



SCOTTISH INNOVATIVE ACTIONS PROGRAMME FINAL PROJECT LEARNING REPORT

- The final project learning report should be submitted to SEP Ltd **no later than two months** after the date of completion of the pilot project.
- The information included in this report will be used to assist with evaluating the learning and outputs from the pilot projects supported through the Innovative Actions programme.
- This form is separate to the final grant claim and progress report form, which should be submitted within four months of the completion date of the project.

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| PROGRAMME | Scottish Innovative Actions Programme 2004-2005 |
| PROJECT TITLE | New Interventions to Illustrate innovation System Dynamics |
| PROJECT REFERENCE | IA/SCEXEC/CASEST/AL1/004/NEW INTERVENTIONS |
| ACTION LINE (Please Highlight) | Action Line 1 – The Scottish Innovation System Action Line 2 – Stimulating SME Demand for Innovation Action Line 3 – Knowledge Access & Knowledge Management Action Line 4 – Innovation Marketing & Product Launch |

PROJECT APPLICANT

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PROJECT DELIVERY & LEARNING

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| Describe how the pilot project was actually delivered in practice. |
| <p>A Steering Group of key stakeholders, including the Scottish Executive, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Funding Council, drew up Terms of Reference and an Invitation to Tender for a report on international examples of good practice that appeared to address weaknesses in the Scottish innovation system identified in the earlier report on the Scottish Innovation System (also funded under the Innovative Actions Programme).</p> <p>The contract was awarded to Aston and Cardiff Universities under the normal terms applied to such contracts by the Scottish Executive (inception, interim and final Steering Group meetings, draft interim and final reports) and the report was published in March 2007.</p> |



Describe the top 3 learning points from delivery of the pilot project.

New interventions were identified in 3 key areas identified by the earlier report:

- Supporting Innovation networks in services**
- Promoting supply-chain led innovation**
- Developing New Innovation – a network of innovation brokers with particular emphasis on the rural areas.**

Describe the most successful aspects of the pilot project and why.

The project encompassed a wide and in-depth assessment of innovation interventions in 10 countries/regions which could be useful comparators for Scotland. Three possible interventions were identified which might be translated in to the Scottish system to improve its overall performance. At the same time, it became evident that there were no obvious measures that would have significant impact on Scotland of which policy makers were unaware.

Describe the least successful aspects of the pilot project and how these aspects would be changed in the future.

No measures identified that would bring immediate radical improvements to the Scottish system performance.

Describe the next stage planned for the delivery and rollout of the pilot project.

All 3 interventions are being considered as part of a review of innovation policy and interventions currently under way.



INNOVATION POLICY

Describe how the learning from the pilot project will be used to influence future innovation policy in Scotland.

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INNOVATION PRACTICE

Describe how the learning from the pilot project will be used to influence future innovation practice and delivery in Scotland.

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COMMUNICATION & DISSEMINATION

Describe how the learning from the pilot project will be communicated and disseminated within your own organisation, to other organisations in Scotland and elsewhere in Europe.

The report is published on the Scottish Executive's web site and is to be presented at a seminar involving all of the key public sector stakeholders - the Scottish Executive, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Funding Council – along with academics and business representatives early in 2008. The report has been presented to various bodies in Scotland, including Technology Ventures Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council's Knowledge Transfer Group, to the UK Regional Innovation, Science and Technology group (including DTI , the English RDAs and the Welsh and Northern Ireland Devolved Administrations) and to a series of visiting delegations to Scotland from Sweden, Iceland, Norway, Lithuania, Lombardy, Slovenia and Valencia. The report formed part of one of the key presentations at the 3-day Innovative Actions conference in Edinburgh in February 2007.

PRIVATE SECTOR

Describe how the private sector was engaged during delivery and how they have responded to the new approach or mechanism delivered through the pilot project.

N/A



OUTPUTS & RESULTS

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| Describe the main qualitative outputs and results from the pilot project. | |
| The report further deepened policy makers' understanding of the Scottish Innovation System and indicated ways in which it might be improved. These are currently being considered as part of ongoing work. | |
| Please complete all the quantitative outputs and results relevant to your project in the list below. Please also add any others that are relevant to your project but not listed. | |
| OUTPUTS | Total |
| No. of SMEs assisted by the project. | N/A |
| No. of new innovative mechanisms and approaches introduced by the project | N/A |
| No. of new links made between SMEs and universities / the research base as a result of the project | N/A |
| Other | N/A |
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| RESULTS | |
| No. of new processes developed | N/A |
| No. of new products developed | N/A |
| No. of SMEs with active plans ¹ in place to manage and exploit their intellectual assets | N/A |
| No. of SMEs with active plans in place to develop longer term relationships with universities / the research base | N/A |
| No. of SMEs with active plans in place to create new markets from their innovation / take their innovation to market | N/A |
| No. of instances of actual knowledge / technology transfer from universities / research base to SMEs (e.g. spin outs, licence agreements, technical co-operation, etc) | N/A |
| Other | |
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¹ Please note that the project applicant will be required to record the number of active plans in place with companies using a method suitable for the project concerned.