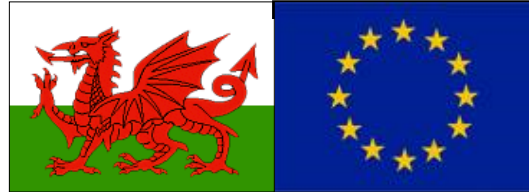


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# European Commission Representation: Office in Wales



## European Commission Representation in Cardiff

The European Commission Office in Wales was established in Cardiff in 1976. Today the role of the Office is the political representation of the European Commission in Wales, operating in the fields of public affairs, political contacts, press & media activity, and outreach to the general public. The EC Office tries to facilitate and mediate in contacts between Welsh authorities and interest groups and the EU institutions, with a view to fostering closer ties between the two. The Head of Office is David Hughes.

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**Wales and the European Union**  
The Welsh Government's EU Strategy  
May 2012

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www.cymru.gov.uk

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## European law and Wales

**OVERVIEW**

The legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales is expressly limited by section 108(5) of the [Government of Wales Act 2006](#) (GOWA 2006) to provisions that are compatible with EU law. In other words no provision of an Act of the Assembly may breach EU law.

Similarly section 80(8) of GOWA 2006 provides that the Welsh Ministers may not exercise their functions (including the function of making subordinate legislation) in so far as that would be incompatible with EU law.

This means that the Welsh Ministers' powers must be interpreted in the light of any relevant EU laws. As an example, the Welsh Ministers have a power under section 1 of the [Welsh Development Agency Act 1975](#) to provide grants to businesses in Wales. There are no constraints on this power in the Act itself but, by virtue of articles 107 and 108 of the [Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union](#) (the treaty provisions on State aid), the Welsh Ministers' ability to exercise this power is limited to paying grants only in certain circumstances and on certain terms.

The Welsh Ministers also have a role in transposing EU Directives. By virtue of section 80 of GOWA 2006 the Welsh Ministers are generally responsible for the

**Introduction to European law**

- > History of European integration
- > European Union institutions
- > The legislative competence of the European Union
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- > The nature of European Union law
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## Wales and the European Union

Last updated 26 May 2016

**The Welsh Government actively protects and promotes the interests of Wales at European Union (EU) level by working closely with the UK Government and EU institutions.**

As the Member State, the UK Government takes the lead in negotiations at EU level. It must consult with the Devolved Administrations to ensure that their views are taken into account when developing the UK line on EU issues.

Through our offices in Cardiff and Brussels, we seek to raise the profile of Wales in the EU, maximise the benefits to Wales of EU memberships and influence EU-related policy development and legislation.

For further details of our approach to EU engagement see the [Welsh Government's EU strategy](#).





# Welsh European Funding Office

[Part of the Welsh Government]



## Welsh European Funding Office

### Europe and Wales: Investing in your Future



### MAKING WAVES

PROJECTS that will generate energy from the waves and tidal currents in Welsh waters have been backed by millions of EU funds.

A £10m EU investment is supporting energy company, Minesto UK, to take forward a major tidal energy initiative off the coast of Anglesey which could produce electricity for thousands of homes.

Meanwhile, Swansea-based Marine Power Systems secured £2m of EU funds to develop its patented technology which will generate energy from ocean waves off the Pembrokeshire coast.

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**DID YOU KNOW?** Over 550,000 homes and businesses across Wales have access to Superfast broadband – made possible with £89.5m EU funding in the Superfast Cymru programme.

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**ON CAMPUS**

OVER 5,000 students are benefiting from world-class facilities at Swansea University's new Bay Campus, which opened in September and was backed by £40m of EU funds and £60m from the European Investment Bank.

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**RACING AHEAD**

EU funds helped establish the UK's first full-scale mountain bike park in the heart of the South Wales valleys. BikePark Wales, based in Merthyr, opened in 2013 and benefited from £2m of EU funds.

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## EU funds in Wales

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**Future of EU funds**

We are continuing to deliver our EU funding programmes in Wales. Applications for EU funds are still being developed and approved in line with objectives agreed by the European Commission. The following statements respond to the result of the Referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union.

EU funds news channels

- Twitter @wefowales
- LinkedIn EU Funds Wales (WEFO)
- Newsletter Sign up now

**Funding**

- EU funds in Wales
- European Structural Funds 2014-2020
- European Structural Funds programmes pre-2013
- European Territorial Co-operation
- Horizon 2020

## EU Funds: Investing in Wales

EU funds are supporting growth and jobs, creating sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits for people, businesses and communities in Wales.

