

**EAST OF ENGLAND EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES STRATEGY GROUP –
Territorial Cooperation Subgroup**

**EEDA Boardroom, Histon
20 December 2007**

MINUTES

Attendance

Chair	David Morrall	EEDA
	Hugh Goldring	
	Tim Caulfield	
	Andy Luff,	
	Alan Corbett	
	Nick Burfield	EERA
	Martin Lutman	Goeast
	Richard Bindless	EEBG
	Andrew Wheeler	Living East
	David Moore	EI
	Lauraine George	Essex County Council
	Ashley Jarvis	Southend Borough Council

1. Introduction and Apologies

1. David Morrall welcomed delegates to the meeting.
2. Apologies had been received from Julia Upton - Environment Agency, Andrew Cogan - COVER and Anna Bosworth - EESCP

2. Terms of Reference

This was the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Territorial Cooperation Subgroup of EPSG. David Morrall explained that this group is the successor to the previous regional Interreg Operational Group for the old programme. He explained that CLG see this partnership as important to feedback at national level. The partnership will give a regional perspective on developing/developed project proposals and fit with regional/national priorities. The draft TOR has been considered by EPSG. EEDA will act as the chair and secretariat and facilitators for the new territorial cooperation programmes will be invited to the meeting as a matter of routine.

The TOR was agreed by the group with the following amendments/clarifications:

- The group will meet quarterly

- **The group will be quorate when 8 representatives are present at the meeting covering at least 2 sectors**
- **Membership is by organisation (named in TOR)**
- **The Tourist Board and Environment Agency should be asked to attend in their own right**
- **The TOR should reflect roles envisaged by National Liaison Group for regional partnerships and the group tasked to undertake this work.**

It was agreed that the main focus of the group should be to translate the Territorial Cooperation Programmes simply to others and support effective take up of programmes.

3. Overview Of Territorial Cooperation programmes in the Region.

Hugh Goldring and Tim Caulfield gave a brief overview of the 5 main programmes that the region will be eligible for: North Sea Programme, North West Europe Programme, Interreg IVC programme and 2 maritime cross border programmes.

It was agreed that at the next meeting there should be an in depth discussion / training session to advise on the programmes further.

4. Calls for proposals

The group discussed the need to for regional dissemination and promotion of the new programmes.

It was agreed that a regional event should be held in March. EEDA, EERA, Essex County Council and Southend Borough Council volunteered to develop the event focussing on practical outcomes. The group would also look to develop a programme of events across the region looking at project development and support with partnerships and potential costs for this.

5 PMC/PSC representation

A table setting out UK representation on the Programme Monitoring Committees and Project Selection Committees had been sent out to the group for information. The representation for Cross Border Committees is still being considered with an allocation 4 regional representatives including the RDA

6 Facilitation and project development

There is 1 contact point for the UK for the North Sea Programme and there will be 1.5 posts for the North West Europe Programme. The Maritime Cross

Border facilitation is still to be agreed, however, it is proposed there are 3 posts in total for the UK for the North Programme and 1.5 for the South Programme. JDs are currently being developed for the posts.

7 Future meetings

Next meeting **February 19th 2pm** EEDA

**International Division
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January 2007**