



Europe in my region 2011

Delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth



Wednesday 7th September 2011

10.00 – 15.00

Radisson Blu Hotel, Durham City



Organised as a Brussels Open Days local event, delegates will be able to reflect on how European funding programmes and cross-border cooperation add value to national, regional and local level initiatives which promote economic growth and wellbeing. A selection of high quality projects from the region which best exemplify this agenda will be showcased as models of good practice.

At a time of significant regional change, consideration will be given to North East governance, economic development priorities and how we can best access European funding.

The afternoon session will provide an opportunity to explore how the delivery of programmes which support the ambitions of the EU's regional or cohesion policy can be improved in our region; leading to more quality projects being aided.

This **free** event gives North East businesses, universities, local authorities, non governmental and other private, public and VCS organisations an opportunity to explore how smart, sustainable and inclusive growth can be, and is being, delivered in our region. The agenda should appeal to practitioners, officers and elected members; particularly those with an interest in regional and economic development, European funding, and the green economy. Delegates are asked to indicate whether they will attend the full day or only part when booking

Confirmed speakers include representatives from the European Commission, the North East Productivity Alliance (NEPA), Gateshead College, Tyne & Wear City Region, Sunderland City Council, the Centre for Urban & Regional Development Studies (CURDS), and the Department for Communities & Local Government (CLG). The morning sessions of the event will be chaired by Martin Swales, chair of the European Strategy Group (ESG) and Chief Executive of South Tyneside Council. Councillor Neil Foster, Durham County Council's portfolio holder for economic regeneration will chair the afternoon. The event is being supported by the European Commission.

For further information, please contact Europe Direct North East, Tel. 0191 383 3448, Email europa.direct@durham.gov.uk.

To reserve a place at the event, please complete and return the attached form by 5 p.m. Friday 26th August 2011.



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DRAFT AGENDA

10.00 – 10.05	Welcome (Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council)
10.05 – 10.20	Keynote speech (Antonia Mochan, European Commission)
10.20 – 10.30	NEPA – EC award winning RegioStars 2011 Finalist (Dr Colin Herron)
10.30 – 10.40	Sunderland City Council – sustainable transport/ Intelligent Energy Europe project (Les Clark, Head of Street Scene)
10.40 – 10.50	Gateshead College – developing skills for the low carbon economy (Mick Brophy, Assistant Principal in Skills & Employer Engagement)
10.50 – 11.00	North Eastern Local Enterprise Partnership - Engaging with Employers ESF project (Michael Parker, Transnational Officer)
11.00 – 11.30	Discussion – Our region in Europe/ Europe in our Region
11.30 – 11.45	Refreshment Break
11.45 – 11.55	Geography Matters – regional governance & development (Prof. John Tomaney, CURDS)
11.55 – 12.05	North Eastern LEP (TBC)
12.15 – 12.25	Tees Valley LEP (TBC)
12.25 – 13.00	Discussion – identifying regional need and exploiting regional potential?
13.00 – 13.45	Lunch Break & networking
13.45 – 13.50	Introduction to afternoon session (Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council)
13.50 – 14.10	Delivering European programmes (Cohesion Policy) in our region (Iain Derrick, CLG)
14.10 – 14.50	Facilitated roundtable discussion re. the delivery of European programmes now and post 2013
14.50 – 15.00	Final thoughts
15.00	Close

* we are eager to include an update on the 2 LEPs in our region, but have not yet confirmed suitable speakers.

BOOKING FORM

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Radisson Blu Hotel, Frankland Lane, Durham City, DH1 5TA

Name:

Organisation:

Position:

Address:

Email:

Telephone No.

Fax No.

Are you attending for the full day or part of it ? (please tick below):

- OR
- ALL DAY
 - Case study presentations (10.00 - 11.30 a.m.)
 - Regional presentations (11.45 – 1.00 p.m.)
 - Cohesion Policy presentations & discussion (1.45 – 3.00 p.m.)

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Please list any special requirements, e.g. regarding diet, mobility, etc.

What are your expectations of the event? What would you particularly like to achieve from it?

With my registration I accept that the event organisers may use freely any photographs taken during the course of the seminar on its websites or in publications without any limitation in space or time.

PLEASE EMAIL OR FAX THIS FORM BY 5 P.M. FRIDAY 26th AUGUST 2011 TO:

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