**18,645** Enterprises Assisted

**11,925** Enterprises Created

**36,970** Jobs Created

**72,700** Helped into work

**56,055** Into further learning

**234,335** Qualifications gained

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Cronfeydd yr UE: Buddsoddi yng Nghymru EU Funds: Investing in Wales

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### EU Funds: Driving Research and Innovation

Investing in innovation and research will help drive forward Wales' global competitiveness and productivity. EU funds are supporting businesses to develop, test and launch new and improved commercial products, processes and services, including those relating to low carbon.

EU funds are also supporting the development of world-class research capacity in Wales, building on existing strengths to attract further private and competitive research funding.

The £450 million Campus provides world-class facilities for industrial research and development in engineering, advanced materials and manufacturing, and offers a state-of-the-art learning environment for students.

The development was amongst the top five knowledge economy projects in Europe and aims to generate around £2 billion of economic impact over a 10-year period through construction activity, research, and student and business investment.

It opened its doors to students in September 2015.

www.gov.wales/eu-funding  
Tel: 0845 010 3355  
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Cronfeydd yr UE: Buddsoddi yng Nghymru EU Funds: Investing in Wales



# National Assembly for Wales



- [Committees](#) [there was no dedicated European Committee in the 4<sup>th</sup> term of the NAW and in the current 5<sup>th</sup> term – European issues are dealt with by other Committees]

## – European & External Affairs Committee

- [2007-2011 Committee](#) / [2003-2007 Committee](#) / [1999-2003 Committee](#)
- Other NAW [Committees](#) also deal with European topics
- Constitutional & Legislative Affairs Committee: [Inquiry and Report into Wales' role in the EU decision making process](#), 2013/2014
- Constitutional & Legislative Affairs Committee: [4<sup>th</sup> Assembly Legacy Report, March 2016](#)



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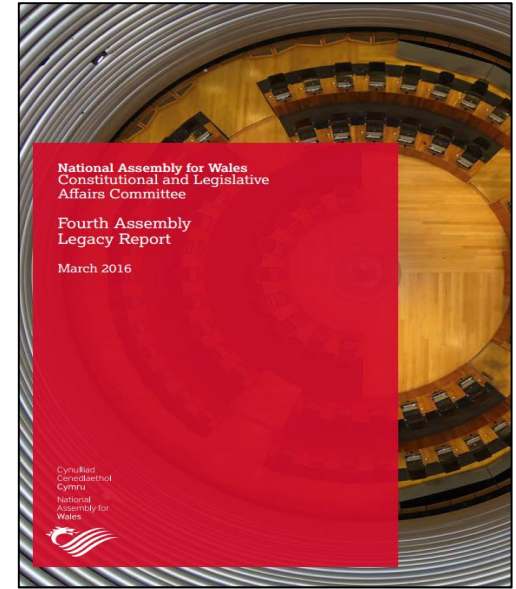
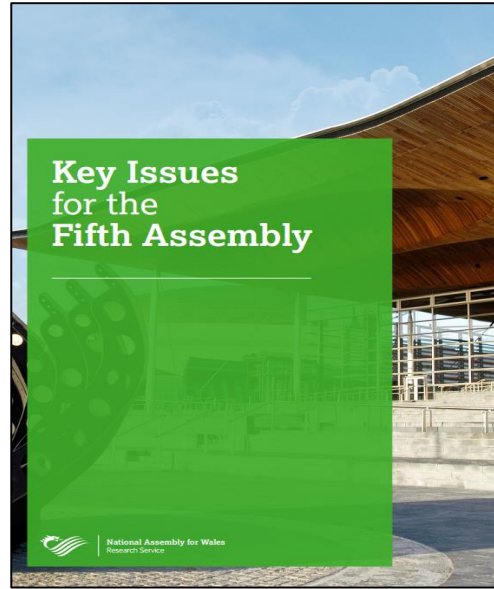
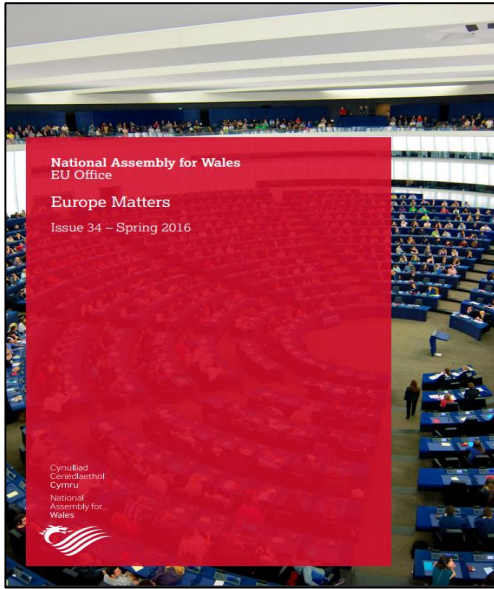
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**A second EU support package for farmers announced**

29 July 2016

Article by Edward Armstrong, National Assembly for Wales Research Service

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The farming industry has been going through a period of volatility, with the prices paid to farmers falling below the cost of production. This has been specifically bad for the dairy sector, with fermate milk prices in May 2016 15.1% lower than the same month last year.

