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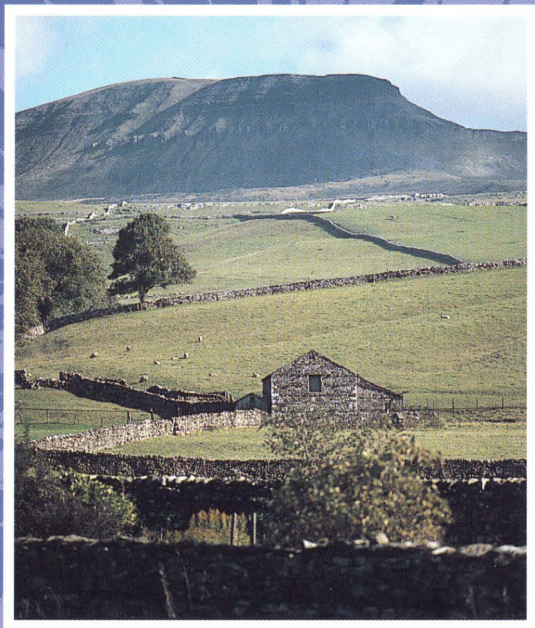
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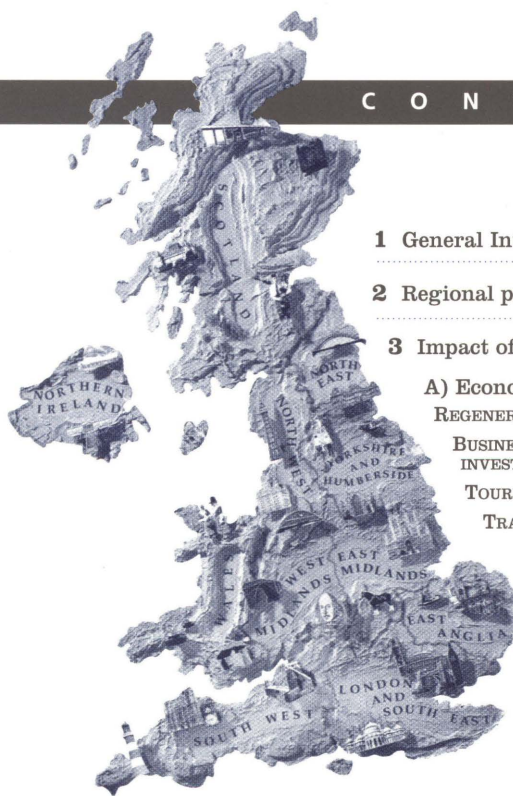
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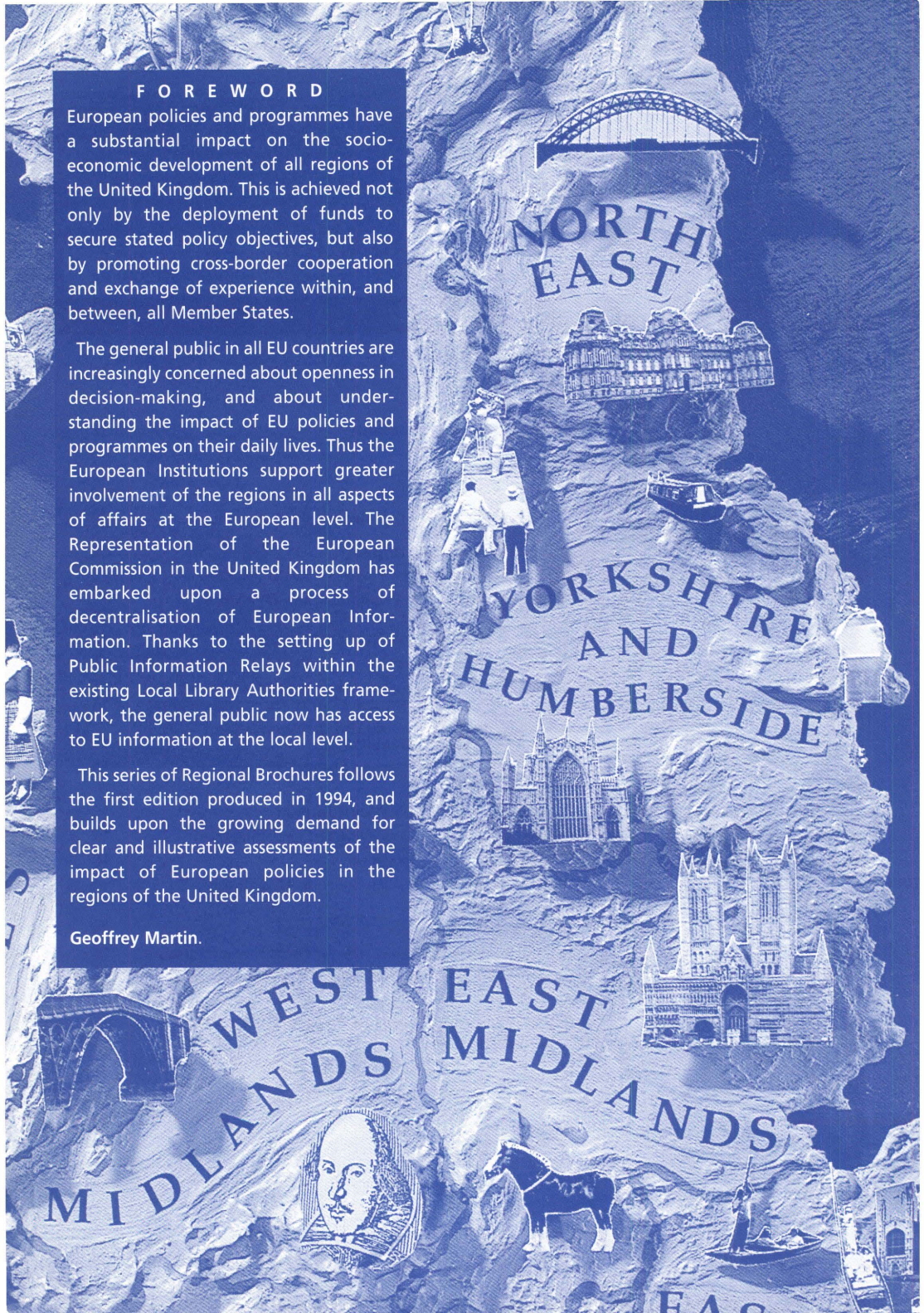
FOREWORD

European policies and programmes have a substantial impact on the socio-economic development of all regions of the United Kingdom. This is achieved not only by the deployment of funds to secure stated policy objectives, but also by promoting cross-border cooperation and exchange of experience within, and between, all Member States.

