

News story: Inspiring new products and services: apply for business funding

Innovate UK has up to £25 million to invest in emerging and enabling technologies that could support UK economic growth in the future.

Projects can be carried out in a range of areas including:

- emerging technologies such as biofilms, energy harvesting, graphene and imaging
- digital technologies
- electronics sensors and photonics
- robotics and autonomous systems
- creative economy and design
- space applications

The aim is to support technologies that have the potential to transform commercial markets or that could make a difference to UK economic growth across many different sectors.

Up to £15 million of the funding has been set aside for research and development projects. A further £10 million is for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships.

- the competition opens on 4 September 2017, and the deadline for applications is midday on 8 November 2017
- research and development projects:
 - must involve at least one SME, working alone or in collaboration
 - must involve at least 2 partners working together if project costs are more than £100,000
 - can vary in size between £35,000 and £2 million and last between 3 months and 3 years
- businesses can attract up to 70% of their total project costs
- funding is available for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, which link a business with an academic or research organisation and a qualified graduate
- briefing events take place across the UK during September

Press release: Farming groups given £1.7 million to boost the environment

The third round of the Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund is open for applications from 1 September to 14 November 2017. The fund encourages

landowners to think beyond their own fields, meadows and woodlands and consider how environmental benefits can be achieved over a wider landscape by working on projects together.

Since the scheme began, it has supported 61 groups and 1,350 land managers to improve more than 273,000 hectares of land. Improvements include enhancing wildlife habitats, planting trees and restoring rivers to their natural meanders.

To apply, groups must submit new plans for working together and sharing knowledge to improve their land and benefit their communities.

An example of a group already benefitting from funding is the Bourn Brook Facilitation Fund, which joined the scheme in 2015. Since then, 20 farms covering more than 6,500 hectares have worked together to connect local ancient woodland, improve river quality and encourage other farmers to get involved in the environmental work.

Farming Minister George Eustice said:

The benefits of action to develop habitats and protect the environment can be magnified if applied on a landscape scale with groups of farmers working together. This facilitation fund will support partnership working to maximise the benefits of our Countryside Stewardship schemes to our farmed environment.

Leaving the EU creates a great opportunity to design a new agriculture policy that delivers environmental outcomes more effectively and testing partnership working in this way will help provide us with experience to inform future policy.

Chief Executive of Natural England James Cross said:

This scheme is about helping more farmers and land managers make the most of Countryside Stewardship and bring benefits for nature and people on a landscape scale. This is really exciting, a real win-win for farmers, land managers, rural communities and of course, our wildlife.

We are proud to be using the Fund to help support rural areas. By working with groups of land managers, facilitators can scale up what we can achieve and help deliver long-term outcomes for the environment.

Across England a total of £7.2 million has been committed through the Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund. Groups of land managers are improving their local environment at a landscape-scale. This builds on the principles of partnership working to deliver ambitious, evidence-based actions that will deliver for the environment, business and local

communities.

See the main [Facilitation Fund](#) page for more information and how to apply.

Notice: SY13 4AE, Ray White Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Ray White Limited
 - Installation name: White House Poultry Farm
 - Permit number: EPR/ZP3137KF/V005
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Notice: TS25 2BZ, EDF Nuclear Generation Limited: environmental permit application advertisement

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for Radioactive Substances Activities. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- which Environment Agency office you can visit to see the application documents on the public register
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
 - what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)
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Research and analysis: Future of the sea: biological responses to ocean warming

This report summarises evidence of changing sea temperatures. It explores the current and future impacts of this on:

- marine life
- the UK fisheries and aquaculture industries
- environmental conservation, including the UK's marine protected area network

It was commissioned as part of the [Foresight Future of the sea project](#).