

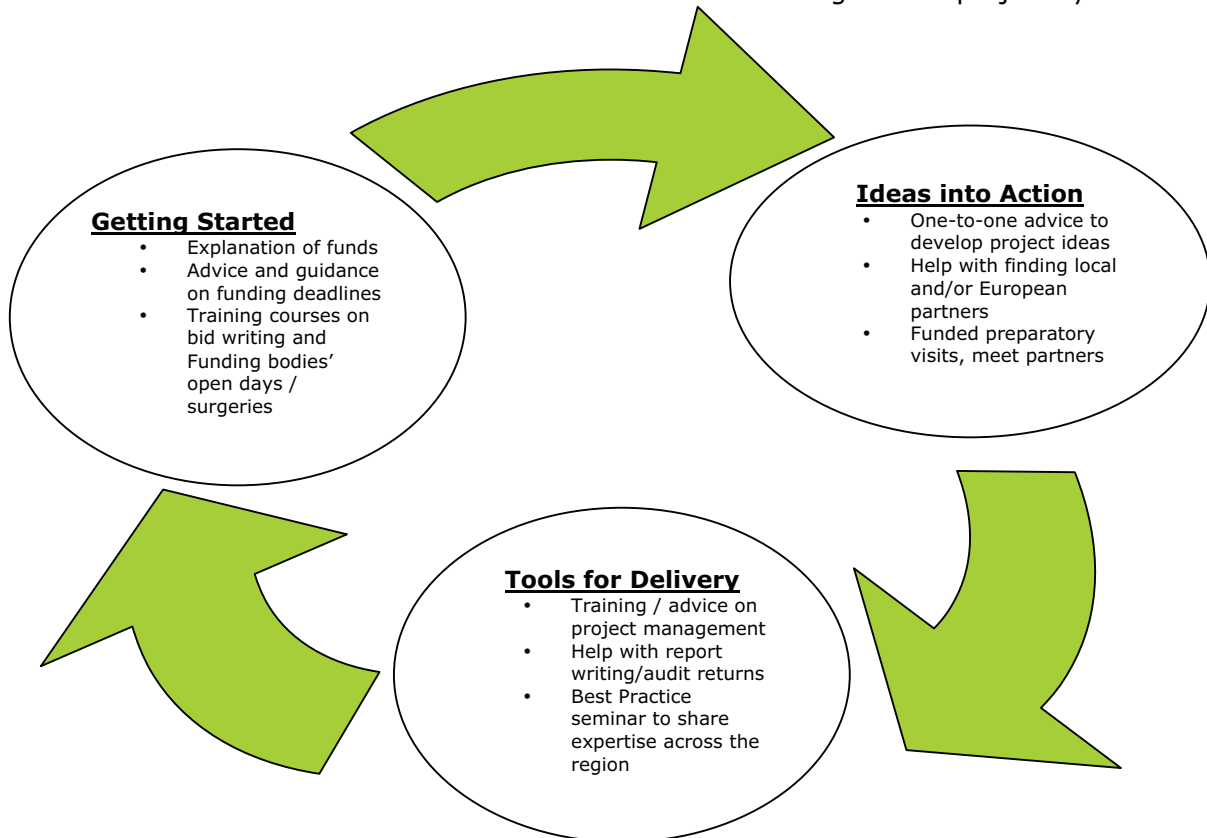
## EU Connects

### Simplifying your route to transnational funding

Our team is the new EU-funded regional resource for the West Midlands offering advice and support to assist organisations in applying for European funding to deliver trans-national projects. Unlike Structural Funds, trans-national funding programmes are open to any organisation in any geographic location, to encourage exchange of best practice (or solve problems of worst practice!) with partners from other European countries.

If you are looking for some innovative ideas, cost efficient solutions or exchange of best practice on a serious local or regional issue, it may be time to explore the opportunities available through European project work. Trans-national funds offer up to 100% funding for travel and subsistence costs incurred with any exchange of best practice project: all you need to get started, is to let us help you find the right European partner.

The **EU Connects** centre can offer assistance at each stage in the project cycle:-



**"EU Connects"** is a new EU-funded public body.

We offer a free service to encourage any organisation in the West Midlands to consider applying for European funding. We work independently of (but with the support and cooperation of) West Midlands in Europe, the national agencies, the European Commission, WMLGA and AWM. We aim to draw together the jigsaw of support available to you – to give you whatever practical help you need to succeed in your European funding bids.

For more information on EU funding, free training events and to register on our database contact:

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## European Trans-national Funding Deadlines 2009

	INTERREG	Life Long Learning Programme	Competitiveness and Innovation Programme	Marie Curie – Framework Programme 7	LIFE+
<b>February 2009</b>		6 <sup>th</sup> Leonardo da Vinci Mobility 20 <sup>th</sup> Leonardo da Vinci and Grundtvig Partnerships 27 <sup>th</sup> Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation	Intelligent Energy Europe Calls Open (tbc)	For other strands relating to FP7, contact Jitka Dolezalova at AWM, 0121 503 3640	
<b>March</b>				18 <sup>th</sup> Industrial Academic Partnership Pathways calls open	
<b>April</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Fourth IVB Deadline	9 <sup>th</sup> Transversal Study Visits 30 <sup>th</sup> Grundtvig 'In-Service Training'			
<b>May</b>					15 <sup>th</sup> LIFE+ Calls Open
<b>June</b>			2 <sup>nd</sup> ICT Policy Support Programme deadline Intelligent Energy Europe Deadline (tbc)		
<b>July</b>					
<b>August</b>				18 <sup>th</sup> Industrial Academic Partnership Pathways deadline	
<b>September</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> Grundtvig 'In-Service Training'			
<b>October</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Fifth IVB Deadline (tbc)				
<b>November</b>					LIFE+ deadline (tbc)
<b>December 2009</b>					

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