The general public in all EU countries are increasingly concerned about openness in decision-making, and about understanding the impact of EU policies and programmes on their daily lives. Thus the European Institutions support greater involvement of the regions in all aspects of affairs at the European level. The Representation of the European Commission in the United Kingdom has embarked upon a process of decentralisation of European Information. Thanks to the setting up of Public Information Relays within the existing Local Library Authorities framework, the general public now has access to EU information at the local level.

This series of Regional Brochures follows the first edition produced in 1994, and builds upon the growing demand for clear and illustrative assessments of the impact of European policies in the regions of the United Kingdom.

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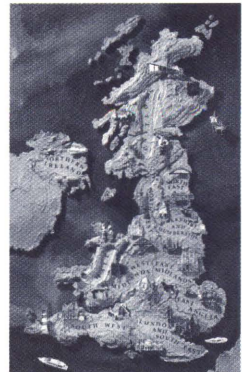
THE EUROPEAN UNION is composed of 15 Member States but it comprises a much greater number of regions whose dynamic diversity is one of the Union's greatest strengths. The current European Union of 15 is clearly very different from the Common Market

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of the original 6. However, its political geography will soon be further changed as negotiations take place over the next few years with Cyprus, Malta and countries in Eastern & Central Europe, the result of which will be a still wider Union. In this radically reshaped Union, the sense of regional identity will be a useful counter-balance to the decision-making by Ministers which national Governments will undertake at the level of the Union itself.

An Inter-Governmental Conference starts in 1996. It will reflect on the current state of the Union and progress made since Maastricht. It will put forward adaptations necessary to carry this reshaped Union forward into the twenty-first century.

The removal of internal frontiers in Europe and the arrangements for completing a Single Market in which there is free movement of people, goods, capital and in the provision of services, has increased the extent of cooperation between regions, be it at the level of the regional or local authorities themselves or through companies and business organisations, or through the educational system and in many other diverse ways. These inter-regional links have grown up throughout the Union,



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some of them based on Community development programmes such as INTERREG, while others are of a much simpler kind, based often on long-standing twinning agreements with recent trade-related components added.

As the Union adapts to change, the desire for greater democracy and openness in the way decisions are made at the European level increases. Some discussion is focusing on the future role of national Parliaments where Westminster has a contribution yet to make. A recent development has been the establishment of the Committee of the Regions where European Union matters are appraised from a regional perspective by representatives drawn from the regions themselves.

The broad policies of the European Union affect all its citizens and regions both directly and indirectly. These include the creation of the Single Market, the common trade policies, the Common Agricultural Policy, consumer protection rules, environmental improvement, education and training, social policy including health and safety

protection and, of special interest to the regions, the establishment of Trans-European networks in transport, energy and telecommunications.

There are, of course, certain policies and programmes with a more definite regional perspective. These include the Structural Funds, geared to the poorest regions in the Union and those that have been affected by industrial decline. Many regions have suffered from similar changes in key local industries such as steel, coal, textiles, shipbuilding and the defence sector. Policies have, therefore, been drawn up at the European level to address these problems in a similar way in each country. This is one example of the dynamics which the Union is creating at regional level.

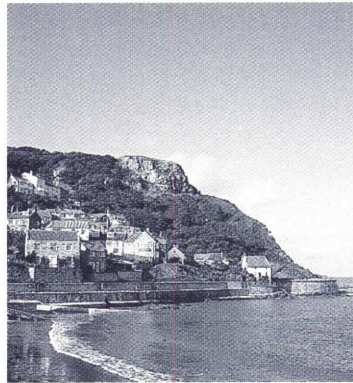
Outside the capital cities and sometimes within the most peripheral regions, much of Europe's scientific and educational resources are based. The development of European-wide policies in these areas has helped forge a vast network of regional links that have become part of the nervous system of the Union as a whole.



YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE is a region of 5 million people, facing the North Sea and with a long tradition of links with northern Europe. It has suffered substantial decline in its traditional industries of coal, steel, textiles, clothing and transport in recent years and the European Regional Development Fund is helping to enhance the existing skills of the labour force and train the unemployed in new ones needed by growing industries. Building on the region's existing assets has high priority, particularly its large stock of small and medium sized firms and nine universities. It is vital to encourage the growth of high technology industries and promote R&D and technology transfer. The region is also investing heavily in transport links with mainland Europe through the Humber Ports and the Channel Tunnel. The commercial opportunities opened up by the Single Market have been welcomed, but the region has also had to face some painful changes, particularly the effects on the

fishing industry of the Common Fisheries Policy.

The European dimension in Yorkshire and Humberside lies at the heart of its current objectives. The inter-regional momentum within the European Union is growing rapidly at various levels. Links with France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Italy are well-established and the region has a European Office in Brussels. That is why it is timely to take stock of the Yorkshire and Humberside region's assets and liabilities in a European wide context.



*Runswick Bay
- North Yorkshire*



2 REGIONAL PROFILE

WITH A POPULATION equal in size to a number of smaller EU Member States, a rich variety of landscapes and social conditions, and a tradition of being the cradle of the industrial revolution, Yorkshire and Humberside is one of the major regions of the European Union. Leeds, Sheffield and Bradford are among the five largest cities by population in England. The region extends from the western shores of the North Sea with its dramatic cliffs, bustling seaside towns and major international ports to the high Pennine hills with their deep history of social and industrial innovation. In the north, the region encompasses some of the most striking and beautiful rural scenery to be found anywhere in Europe, whilst in the south, the town and cities once dominated by the coal and steel industries are now forging new destinies amidst wide scale industrial and commercial regeneration.

