

East of Scotland European Partnership

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The East of Scotland European Partnership (ESEP) is essentially a network of local organisations working together to achieve the best use of European Grants. The Partnership includes representatives from a host of public agencies which are engaged in varying ways in economic development including:

- The European Commission
- The Scottish Executive
- Local Authorities
- Scottish Enterprise & Local Enterprise Companies
- Universities, Further Education Colleges and Research Institutes
- Enterprise Trusts & Local Economic Development Initiatives
- Area Tourist Boards
- National & Regional Bodies involved in Economic Development
- Voluntary Bodies & Charitable Organisations
- Environmental Agencies
- Equality Agencies.

The Programme Management Executive (PME) was established in January 1995 to support the Partnership. In essence, the PME is the arm of the partnership which is needed in order to undertake programme management tasks and provide support to the various Committees. The PME are responsible for performing the following functions:

- Coordinating the preparation of programme documents
- Supporting Programme or Monitoring/Management Committees
- Setting Up and supporting the Advisory and Management Groups
- Drafting project selection criteria
- Administering the project application & project appraisal system
- Establishing realistic monitoring indicators
- Monitoring physical & financial programme implementation
- Managing the strategic impact & review process
- Ensuring publicity & promotion.
- Advice and guidance to applicants.