Implementation Plan** monitored via MOU
- Performance assessment will trigger release the **Performance Reserve** in 2019.



# EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUND (ESIF) STRATEGY

<b>June 2013</b>	Notional allocations to LEPs (SCR LEP £175m €207m)
<b>January 2014</b>	Submission LEP ESIF Strategies
<b>Mid March</b>	Government 'Action Points' conditional agreement
<b>End April</b>	Government Submit: UK Partnership Agreement;
<b>May</b>	ERDF, ESF & EAFRD Operating Programme Documents
<b>May - Oct.</b>	Prepare ESIF Implementation Plan (LEP)
<b>Oct. - Dec.</b>	Prepare ESIF Calls for Proposals (LEP)
<b>Jan. 2015</b>	<b>Launch ESIF Calls (MA)</b>
<b>Sept. 2015</b>	<b>Programme Delivery</b>

# SEP & ESIF STRATEGIES

**SEP & ESIF Strategy are available for download at:**

**[www.sheffieldcityregion.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldcityregion.org.uk)**

**[www.d2n2lep.org](http://www.d2n2lep.org)**

**Any questions...**

