

### 1. Headlines

#### **EU Information & Discussion sessions**

A briefing event is being held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to discuss the County Council's involvement in European activities and highlight priorities for the coming year; this event is for Devon County Council senior officers and members only - please [contact us](#) if you would like to attend. There are also plans for a wider partnership event later in the spring to encourage stakeholder engagement in the formulation of European regional policy and funding for the 2014-2020 period. We will circulate the details as soon as further information is available.

### 2. EU Funding Update

#### **Intelligent Energy Europe 2012**

IEE aims to encourage energy efficiency and promote the use of renewable energy, including in transport. The programme supports initiatives that contribute towards reaching energy efficiency and renewable energy targets and includes funding for training schemes, promotional campaigns and exchange of good practice.

You can find out more at [http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/about/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/about/index_en.htm) or follow the webcast of the **IEE information day on 24 January** (see '[Events](#)'). If you have a particular project in mind and would like to ask questions about its eligibility and chance of success, please get in touch by 20 January: [euronet@devon.gov.uk](mailto:euronet@devon.gov.uk)

#### **Europe for Citizens**

The priorities for 2012 for the Europe for Citizens programme have been published along with the deadlines for applications. The programme includes town twinning, initiatives relating to European citizenship and democracy and promoting European values.

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2012/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2012/index_en.php)

#### **DAPHNE 3**

Projects developed in partnership across two or more EU countries to tackle violence against women, children and young people can apply for funding from the Daphne 3 programme.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/daphne\\_call\\_for\\_proposals\\_action\\_grants\\_2011\\_2012\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/daphne_call_for_proposals_action_grants_2011_2012_en.htm)

#### **Fundamental Rights & Citizenship**

Large-scale European partnership projects dealing with citizens' rights, including combating racism and homophobia as well as data protection and privacy rights, could receive EU funding through the Fundamental Rights & Citizenship programme.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/programmes/fundamental-citizenship/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/programmes/fundamental-citizenship/index_en.htm)

#### **Health 2012**

Information about the topics eligible for a project grant through the EU Health 2012 programme is now available. Only the specific activities listed are eligible for funding.

<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/health/projects.html>

*Please refer to the January 2012 issue of [Devon Funding News](#) for more detailed information about the current EU funding opportunities.*

### 3. EU news round-up

#### **New LIFE+ programme: 2014-2020**

Proposals have been published for the new LIFE+ programme. LIFE+ is the EU flagship programme for the environment: a budget of €3.2 billion is proposed for 2014-2020, and sub-programmes for 'environment' and 'climate action'.

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/about/beyond2013.htm#proposal>



**European Year for Active Ageing  
and Solidarity between Generations 2012**



The European Year for Active Ageing is about getting more out of life as you grow older. There will be opportunities to make specific commitments to promote active ageing during the course of the year. Find out more at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/ageing-society/european-year-for-active-ageing/>

#### **EU Energy Efficiency Directive**

Discussions will continue this year on the proposed new Energy Efficiency Directive: this has implications for DCC since the public sector will have a legal obligation to purchase energy efficient buildings, products and services and to progressively reduce the energy consumed by refurbishing at least 3% of their total floor area each year. DCC already has a commitment to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings and is looking at the EU proposals to assess their implications and to see how they relate to the existing UK Carbon Reduction Commitment.

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/eed/eed\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/eed/eed_en.htm)

#### **Consultation on the EU renewable energy strategy**

The consultation on the renewable energy strategy provides an opportunity to submit views on progress with current renewable energy targets. The deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/consultations/20120207\\_renewable\\_energy\\_strategy\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/consultations/20120207_renewable_energy_strategy_en.htm)

#### **Consultation on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)**

Defra is seeking views on the proposals to reform the CAP for the 2014-2020 period. The consultation ends on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/12/12/cap-reform-1112/>

#### **Horizon 2020 event, 17 January 2012: the future of innovation-led research funding**

The University of Plymouth is hosting an event on 17th January 2012 to give an overview of the proposed Horizon 2020 research and innovation fund. The new programme has a proposed budget allocation of €80billion for the 2014-2020 period and will be a significant opportunity for universities, research institutes and businesses to engage in research and innovation activities.

[http://estore.plymouth.ac.uk/browse/extra\\_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=251&deptid=9&catid=1](http://estore.plymouth.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=2&prodid=251&deptid=9&catid=1)

### 4. More information

DCC staff website: <http://staff.devon.gov.uk/europeanissues-2>

DCC public website: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/european.htm>

SW European Partnership: <http://www.southwestuk.eu/>

Devon Funding News <http://www.fundingnews.co.uk>

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