The completion of the Single European Market, the enlargement of the European Union and the growth of the central and eastern European economies have given the region a new geographical prominence. Yorkshire and Humberside is part of the Northern Arc trading area which stretches from Ireland, across north Germany and the Baltic to central and eastern Europe. It stands at a cross-roads of the EU Trans European Network in Britain where roads and railways which run North - South from London to Scotland cross those running East - West over the Pennines to the Humber and northern Europe. This Transpennine corridor plays a vital role in the economy of the north of England. It will bring increasing prosperity to the region as new members are absorbed into the Union and trade in the Single Market increases.

The Humber Ports have a long history of trading with northern Europe and they handle 17% of all UK sea freight. Three quarters of their trade is with Scandinavia, Germany and the Benelux countries and they are the northernmost ports which can provide overnight freight and passenger services across the North Sea. Trade is growing rapidly and there is plenty of room for development: the Humber is probably the last deep-water estuary in Europe with such potential.

Whilst traditional industries such as metal working and textiles are still important in Yorkshire and Humberside, employment in these sectors has been declining for many years, and the recent decline in the coal, steel and fishing industries has been dramatic. At the same time, service industries have expanded and there are signs that many of the



newer technology-based industries are beginning to take root in the region. Such wide-ranging structural change has obviously had an effect on the regional labour market, and continued heavy investment in education and training is required in order to continually re-equip the workforce for the needs of a constantly changing industrial and commercial base.

Faced with such challenges, the region has had to invest heavily in economic regeneration. Growth potential certainly exists throughout the region as an increasingly large number of major European companies are coming to realise.

As with most large urban centres, there are areas of multiple deprivation. However, the cities and towns of Yorkshire and Humberside, with their long traditions of manufacturing and commerce and their ability to provide a modern technological infrastructure in proximity to spectacular national parks and rural retreats, offer attractive settings for existing, expanding and re-locating enterprises.

Home to some of the largest and most well-known business enterprises in Europe, Yorkshire and Humberside also has a thriving small and medium-sized enterprise sector and nine universities providing high quality education and forty Further Education Colleges.

The region is well aware that its future success depends on blending its traditional strengths of skills and adaptability with the best and latest of new technology. Much still needs to be achieved - whilst the region has nearly 10% of the national labour force, it has only 3% of employment in high technology industries. Significant challenges face rural parts of the region where incomes are low and employment opportunities limited. In a region where industrial and technological growth lives co-exist with unspoilt natural beauty, the environmental challenge of conserving and enhancing natural resources has to be met.

The people of Yorkshire and Humberside face the challenges confronting them with both a quiet resolution and a commitment to growth and solidarity, shared by so many of their fellow European citizens. Yorkshire and Humberside has never been an isolated region. Its links with the rest of the United Kingdom and with continental Europe have always been firmly rooted, not only in trade and commerce, but also in friendship. From the earliest years of UK membership of the European Community, this has been reflected in the region's commitment to Europe and increasingly in the many projects and programmes supported by the European Union promoting regeneration and growth.

3 IMPACT OF EU POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

ONE OF THE BASIC principles of the 1993 reform of the European Community Structural Funds was the need to achieve greater partnership between European, national, regional and local funding and regeneration initiatives. EU assistance should be seen as an essential and integral component of overall efforts to effect economic growth and social renewal. There are many examples of European programmes and projects helping to revive Yorkshire and Humberside.

EU assistance has been of great value both directly and in leveraging out additional investment from the public and private sectors. Areas with structural economic problems increasingly depend on EU funding because national sources are now very limited. Support given to alleviate problems in the coal, steel, textiles, fishing and defence industries has been invaluable. The procedures followed when money is allocated are designed to achieve maximum cooperation among those working directly in the field.

The following sections provide a few examples of the impact of the European Union in the economic, social and cultural spheres. The process is by no means one-way. The final section examines the ways in which the experience, knowledge and skills of people from the Yorkshire and Humberside region are helping to shape the development of policy at European Union level.

A Economic Impact

REGENERATION OF AREAS AND INDUSTRIES

The continuing cycle of structural change - industrial growth and decline - has had a heavy impact on many of the region's industrial centres. Former world centres of industries such as textiles, steel and coal have been forced to seek new paths to prosperity through industrial and commercial regeneration. There has been a major loss of full - time male manual work while female employment, especially part time, has increased. These trends are likely to continue to the end of the century. The value of output from traditional industries tends to be low, which keeps income levels down to about 8% below the national average.

Such problems are not unique to Yorkshire and Humberside, nor to the United Kingdom. The European Union has made significant contributions to combating them through the provision of financial aid and assistance in disseminating information about successful initiatives and approaches.

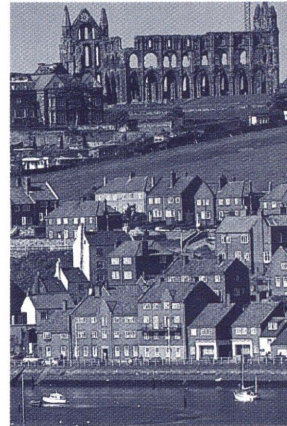
Financial support has come mainly from two sources: firstly from Objective 2 of the European Structural Funds aimed at regenerating areas of industrial decline; and secondly from the dedicated "Community Initiatives". Specific sectors of decline are targeted under such initiatives, including RECHAR (coalmining), RESIDER (steel), RETEX (textiles), PESCA (fishing) and KONVER (defence industries).

Large areas of the region are eligible for assistance under Objective 2. European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) aid has been used to "pump-prime" industrial and commercial development and open up new industrial land. At Wath Manvers in Rotherham, 400 hectares of derelict industrial land was reclaimed for a mix of uses including business and tourism. Business parks have also been developed with ERDF aid in Hull, Kirklees, Scunthorpe, Thorne and Wakefield.

