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### SUPERFAST CORNWALL

*ERDF: EUR 65 551 300 - Cornwall, UK - Sector: digital connectivity*



The Superfast Cornwall project is the largest single European investment in broadband infrastructure to date. Following a pilot scheme in early 2011, it has already brought superfast broadband to over 15 000 customers. The investment is expected to create 4000 new jobs, protect a further 2000, and make Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly one of the best-connected places in the world.

### WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (WICED)

*ERDF: GBP 2.466 million - 04/2009 - 03/2013 Liverpool, UK - Sector: business support*



The Women's International Centre for Economic Development (WICED) provides a high-quality business environment for women-led small business and enterprises through the provision of incubation units and hot desks. Managed by the Women's Organisation, and supported by GBP 2.4 million, the facility in Liverpool includes space for 70 women's enterprises which enables entrepreneurship and small businesses to prosper. It also assists enterprises to start, grow, maintain and improve performance, all helping to create and safeguard local jobs and boost local growth. The Centre has supported the start of 486 new women-led businesses and growth support to 3787 women. The building also houses an international research hub which provides access to research information and international links with other female entrepreneurs on a global scale.

### SER CYMRU II (SMART SPECIALISATION EXAMPLE)

*ERDF: EUR 10 000 0000 - East Wales, EUR 18 342 853 - West Wales - 11/2015 - 01/2023 Sector: research and innovation*



The project concerns a fellowship scheme forming part of the Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales' strategy to build research capacity in Wales. The scheme will complement the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND proposal and supports fellowships in any areas of research relevant to the three pillars in the Science for Wales strategy, with a particular focus on smart specialisation and innovation. High-quality researchers and research proposals which are driven by innovation are prioritised, and over half of the fellowships are expected to involve collaborations with industry.

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### PONTY LIDO

*ERDF: EUR 3 749 100 - Wales - Sector: public sector*



Lido Ponty, a heritage facility of historic significance to Wales, underwent a major restoration project and reopened to the public in 2015. This heritage asset, which has considerable economic potential, is enormously popular with visitors.

### CUBRIC - CARDIFF UNIVERSITY BRAIN RESEARCH IMAGING CENTRE

*EUR 4.6 million - 06/2015 - 10/2021 Cardiff, Wales - Sector: research and innovation*



CUBRIC is set to become one of Europe's top facilities for brain imaging, mapping and stimulation, with a pivotal role in better understanding the causes of neurological and psychiatric conditions such as dementia, schizophrenia and multiple sclerosis, and thus developing better treatments.

### BEACON+

*EUR 7.9 million - Wales - Sector: research and innovation*



A project on bio-refining (the process of transforming plants into products via physical, chemical and biological means) is adding value to Welsh natural resources. The resulting close cooperation between universities across Wales is translating academic knowledge into product innovation, thereby giving Welsh companies' a competitive advantage to achieve sustainable growth.

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### THE SPORTING CHANCE

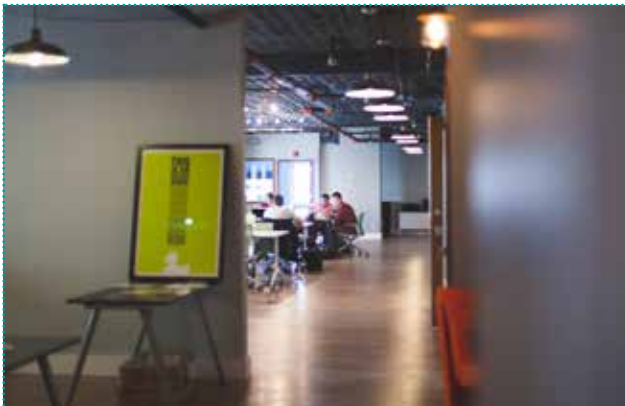
*GDP 705 852 – 01/2010 – 06/2015 - Stirling, Scotland - Sector: SMEs*



A project focusing on knowledge transfer between businesses and universities – for instance, by working with market-leading sports businesses to identify gaps in the market for SMEs, hosting information events around these market opportunities, and developing innovative products.

### MILLFIELDS 'COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST'; BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE 'GENESIS'

*ERDF: EUR 2.497 million – Plymouth UK - Sector: urban enterprise*



A project enabling local people to contribute to the regeneration of the Stonehouse neighbourhood in Plymouth is increasing the competitiveness of the area and providing jobs. The project forms part of the Urban Enterprise element of the South West Competitiveness programme to create more jobs for people in the city. The new Business Enterprise Centre 'Genesis' has provided 1995 metres of commercial workspace, housing up to 50 flexible hot-desk spaces.

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