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Wales and Europe

A selection of websites to find information on Wales and Europe

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European Commission Representation in Cardiff

The European Commission Office in Wales was established in Cardiff in 1976. Today the role of the Office is the political representation of the European Commission in Wales, operating in the fields of public affairs, political contacts, press & media activity, and outreach to the general public. The EC Office tries to facilitate and mediate in contacts between Welsh authorities and interest groups and the EU institutions, with a view to fostering closer ties between the two. The Head of Office is David Hughes.

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The legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales is expressly limited by section 108(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to provisions that are compatible with EU law. In other words, no provision of an Act of the Assembly may breach EU law.

Similarly, section 80(8) of GOWA 2006 provides that the Welsh Ministers may not exercise their functions (including the function of making subordinate legislation) in so far as that would be incompatible with EU law.

This means that the Welsh Ministers’ powers must be interpreted in the light of any relevant EU laws. As an example, the Welsh Ministers have a power under section 1 of the Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 to provide grants to businesses in Wales. There are no constraints on this power in the Act itself but, by virtue of articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (the treaty provisions on State aid), the Welsh Ministers’ ability to exercise this power is limited to paying grants only in certain circumstances and on certain terms.

The Welsh Ministers also have a role in transposing EU Directives. By virtue of section 92 of GOWA 2006 the Welsh Ministers are generally responsible for the
EU funds in Wales

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Future of EU funds

We are continuously delivering EU funding programmes in Wales. Applications for EU funds are still being developed and approved in line with objectives agreed by the European Commission. The following statements respond to the result of the referendum on the UK’s membership of the European Union.

EU Funds: Investing in Wales

- Enterprises Assisted: 18,645
- Enterprises Created: 11,925
- Jobs Created: 36,970
- Helped into work: 72,700
- Into further learning: 56,055
- Qualifications gained: 234,335

Swansea University’s new Science and Innovation Centre is located on the Swansea Bay Campus and is supported by EU Structural Funds. The Centre will create over 200 jobs in research and development.

EU funds are also supporting the development of world-class research capacity in Wales, helping to attract skilled workers and achieving national policy targets for both social and environmental benefits.

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Welsh European Funding Office
Europe and Wales: Investing in your Future

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[Part of the Welsh Government]
Committees [there was no dedicated European Committee in the 4th term of the NAW and in the current 5th term – European issues are dealt with by other Committees]

— European & External Affairs Committee

- Other NAW Committees also deal with European topics
- Constitutional & Legislative Affairs Committee: Inquiry and Report into Wales’ role in the EU decision making process, 2013/2014
- Constitutional & Legislative Affairs Committee: 4th Assembly Legacy Report, March 2016

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In Brief is the National Assembly for Wales Research Service blog, posting short, topical and accessible articles on issues of interest to Assembly Members and their staff.

Europe

A second EU support package for farmers announced

20 July 2015

Article by Edward Armstrong, National Assembly for Wales Research Service

The farming industry has been going through a period of volatility, with the prices paid to farmers falling below the cost of production. In this month’s brief, Edward Armstrong looks at the latest support tools for the rural sector with very little price in May 2016 15.4% lower than the same month last year.

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The Glyphosate Debate

19 July 2016

Article by Edward Armstrong, National Assembly for Wales Research Service

Following a number of delays, the 2016 glyphosate recommendation by the European Commission (EC) is expected to use the widely used herbicide, glyphosate, for an 18-month period. What are the arguments that continue to surround its renewal?

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The Common Agricultural Policy

19 May 2016

Support provided by the Common Agricultural Policy is vital to many farmers and rural businesses in Wales. How does it work and what changes may be on the horizon?

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### WLGA and Europe

Welcome to the web pages of the WLGA Europe Team

Local authorities play a major role in ensuring that the European Union (EU) delivers practical benefits for Welsh citizens. The EU affects every individual, family, business and organisation in Wales. Approximately 70% of domestic law impacting on local authorities originated in the EU, making it critical for Welsh local government to be represented at the heart of Europe and engaged at an early stage in Brussels when the European Commission initiates new proposals or amends existing texts, with implications for local authorities.

Since April 2003, the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) European Office, collocated in Wales House (in the Brussels European Quarter) with the Welsh Government, the National Assembly for Wales (NAW) and the Welsh Education & Skills Office, has provided a dedicated resource for the WLGA and its member authorities on European issues and promoted the role of Welsh local government in European affairs. The work of the office feeds into the wider work of the WLGA Europe Team, which also has two officers based in the WLGA Cardiff Office, responsible for the work of the team in Wales. The EU Team sits within the WLGA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Directorate.

The overall aim of the WLGA Europe Team is to promote the interests of Welsh local government in Brussels and Europe, and maximise the value to Welsh local government from the (UK’s) EU membership.

In 2010, the WLGA Europe Team will:

- Support Welsh local authorities in the delivery and implementation of the main ESF (European Structural Investment) Funds in Wales
- Seek to influence decisions at Wales level on the 2014-2020 EU funding programmes for Wales, and at EU level on the post-2020 EU funding programmes
- Support local authorities to maximise the opportunities from the wider EU themed funding programmes
- Monitor and seek to influence EU decisions on priority policy issues
- Provide value across all WLGA policy portfolios
- Communicate European issues to the relevant officer and Elected Member networks in Welsh local authorities
- Seek to raise the profile of the WLGA and Welsh local authorities in Europe
- Encourage more transnational partnerships between Welsh local authorities and European partners
- Provide support to Welsh Elected Members on European issues

For more information contact: Lucy Sweet

### WLGA EU Funding Guide 2014-2020

This guide is for Welsh local authorities interested in EU funding.

Dramatically reduced public sector finances means local authorities need to be more creative in finding new sources of funding. The EU offers plenty of funding opportunities for local authorities, but past surveys by the LGA have shown awareness of EU funding opportunities, outside of the main Structural Funds Programmes (European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund) within local authorities across the UK is fairly low.

Further stakeholders

Addysg Uwch Cymru Brwsel
Welsh Higher Education Brussels

Wales and the EU Hub
The EU Referendum, 23 June 2016
Before the result...

Find more information via ESO
The EU Referendum, 23 June 2016
After the result...

Statement by the First Minister: EU Referendum result
The First Minister of Wales has responded to the result of the referendum on Britain’s membership of the European Union.

Work underway to shape Wales’ future relationship with Europe
First Minister Carwyn Jones will establish an expert advisory group to ensure Wales secures the best possible outcome in forthcoming Brexit negotiations.

Statement by the First Minister of Wales on the UK Government’s announcement on EU funds
Saturday 12 August 2016

In Brief
EU referendum results in Wales
24 June 2016

Extraordinary Council Summit
19 July 2016
First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones AM, will host an extraordinary Summit of the British-Irish Council in Cardiff next week.

Find more information on Wales and the EU after the EU referendum in ESO
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