Buildings formerly at the heart of community life have been converted through managed workspace and similar programmes for the benefit of smaller and particularly new created firms. Design Centre studios have been created in the historic Little Germany textile warehousing area close to Bradford City Centre. The former pit head baths at Thurnscoe in the Dearne Valley are now occupied by small firms. The former Mexborough Grammar School has been converted into workshop units and aid has been given to the second phase of the Louis Pearlman centre in Hull and the Enterprise centre in Normanton.

Particular attention has been given to increasing awareness of new technologies and the opportunities they provide to companies. The European Structural Funds have played an important role in this process. Business and Innovation Centres have been established at Bradford and Barnsley. The Rotherham Engineering and Computing Technology Centre will give firms access to CAD and CAM facilities, training and prototype production facilities. In Sheffield the establishment of the Industrial and Business Technology Centre provides a base for a multitude of facilities and services for small firms. In these and other centres developed using ERDF assistance, a focal point has been provided for the application of new technologies by small firms. Their impact has already been significant and is growing.

The pace of industrial change means that training premises and facilities have had to be modernised to cater for new needs. On the Hull University Newland Science Park, the Regional Centre for Surface Engineering has an international reputation and has recently been awarded National Centre status. Elsewhere European funding has been used to modernise college premises particularly for the needs of small firms. Examples include the flexible learning centre at Shipley College and the new training premises at Wakefield College.



Whitby Abbey Ruins

A very important development has been the establishment of training centres within the community. At Sheffield, for example, the European Regional Development Fund has supported the refurbishment of schools to form the Norton and Parsons Cross centres. Community Resource Centres have been set up in Barnsley, South Elmsall and Mexborough providing advice and counselling services as well as job search facilities.

Small and Medium Sized enterprises often have difficulty in raising the level of skills in their labour force and exploiting the latest high technology training techniques. A project based in Saltaire, Bradford, involves cooperation between local electronics firms to create a pool of skilled workers for their mutual benefit. It will be run by a partnership of educational establishments, companies and the local authority. The project will help to ensure that training material developed by larger companies is available to SMEs through a fibre optic network for in-house training backed by National Vocational Qualification assessment.

The challenge of regenerating these once-proud manufacturing centres is a daunting one, but as these examples show, significant progress has already been made. The Maastricht Treaty on European Union established the pursuit of economic and social cohesion as one of the basic objectives of the Union. In practical terms this means that continued efforts must be made to ensure that the gap between the older industrial areas and the more prosperous parts of the Union is constantly narrowed.

URBAN AND COALFIELD REGENERATION

Regeneration is not limited to the rebuilding of the economic infrastructure, it is also about regenerating physical communities which all too often have been blighted by urban deprivation. European support under the Structural Funds and Community Initiatives is vital to the region. Sheffield won additional funding under the URBAN initiative. The review of Objective 2 areas in 1996 and possible extension of URBAN gives scope for dealing with additional problems of urban deprivation.

Stainforth, a village near Doncaster whose fortunes have been tied to the coalmining industry is just one example of effective partnership in urban regeneration, utilising £3.25 millions of RECHAR aid and £20 millions of UK Estate Action assistance. The challenge facing the local council was to try to reverse the process of decline. It discovered that one of the most critical factors was the fabric of the community itself - its houses, shops and public buildings. An Estate Action Programme was devised to meet the specific problems faced by the community. The effects are clear to see as the environment is revitalised, houses are improved and the infrastructure is regenerated. But just as important are the less tangible benefits: a new injection of hope and self respect



is being given to the community. For the people of Stainforth the physical rebuilding of their community and the building of European cohesion and solidarity go hand in hand.

Other examples of EU funded projects include a new inner Halifax modern housing development aimed mainly at the Asian community, which was quickly taken up, and landscaping and refurbishment of buildings around the railway station. In Todmorden, grant aid from the PERIFRA programme supported improvements involving cooperation between the local authority, business community and residents which secured investment many times the amount of grant aid. In Bradford, the European Union is assisting a major flood relief scheme which will keep Pennine flood water away from the city centre and relieve locally caused commercial blight.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND OVERSEAS INVESTMENT

Businesses of all sizes must be competitive to succeed in the Single Market. EU reports and studies have highlighted the importance of education and training particularly to smaller companies. Over 97% of Yorkshire and Humberside companies employ less than 100 workers. High quality business support facilities are an important ingredient of success. European funding helps local businesses face up to the challenges of the Single European Market and make the most of the opportunities it undoubtedly offers. EU funding provides valuable support including specialised training and guidance for new companies, the networking of companies which supply products and services to each other to help them improve efficiency; advice and consultancy on product design and development; and support for the adoption of new technology. A substantial amount of EU funding goes to the Government's Business Links initiative.

In Sheffield, for example, small engineering and manufacturing companies have benefited from grants for training, improving management effectiveness, production planning and marketing. In Humberside, an EU supported export marketing scheme encourages companies to try new markets. This is augmented by a range of other business support measures which help businesses make the most of the Humber Ports. An innovative scheme to increase business contacts between large and small firms in Grimsby and Cleethorpes has already generated £3m in additional contracts.

In Wakefield, RECHAR funded a programme in 1994 to attract inward investment from high tech, electronic and advanced engineering components manufacturers in the United States.



Similar ventures to attract investment have been helped by the EU in Barnsley and in Doncaster. The Barnsley/Dearne valley partnership ran a campaign to attract investment from German plastic engineering companies, and to continue a programme in Japan based on joint work undertaken in 1992 identifying automotive component manufacturers seeking investment opportunities in Europe. Doncaster ran a one year promotional programme aimed at small and medium sized US food, automotive and engineering companies.

TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The region's diversity means it can offer a wide range of experiences to the visitor: a magnificent coastline, picturesque and rugged upland landscape, towns and cities and a rich architectural, maritime and industrial heritage. Tourism links with Germany, France, Holland and Belgium in particular are developing and the Regional Tourist Board operates Tourist Information Centres in Rotterdam and Zeebrugge. Under Objectives 2 and 5b of the Structural Funds aid is given to tourism projects and the European Union has also contributed to training courses such as Welcome Host, which raise standards of customer care.

