

# Programme Management

Our Technical Assistance Division has an outstanding reputation in the delivery of programme, grant management and communications contracts. Together, we can achieve your goals.

Ecorys is an international provider of programme management, technical assistance and communications services. For more than twenty years our expertise in the UK has helped our clients in the public, civil society, and private sectors to understand and meet the challenges they face.



At Ecorys our expertise in all aspects of programme management enables our clients to meet their objectives and targets. From managing large scale complex programmes to conducting a schedule of audit visits, we can devise and implement a tailored solution that meets your needs.

Our programme management team has a wide breadth of skills in programme management, grant administration, assurance services and capacity building. We work across a range of policy areas including education and training, employment, the labour market, civil society, healthcare and the youth sector. We deliver high quality services for the UK government, civil society, and the private sector at local, regional and national levels.

When you work with us, you can be sure of:

- Innovative approaches
- Partnership working
- Quality assurance
- Flexible solutions
- Creative communication strategies
- Experienced and proactive staff



We can design bespoke approaches for all elements of programme management, including:

- Programme scoping and set up
- Project assessment and selection
- Project support including capacity building and empowerment
- Programme monitoring and evaluation
- Programme financial management including making payments to projects
- Due diligence and assurance checks
- Dissemination and communications support
- Assessment of outcomes and recommendations for the future

We have developed a wide range of methodologies and tools to reinforce these aspects such as: risk assessment tools, evaluation toolkits for projects, online grant management solutions and organisational diagnostic tools.

Our technical assistance team brings a variety of skills and expertise to each of our projects. We have dedicated finance and communications teams who utilise the most appropriate and cutting edge approaches, and we ensure that our proposals and delivery reflect best practice in important areas such as equal opportunities and accessibility. The quality of our systems and processes is reflected in our status as an ISO9001 accredited company. With an eye for value and a commitment to joined-up thinking, Ecorys can deliver the results you are looking for.

## Successfully building capacity in the youth sector

Ecorys leads a consortium of partners - Catch 22 and B2B and Prime Timers - developing the capacity and financial sustainability of civil society youth organisations in England. As well as grant administration, we have developed for each organisation a programme of integrated business support to help them achieve their development goals, including increasing the scale and quality of their services to young people. Through a multi-faceted approach applying the expertise of our partnership in the youth sector, the civil society sector, and start-up/small enterprises, we have been able to maximise the programme's results and record a significant impact on the organisations that we have supported.

“It has been invaluable to our organisation having the input of a business advisor from a different sector”

Beneficiary organisation



“The delivery method to date has been excellent, we are still very much at the driving end of these policies and feel ownership of them”

Beneficiary organisation



## Promoting funding for UK education and training

Since Ecorys began managing the Leonardo, Grundtvig and Transversal funding programmes in 2007, the number of applications for funding has risen by nearly 200%. Each year we distribute around 25 million euro of funding and award over 1,000 grants. Our exciting communications strategy ensures that the programmes are promoted to a wide range of UK organisations, and our expert and friendly advice and guidance gives organisations of all sizes the confidence to submit applications. We organise dynamic events, design and manage websites, produce interesting and informative publications, and work closely with key policymakers and stakeholders across the UK to achieve our aims. This has enabled us to raise the profile of these funding programmes and increase their impact within the UK education and training sector.

“I find the dedication of Ecorys to support education very inspiring”

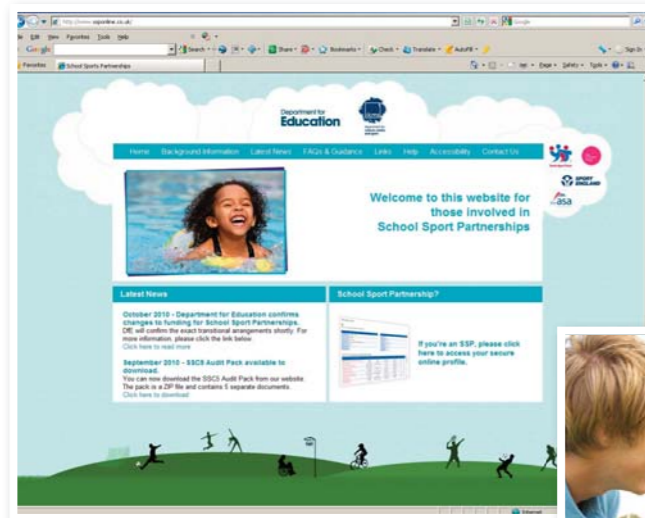
Event delegate



## Transforming grant management

Ecorys manages payments of £139 million to 450 School Sport Partnerships on behalf of the Department for Education. We have developed an in-house account management system to ensure robust financial management.

Using their secure online accounts, Partnerships can manage their financial profile quickly and effectively and provide updates to administrative data. Ecorys can access information on grant payments and change requests for all Partnerships through the system, and can use the online data to produce comprehensive management reports. The Department for Education receives accurate drawdown figures minimising the level of unallocated funds.



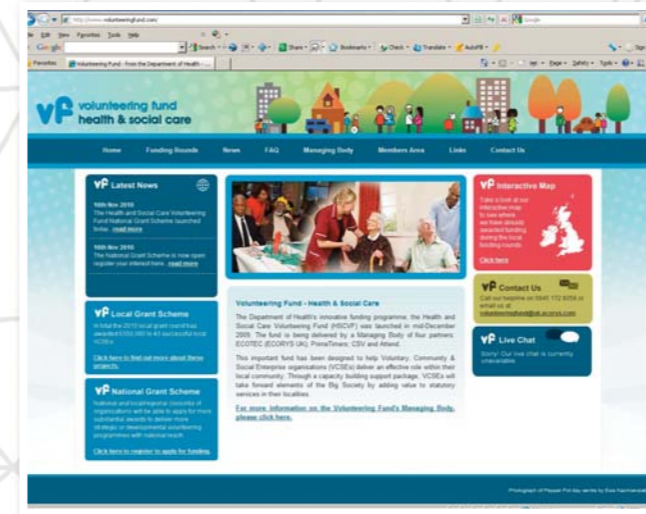
## Supporting Civil Society

The Department of Health's innovative funding programme, the Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund (HSCVF) was launched in mid-December 2009. The fund is being delivered by a Managing Body of four partners: Ecorys; PrimeTimers; CSV; and Attend.

This highly competitive fund includes a portfolio of both local capacity building projects and a group of national projects that are working alongside statutory agencies.

At a local level the fund has been designed to help Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) deliver an effective role within their local community through volunteering. Through a support package attached to a grant fund, our programme management helps embed CSO's longer-term input to the delivery of services within their local community.

The national programme promotes new thinking in the development and delivery of Health and Social Care Service and, with our support, projects are progressing 'the Big Society' by adding value to statutory services through volunteering.



## Working with us

- We work from grassroots to government level, which ensures a deep understanding of the latest policy issues and their practical implications.
- All of our projects are delivered by bespoke multi-disciplinary teams that provide the appropriate sets of skills and experience to support your organisation.
- Our staff are friendly and approachable and take pride in developing strong relationships with clients.
- Our approaches are flexible and appropriately tailored to meet your needs, whatever the size and scale of the work you envisage.

Please get in touch for more information or to arrange an informal meeting with one of our management team.

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