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**The Glyphosate Debate**

07 July 2016

Article by Edward Armstrong, National Assembly for Wales Research Service

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Following numerous delays, on the 30<sup>th</sup> June the European Commission (EC) re-approved for use the widely used herbicide, Glyphosate, for an 18-month period. What are the arguments that continue to surround its renewal?



Glyphosate is the active ingredient in many

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**The Common Agricultural Policy**

19 May 2016

Article by Nia Seaton, National Assembly for Wales Research Service

This article is taken from 'Key issues for the Fifth Assembly', published on 12 May 2016.

**Support provided by the Common Agricultural Policy is vital to many farm and rural businesses in Wales. How does it work and what changes may be on the horizon?**

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is the EU's farm support policy.

Farmers in Wales will receive €322 million a year in direct payment support by 2019 and the Welsh Government will receive €365 million to support its Rural Development

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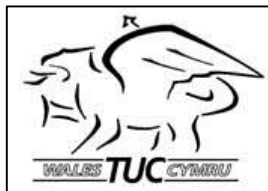
## WLGA EU Funding Guide 2014-2020

*This guide is for Welsh local authorities interested in EU funding.*

**Drastically reduced public sector finances means local authorities need to be more creative in finding new sources of funding. The EU offers plenty of funding opportunities for local authorities, but past surveys by the LGA have shown awareness of EU funding opportunities, outside of the main Structural Funds Programmes (European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund) within local authorities across the UK is fairly low.**



# Further stakeholders





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Statement by the First Minister of Wales: Moving Wales Forward

Following his nomination as First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones has set out his priorities for the first 100 days of the next Welsh Government.

WALEs AND THE EU REFERENDUM:  
Estimating Wales' Net Contribution to the European Union

May 2016

The UK in a Changing Europe

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EU membership:  
Benefits and challenges for Wales

A research report for Jill Evans MEP

Lila Haines  
With Anna Nicholl

July 2015

Speech

The case for Wales within a reformed EU

From: Wales Office and The Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP  
Delivered on: 19 May 2016 (Transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered)  
Location: Liberty Stadium, Swansea  
First published: 19 May 2016

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Carwyn Jones: Why Wales Should Vote to Remain in the EU

posted by CLAIRE | 132pc  
June 09, 2016

Watching from the sidelines: Wales and Brexit

Author: Dr Jo Hunt

Date: 30 March 2016

Region: UK regions

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## Statement by the First Minister: EU Referendum result

The First Minister of Wales has responded to the result of the referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union.

Friday 24 June 2016

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## Work underway to shape Wales' future relationship with Europe

First Minister Carwyn Jones will establish an expert advisory group to ensure Wales secures the best possible outcome in forthcoming Brexit negotiations.

Tuesday 09 August 2016

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## 'Brexit' top of the agenda as Cabinet Secretary meets UK Farming Minister at Royal Welsh

Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths met the UK Government's Farming Minister, George Eustice at the Royal Welsh Show today to ensure that the Welsh Government is actively involved in negotiations around the conditions of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, and that the concerns of Wales' agriculture and environment sectors are fully taken into consideration.

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## Devolved governments and negotiations on the UK leaving the EU

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British-Irish COUNCIL

## Extraordinary Council Summit

15 July 2016

First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones AM, will host an extraordinary Summit of the British-Irish Council in Cardiff next week.

The meeting will be attended by leaders and Ministers from the eight BIC Member Administrations: the UK and Irish Governments, the Devolved Administrations of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and the Governments of Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

The Summit has been convened to consider the outcome of the UK's referendum on membership of the European Union and the implications for the Council and its members.

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Extraordinary Summit – Cathays Park, Cardiff, 22 July 2016

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## PM to visit Wales to underline her strong personal support for the union

From: Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street and Wales Office  
First published: 18 July 2016

Prime Minister Theresa May will meet First Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones and confirm the government will fully engage with Wales in Brexit negotiations.





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