Assistance is given to tourism and cultural development in both traditional tourist areas such as seaside resorts and historic towns, and in industrial towns and cities which have a wealth of untapped tourist potential. Examples of the former include Beverley and Bridlington, where there has been large scale refurbishment of the promenade. Examples of the latter include Bradford, where an EU funded study led directly to private investment in three new hotels and a number of refurbishment schemes. Grimsby's award winning National Fishing Heritage Centre is an outstanding example of the success of EU support. The Doncaster Leisure Park also provides a good example of tourism measures helping to regenerate the local economy. Other developing attractions include Transperience, Elsecar and the Earth Centre in Conisborough.

ENVIRONMENT

Yorkshire and Humberside generally has a very positive image of the rolling hills and dales, villages and market and coastal towns but some older industrial and port areas are perceived as run-down and unattractive to visitors and inward investors. European standards are raising the quality of the environment, rivers and streams, bathing beaches and the air we breathe. Financial assistance for improvements in the Objective 2 and 5b areas.

The 1994-1996 programme states that some 7% of funding in the



region's Objective 2 areas will be allocated to environmental improvements through the reclamation of land classed derelict, contaminated and neglected for soft after-use and landscaping, where hard after-uses are not appropriate; the improvement of the appearance of city, town and village centres, key transport corridor, housing environments and industrial areas, and the provision of social infrastructures where justified in terms of economic regeneration; and improvements to water supply, sewerage infrastructure, waster water treatment and flood defence works to protect economic activities and tourism.

Capital investment is taking place to ensure that the region meets the range of EC Directives. This is particularly true of water quality. Improvements to the sewage system are required to improve the quality of both inland water courses and coastal bathing waters. Key areas in the region are also vulnerable to river or estuarial flooding which can threaten economic activity.

Considerable investment has been undertaken to uprate sewers and sewage works leading to a gradual improvement in river quality. For example, the completion of the Don Valley sewer and improvements in progress in the Rother catchment should make it possible to upgrade the River Don through Rotherham and Doncaster substantially.

The environmental quality standards associated with the Dangerous Substances Directives are largely met in the principal rivers but some local problems remain and a further action is required to achieve targets set for the environmental production of the North Sea. Tighter standards are being imposed progressively on trade discharges to sewers. For many years, the effluents from a number of the chemical industries discharging directly to Humber were largely outside the pollution control legislation. This was rectified in the 1980s and much work is in progress to reduce the input of metals to the Humber.

The regions' beaches compare well with other parts of the country in terms of the percentage which satisfy the quality requirements for bathing waters, only being bettered by two other regions in England and Wales. Along the 145km of the Yorkshire and Humberside coast, there are 22 beaches designated under the Bathing Waters Directive and in 1993 only one failed to comply with the mandatory standards.

TRANSPORT

A modern and efficient transport system is an essential element in both the industrial and social fabric of the community. European financial support has played a leading role in helping to modernise the Yorkshire and Humberside transport network at all levels.

The region is well represented in the evolving European transport network. The region's main motorway connections (the M1, M62, M18 and A1) are part of the Trans European Network, as is the main East Coast railway line which runs through the region. The Leeds/Bradford Airport is a Regional Connecting Point in the Trans-European airport network. Leeds/Bradford and Humberside airports have received assistance from the EU and the European Investment Bank (EIB). Various highways schemes receive subsidised loans from the EIB.

The Humber is now Britain's busiest estuary with 40,000 shipping movements in 1993. The Humber Ports have benefited from European financial assistance as well as from increasing trade with EU partners and are achieving record growth. Hull has recently turned in its best performance for 30 years, handling more than 10m tonnes of traffic; Grimsby and Immingham have also had record years, dealing with 41 million tonnes and Goole's throughput is increasing steadily. An EU funded inter-regional study involving partners in Merseyside, the Manchester area and Yorkshire and Humberside seeks to develop the potential of the Transpennine corridor and its links with northern Europe.

Inter-modal freight railports linking the region with the Channel Tunnel are being established at Doncaster and Wakefield and applications for European funding have been submitted to the regional Programme Monitoring Committee. An evaluation study has been completed for an International Passenger Interchange at Doncaster.

European funding also contributed to the completion of major bus and rail interchanges at Sheffield and Meadowhall (both include connections with the local Supertram network) and others are under construction at Barnsley and Rotherham. A new bus station has been constructed in Dewsbury and several others have been reconstructed.

EU support has been given to several rail schemes including electrification of the routes between Bradford and Leeds, Ilkley and Skipton. As well as providing much needed extra capacity for commuters, the new electric services will stimulate retail and tourist traffic. New stations have also been opened at Adwick, Bentley, Dodworth and Kirk Sandall. Various other schemes supported by European funds are helping to increase railway capacity through alignment, signalling and other improvements.

The new Supertram 29 km light rail system in Sheffield won ERDF funding for line 2 which serves industrial and tourism developments. A number of projects are being put forward to apply research and high technology to transport problems. For example, Vade Mecum is a proposal to create a corridor of traffic and travel information from Ireland across



North Wales, the North West and Yorkshire and Humberside and on to Europe. On a county scale, the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive has applied for funding for an Internet Transport Information facility within the TABASCO consortium. Applications are currently pending under the EU's 4th Research and Development Framework Programme.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND ENERGY

The EU-supported Business and Innovation Centres at Barnsley and Bradford help budding entrepreneurs. Services provided include help with premises, intellectual property protection, project evaluation and development, research facilities, and technical support.

European funding has also helped establish Business Technology Centres in other parts of the region such as Batley in West Yorkshire, to encourage the use of advanced information systems and innovative techniques.

In addition to University-based R&D, EU programmes are actively promoted within Yorkshire and Humberside through the Fourth Framework Programme, the European Regional Development Fund and Community Initiatives and specific schemes such as Technology Stimulation Measures for SMEs.

