

ERDF Launch Calls

The following table summarises the calls made by the Marches ESIF Committee in March 2015.

In view of the business simplification agenda and the development of the Marches Growth Hub, prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their proposals with the Marches Technical Assistance officers in advance of submitting their outline applications.

The TA officers can advise on eligibility and will refer prospective applicants to local 'lead' officers as appropriate to ensure that duplication is avoided where possible.

Priority	Description	Value	Deadline
Research and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase investment in research and innovation by small and medium sized enterprises. Increase the number of small and medium sized enterprises engaged in knowledge exchange, collaborative and contract research and innovation with research institutions, public institutions or large enterprises in order to help them bring new products and processes to market. 	£3m	27 May
ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This call is looking to extend coverage of superfast broadband network infrastructure (capable of delivering speeds of more than 30 Mbps) by providing financial support for projects to extend availability of superfast broadband networks. 	£2.6m	6 May
SME Competitiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This call is looking to increase entrepreneurship, particularly in areas with low levels of enterprise activity and amongst under-represented groups and increase the growth capacity of small and medium sized enterprises 	£3m	29 May
SME Competitiveness (national products; high growth potential, international trade performance and growth potential of manufacturers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the offer of national business support products in the Marches. 	£3m combined	6 May
Low Carbon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of small scale renewable energy schemes in England. 	£2.5m	20 May

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase energy efficiency in particular in small and medium enterprises, including through the implementation of low carbon technologies. • Increase energy efficiency in homes and public buildings, including through the implementation of low carbon technologies. • Increase innovation in, and adoption of, low carbon technologies 		
Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National call inviting organisations to come forward with the non-Government development of TA. This will mainly be around project development and promotion. 	N/A	27 Apr or 30 Jun