

ETC Text on Joint Report

The joint report from the negotiators of the European Union and the United Kingdom Government published on 8 December stated that UK entities' right to participate in EU MFF 2014-2020 programmes will be unaffected by the UK's withdrawal from the EU. This means that UK based organisations will be able to bid for funding in 2019 and 2020. They will also be able to participate in projects, lead projects, and to continue to receive funding for the lifetime of the projects.

It remains the case that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed, which is why the <u>Government's guarantee for EU-funded projects</u> remains in place. The Government has guaranteed all structural and investment fund projects so long as they are good value for money and in line with domestic strategic priorities, even when specific projects continue beyond the UK's departure from the EU. UK organisations should therefore continue to bid for EU funds including from European Territorial Cooperation programmes while the UK remains a member of the EU and we will work with the Commission and Managing Authorities to ensure payment when funds are awarded.