A large number of collaborative programmes involving Yorkshire and Humberside companies and research organisations are underway in research areas as diverse as materials technology and life sciences in the Industrial and Material Technologies (IMT) and Biotechnology Programmes.

A typical example of an IMT project nearing completing is a 3 years, 2.3 M ECU collaboration to develop advanced engineering ceramic spring materials involving the Spring Research Association in Sheffield, the Materials Department in the University of Leeds, 2 large German industrial partners and SME spring manufacturers across Europe. A second example is a recently funded project which deals with biosensor developments for electronic applications, fronted by a Leeds SME, Applied Enzyme Technology, under the Preparatory Awards scheme of the Biotechnology Programme.

ENERGY

Under the JOULE programme for research into non-nuclear energy, the University of Sheffield is a partner in a project concerned with the development of electric vehicles and the University of Leeds is involved in projects covering the recovery of hydrocarbons, gas emissions from coal burning and the fuel efficiency of internal combustion engines.



RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE

European Structural Fund assistance is not limited to the industrial parts of the region. Areas of Humberside and North Yorkshire which have a high share of agricultural employment, low incomes, low population density and a significant loss of population from emigration, or which are dependent on fishing, are covered by the Objective 5b Northern Uplands plan for 1994 - 99 which includes other initiatives aimed at economic development and diversification.

European financial support is not just limited to economic regeneration and technological innovation. The beauty of the moorland and dales landscape has been moulded over centuries by traditional farming practices and these are supported by EU funds for Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Hill Livestock Compensation Arrangements.

COMMON ORGANISATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MARKETS

The region's fishing industry has suffered long term contraction due to a loss of access to fishing grounds and dwindling stocks due to over fishing. The Yorkshire and Humberside Fishing Consortium have produced a strategy to make use of funding from the European Union's PESCA Initiative to develop the region as a key fish landing, processing and distribution centre and broaden links with related food processing industries. The ERDF supported a major scheme to regenerate Grimsby's fish docks through the construction of a new fish market due to be completed by January 1996.

CROSS FRONTIER COOPERATION

Many of the towns and cities in the region have twinning arrangements involving other EU member states and there have been various exchange visits and delegations for both cultural and business purposes. The EU's enlargement provided new opportunities for cooperation with regions in Sweden, Finland and Austria. The region's local authorities, Training and Enterprise Councils and the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive support an office in Brussels to deal with European matters of mutual interest.

B Social Impact

The prime resource of Yorkshire and Humberside is its people. With unrivalled experience of manufacturing and trade along with a gritty determination to see their region prosper, the people of Yorkshire and Humberside are involved in a major effort to re-skill and re-train in order to meet the emerging needs of modern industry and commerce. European support has been, and continues to be, essential to this process



of renewal. EU funds and a flow of ideas and experiences help to counteract economic and social exclusion amongst the least privileged groups in our society. European solidarity must be forged amongst people. The social impact of the European Union will break down barriers and help create a lasting and ever-closer union among the people of Europe.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The region's universities have well-established and innovative European dimensions in their teaching programmes. They know that European exchanges bring mutual long term benefits, breaking down national stereotypes and promoting mutual appreciation of different systems, the development of joint trans-European curricula and a dynamic multi-cultural approach to a wide variety of ventures in which their regions cooperate. Exchanges also promote the transfer of knowledge, experience and good practice between all those involved including the respective regions and countries linked under inter-university exchange schemes, a process which has great social and economic value.

The European Community has established Jean Monnet chairs for teaching and research on European themes and there are four in the region: in Bradford, Hull (2) and Leeds. EU research programmes facilitate collaboration with educational establishments in other member states and with industrial partners. In 1992/93, the region's universities received £4.87 millions in grants and contracts from the European Union. All of the regions' higher education establishments have strong student and research links with the other EU member states and participate in COMETT, ERASMUS, TEMPUS, TACIS, and a range of other programmes. For research, the BRITE and STEP programmes are particularly important. Opportunities to bid for research and training contracts from government bodies in other member states have been created by the opening up of public procurement within the Single European Market.

Schools in the region are involved in programmes which help with student exchanges for linguistic projects, materials and facilities for language teaching and establishing partnerships with schools in other Member States. As just some examples, participants in the SOCRATES programme include St Hughes School, Scunthorpe and Archbishop Thurstan and St Mary's Colleges in Hull and in the LINGUA programme Bishop Burton College, Beverley and North Lindsey College, Scunthorpe. Under the LEONARDO programme, Park Lane College, Leeds has attracted grant aid for a total of 170 overseas placements for students aged 17 to 27 years, involving Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Spain.

Yorkshire and Humberside is also bidding to run a meeting session for teachers in the secondary sector in January 1996 involving participants from Flanders, Naples, Turku (Finland), Asturias (Spain), Maulevrier (France), Luxembourg and Liechtenstein.

European awareness is part of the curriculum in the region's schools. Humberside has had a programme since 1990 in which a full time coordinator maintains a European Resource Centre from which materials are provided to schools. Regional in-service training is provided. School links, placements and visits are arranged and applicants for funding are helped with their claims. Curriculum development materials are made available. In Rotherham, the Education Department has developed a set of guidelines for all schools and school governors and offers support and material on European work.

TRAINING

Objective 3 of the European Structural Funds covers the whole of the region and helps unemployed people or those with particular problems to equip themselves for employment. In 1995 some £40 millions was made available to the region, including monies paid to the Government as a contribution towards its schemes. Problems which need to be tackled include re-skilling, overcoming market and social disadvantages and countering job search difficulties. Already, the programme has succeeded in raising skill levels and overcoming barriers by counselling and guidance. Training is provided through the Training and Enterprise Councils, local authorities, Further Education Colleges and the voluntary sector.

The region's nine Training and Enterprise Councils have contracts to provide training under Government schemes through a network of training providers. They receive approximately £29 million of European Social Fund (ESF) assistance, part of an overall budget of £141 millions which support 44,000 people at any one time. They also receive ESF funding for their own local programmes. The aim is to improve the economic prosperity and quality of life for people in the region, through training and enterprise partnerships and investment in people by encouraging high quality training and education, thus helping people to develop the skills that employers require. Local authorities in the region are major providers of training and vocational guidance and are able to offer services in direct response to local need. Many of the schemes benefit from European Union support through Objective 3.

