

# [Guidance: European Structural and Investment Funds: useful resources](#)

List of beneficiaries and glossary for organisations running European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund projects.

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## [National Highways wants your views on future road investment](#)

Press release

National Highways has launched an online feedback tool for road users and those who live near to England's motorways and major A roads to give their views on where investment is needed the most.



M6 National Parks Corridor

The strategic road network managed by National Highways (formerly Highways England) stretches over 4,300 miles and connects the UK's major towns and cities and represents the core of our national transport system.

Our roads are vital in enabling businesses to transport products and services, providing access to jobs and suppliers, and facilitating trade and investment across the country as well as providing essential links for leisure and connecting people and places.

The [online tool](#) has been developed as part of our engagement process for Route Strategies which is one activity used to inform the government's decisions on future road investment. As well as capturing public feedback the database will be used to record engagement with local government and

transport authorities, as well as other interested parties.

Elliot Shaw, Executive Director, Strategy and Planning, said:

At National Highways we are constantly challenging ourselves to seek out ways to improve the experience of those who use our roads and the communities who live nearby.

The new easy-to-use online tool provides everyone from commuters, professional road users, nearby residents and community groups to comment.

I urge you to provide feedback on what is important to you – a specific location on England’s motorways or major A roads, a longer route or general feedback about our road network. This is your opportunity to help inform the long-term vision for the future of our roads.

Together with input from a wide range of other stakeholders feedback will be used to inform recommendations and investment plans going forward for the Department for Transport’s next Road Investment Strategies (RIS3 2025 – 2030).

The online tool is open for feedback until 30 November 2021.

See [Route Strategies – Planning for the future of our roads](#) for further information

### **General enquiries**

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

### **Media enquiries**

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

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## **[UK reaffirms security commitment to Ukraine](#)**

Defence Minister Jeremy Quin spoke at the International Crimea Platform (ICP)

in Kyiv and attended celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of Ukraine's independence to reaffirm the UK's commitment to Ukraine's security and territorial integrity.

The UK continues to work with NATO allies and partners to support Ukraine in reducing threats to the region and improving stability and prosperity in support of the rules based international system.

Minister Quin also represented the UK at the independence celebrations and military parade in Independence Square in Kyiv. This included a marching contingent from the Royal Lancers, and Colchester Band, and a flypast of RAF Typhoon fighter jets.

**Defence Minister Jeremy Quin said:**

It is an honour to represent the UK at such illustrious events to restate our support for Ukraine and celebrate 30 years of the country's independence.

I was proud to watch the Royal Lancers, Colchester Band and RAF Typhoons supporting the military parade to mark this historic occasion.

The launch of the International Crimea Platform signifies the global community's recognition of the hugely important need to keep pressing for the reintegration of Crimea as part of Ukraine which the UK fully supports.

The aim of the ICP is to integrate Crimea back into Ukraine. Heads of State from Poland and the Baltic countries, and Foreign Ministers from countries, including France, Germany, Spain, Italy and the UK attended. The ICP helped the global community coordinate on Crimea, increase the effectiveness of the international response, enhance pressure on Russia and step up efforts on ending the illegal annexation.

The UK and NATO are committed to Black Sea regional security, stability and prosperity alongside Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty. We have demonstrated that ambition with action, conducting joint maritime and land exercises, such as SEA BREEZE and COSSACK MACE with Ukraine, allies and partners this summer.

The UK enjoys a strong bilateral relationship with Ukraine and is committed to securing its security. Since 2015, the UK has trained over 21,000 Ukrainian military personnel in medical skills, logistics, counter improvised explosive devices, leadership, planning and infantry tactics as part of Operation ORBITAL and the UK-led Maritime Training Initiative.

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## [Charity Commission statement on Dot Com Children's Foundation](#)

Government response

The charity regulator has opened a regulatory compliance case into the charity



The Charity Commission has recently been alerted to potential concerns about the governance of the [Dot Com Children's Foundation](#). It has opened a regulatory compliance case to assess the information provided. It cannot comment further at this time.

### **Important background information**

- This is not a statutory inquiry.
- We have made no finding of wrongdoing at this time.
- The Commission does not investigate allegations of criminality (e.g. fraud), that is for law enforcement agencies.
- In line with our usual processes, the potential concerns are currently being assessed by our compliance team as part of a regulatory compliance case.

- We assess all concerns in line with our [risk and regulatory framework](#).

**Ends**

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## **[Guidance: Piloting the Sustainable Farming Incentive: changing your application](#)**

How to request an update to a Sustainable Farming Incentive pilot application for an agreement