



**OCT 11th EDF  
CONTRIBUTION:**  
EUR 5.9 million

**BENEFICIARY**  
Falkland Islands

**PROJECT  
DURATION:**  
4 years

**MODALITY:**  
Budget support

**STATUS:**  
Ongoing

# Falkland Islands – Connectivity and Accessibility Sector Performance Reform Contract



**An 11<sup>th</sup> EDF territorial programme to promote equality of access to economic and social development opportunities across the Falkland Islands through enhancing internal connectivity and accessibility**

## **Objectives:**

The overall objective of the programme is to support equality of access to economic and social development opportunities across the territory and particularly in the rural areas of the archipelago through enhancing internal connectivity and accessibility.

The programme will build on the progress of the 10<sup>th</sup> EDF in terms of diversifying the economy and strengthening resilience of the Falkland Islands to future shocks. Equal access to infrastructure for the residents of Stanley and those of rural areas will contribute to ensuring equality among residents.

## **Actions and expected results:**

Sector budget support provided through the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF will enable the Government to develop its long-term vision for sustainable economic development, while advancing the internal transport and connectivity sectors (e.g. improvement of roads and national air services). Equal access to infrastructure across the territory will contribute to ensuring equality among all inhabitants and will enhance economic

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The expected **specific results** of this intervention are:

- **Improved domestic air services, in particular:**
  - more reliable and enhanced air services that will benefit both residents and tourists;
  - improved safety of domestic aerodromes through replacement of fire-fighting and safety equipment.
- **Improved road infrastructure:**
  - improved connectivity between Stanley and Mount Pleasant Airport;
  - enhanced capability to seal the roads using an energy efficient asphalt plant;
  - enhanced maintenance of rural roads to improve their running conditions and to make them driveable by lorries rather than just 4-wheel drive vehicles;
  - reduced water damage to rural roads achieved through construction of culverts at key points.

### **Implementation**

The sector performance reform contract with the Falkland Islands will be implemented via budget support.

The different components of the financial envelope are as follows:

- Budget support component: EUR 5.8 millions
- Complementary support: EUR 100 000

The Financing Agreement has been signed on 4 December 2017. The indicative operational implementation period of this action is four years.