European financial assistance has resulted in greater access to vocational guidance and counselling for people throughout Yorkshire and Humberside. Support is given to centres offering training and employment advice in inner city areas and peripheral housing estates.

In more remote areas, mobile guidance centres are becoming more common. The Leeds Community Springboard project is one example of an innovative means of assisting unemployed people to access education, training and employment opportunities. This brings together key voluntary sector and local government supported initiatives to deliver community-based guidance and counselling and generate new ideas around positive action for unemployed people in the inner-city and its peripheral areas. At the Ray Street Centre in Huddersfield, Kirklees Metropolitan Council provides community based training in fashion, design and office skills for long term unemployed people in conjunction with the Technical College.

SOCIAL SUPPORT MEASURES

The ESF makes provision for groups with special training needs: socially excluded persons, women returning to work, disabled people, ethnic minorities and older workers. In some cases the ESF has also supported the training of trainers to ensure that courses meet the needs of the trainees. Kirklees Metropolitan Council, in conjunction with Dewsbury College, provides training in sewing, fashion and office skills targeted towards the ethnic community with assistance from the ESF and ERDF.

In West Yorkshire, to address the problem of under-representation amongst black trainers, funding from the European Social Fund has encouraged more black people to become trainers by providing a specialised trainer training programme in parallel with local economic regeneration initiatives. The programme subsequently was awarded a National Training Award and the Secretary of State's Special Award for Training of Benefit to Ethnic Minorities.



*Kodak Museum of
Film and Photography
- Bradford*

C Cultural Impact

RESTORATION OF CULTURAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

Yorkshire and Humberside has a rich and varied cultural tradition. European financial support has been important at all levels from major regional projects to smaller local initiatives. Major projects enrich the region's cultural life, provide a focus for tourism and restore important buildings which are features of the urban environment. Examples include the Alhambra Theatre and National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford, the Multi-Purpose auditorium in Grimsby and the Marina and a substantial programme of museum and gallery enhancement in Hull.



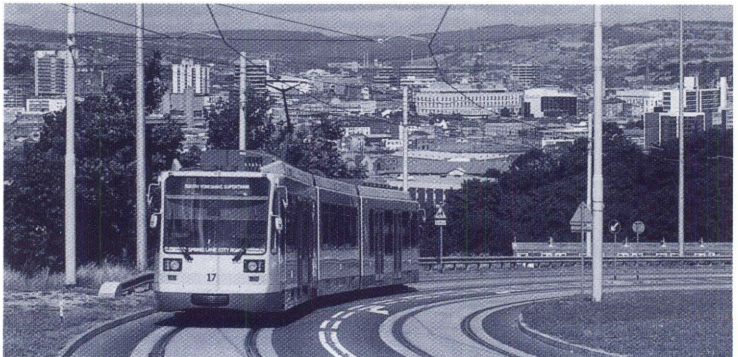
In Sheffield, EU assistance facilitated the restoration of the Lyceum Theatre as part of the Tudor Square arts space which now forms the largest theatrical complex outside London. Likewise, pump-priming assistance has been afforded to the Sheffield Arena (which for three years running has been voted the best UK indoor concert venue) as well as the East End Park, the Cultural Industries Quarter and the travel information centres. The Destination Sheffield agency receives ERDF assistance and has an events led marketing strategy, which includes the European Football and World Masters Swimming championships in June and July 1996, held in prestige venues at Ponds Forge and the Don Valley Stadium.

INTER-REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

There are many twinning arrangements joining towns and cities in the region with those of other member states. As an example of other links which are developing, the Yorkshire Playwrights Group has contacts with similar groups in the North West and Galway. It has held a series of workshops with support from the Kaleidoscope Programme involving visiting playwrights from the Union and Eastern Europe. These include performance of texts (translated into English where necessary) by an experienced Director and skilled actors.

European Weeks were held in Humberside and other parts of the region in the run up to the Single Market. Bradford's midsummer festival includes performers from all over Europe for music, entertainment, displays and exhibitions. Hull, Humberside and Sheffield have held three Europe Weeks to date with exhibitions, export workshops, a Mobile Information Unit, young people's events and street activities. Attendance at events has been excellent.

*Sheffield
Super Tram*



4 THE INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS

THE CLOSE LINKS which exist between the Yorkshire and Humberside region and the European Union are a two-way process. Whilst European financial support has had a dramatic effect on the economic regeneration of the region, representatives from the region play their full parts in all levels of EU decision-making, and ensure that the lessons and experiences of their own approach to the common economic and social problems that beset us all are made available to others.

The European Commission encourages communication with representative organisations and seeks to make the general public aware of what is being proposed and how EU actions will affect them. The Treaty on European Union embodies the common-sense principle that decisions should be taken at the level closest to the ordinary citizen.

One of the principles of the Structural Funds is to encourage regional and local partnerships and the Commission wishes to develop their capacity both to respond to new ideas and play an effective part in implementing EU programmes. In the region, the Yorkshire and Humberside Partnership includes representatives of employers, trades unions, local government, training providers, higher education and development agencies.

Yorkshire and Humberside MEPs actively promote and support their areas' interests and regional industries like textiles, coal-mining, fishing, ports and transport as well as wider issues concerning the environment, pensions, social and economic rights.

Local and regional views on proposed legislation are also channelled through the Committee of the Regions (COR) whose members are elected members of local and regional authorities. The COR works through a series of committees which cover a specific area - transport, environment and so on - and arrangements are in place for local authorities to channel their comments on proposed legislation to their members.

The European Commission's network of Public Information Relays is being established in the region. It is based on the library service. The relay network also includes the MEPs' offices, the Euro Centre, the local education authority and the European Business and Documentation Centres. This will bring together a wide range of expertise on European matters for the benefit of the community.



Through the European Information Centres, the European Commission supports the dissemination of specialist advice to small and medium sized firms on how European legislation is likely to affect them and the business opportunities which it may offer. There are four European Information Centres in the region at Bradford, Hull, Leeds and Sheffield which, together with the European Documentation Centres such as that at the University of Hull, provide information on all aspects of European Union affairs. This is done through distributing information, promotions, seminars and events organised with other business advisors. Business services and manufacturers in particular find the service useful for information about new regulations, tendering opportunities and possible business partners in Europe. Through their contacts with Centres in other member states they can also obtain information about national legislation and companies.

The Yorkshire and Humberside Region is proud of its close involvement in the European Union, and its relations with other member states and EU regions. It is determined to continue to play its full part in the construction of a prosperous and peaceful Europe based on the principles of solidarity and cohesion.

The Humber Bridge





SOURCES OF EUROPEAN UNION INFORMATION

EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION CENTRES (EDCS)

help universities promote and develop studies in the field of European integration. Some of them receive the complete range of EU documentation, others receive selective documentation. Both enjoy privileged access to EU databases. EDCs also allow access for European information to the public and to students. The EDC network is supported by the European Commission.

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University of Hull
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The Library

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The Library

Sheffield Hallam University
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South Yorkshire S1 1WB
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EUROPEAN REFERENCE CENTRES (ERCS)

are based in academic institutions and public libraries. They have small collections of EU publications for reference only. All are open to members of the general public and students. ERCS are, however, not able to offer a specialised consultancy-type service and may direct visitors to another source of information if necessary. The ERC network is supported by the European Commission.

The Library

Calderdale College
Francis Street, HALIFAX,
West Yorkshire HX1 3UZ
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Tel: 01422 357 357
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Crookesmoor Library

University of Sheffield
Conduit Road, PO Box 598
SHEFFIELD, South Yorkshire S10 1FL
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EURO UNITS

provide a range of European orientated support services to all providers of vocational training and education. Euro Units have contacts in Government, industry, education and other bodies. Services include: the provision of regional resource and information centres, organisation of conferences, study visits; the development and promotion of initiatives for teaching languages and developing and disseminating of good practice in the Europeanisation of the curriculum.

Yorkshire and Humberside Association for Further and Higher Education,

Dewsbury, West Yorkshire
Tel: 01924 450 900
Fax: 01924 451 290

PUBLIC INFORMATION RELAYS (PIRS)

consist in public libraries who have set up, in partnership with the European Commission, a network to provide the general public with access to EU information on the established policies and programmes of the EU at a local level. They receive some of the information and materials published by EU Institutions and other relevant bodies in printed, and possibly in electronic form.

Central Library

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Bradford Libraries

Central Library
Princes Way, BRADFORD,
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Doncaster Central Library

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Central Library

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Central Library

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**Sheffield Libraries &
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South Yorkshire S1 1XZ
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The Library

Museum Street, YORK,
North Yorkshire YO1 2DS
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Principal Librarian
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Fax: 01904 611 025

DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES

stock a comprehensive collection of official EU documentation which can be consulted by the general public. In addition, the material held by the British Library Document Supply Centre is available through the national network for inter-library lending.

Wetherby British Library

Document Supply Centre
Contact: Andrew Smith
Tel: 01973 546 044

**LOCAL AUTHORITY EURO-
PEAN LIAISON OFFICERS**

are responsible for the coordination of EU general awareness raising activities and/or dissemination of general EU information within the local authority. They may also coordinate their authority's applications for European Union funding.

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Contact: Jane Price,
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**North Yorkshire County
Council,**

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**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
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**City of Bradford Metropolitan
Borough Council,**

Bradford, West Yorkshire
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**Doncaster Metropolitan
Borough Council,**

Doncaster, South Yorkshire
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Borough Council,**

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**Kirklees Metropolitan
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Huddersfield, West Yorkshire
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Scarborough Borough Council,

Scarborough, North Yorkshire
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Economic
Development Officer

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Hull, Humberside
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Policy and Programmes
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Sheffield City Council,

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UK MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (MEPS)

There are now 87 MEPS for the UK, who have been elected by universal suffrage for a five year term (1994-1999). Their role is to represent their constituency in the European Parliament, which monitors proposals made by the European Commission and decisions made by the Council of Ministers and can suggest amendments. It also has important powers over the EC budget. MEPS may enquire

about any Community legislation by submitting oral and written questions. Finally the Maastricht Treaty gave MEPS new powers of co-decision with the Council of Ministers in certain policy areas.

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UK MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS RESIDENT IN THIS AREA

There are 24 UK Members of the Committee of the Regions who are appointed on a political and geographical basis to represent all types of UK local government for a period of four years. Acting as an advisory body, it must be consulted on subjects such as education, youth, culture, public health, transport, etc. It may also take the initiative to give its opinion in other areas of interest to the regions, including agriculture, environmental protection, etc.

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EUROPEAN INFORMATION CENTRES (EICs)

provide information on European Union issues to SMEs. EICs receive a continuous flow of information on Europe and have access to EU databases, including Tender Electronic Daily (TED) which carries details of invitations to tender for public works, supply and service contracts. Some EICs also assist companies looking for business partners in the EU through the Business Cooperation Network - (BCNet) see description below and advise businesses on their participation in EU activities. The EIC network is supported by the European Commission.

West Yorkshire European Business Information Centre (WYEBIC)

Economic Development Unit
2nd Floor, Mercury House
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Humberside European Business Information Centre

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University of Hull
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North Yorkshire European Community Office Ltd (NYECO Ltd)

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South Yorkshire European Information Centre

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Sheffield Hallam University
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South Yorkshire S1 1WB
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BUSINESS COOPERATION CENTRES NETWORK (BC-net)

was established by the European Commission to give companies a framework within which to expand into the EU market and the practical means, through specialist support, to develop commercial, financial and technical cooperation at a European level. Its primary task is to help identify, through a European network of business advisers, other businesses with which they can work. It operates through a network of 600 business advisers, who endeavour to find a partner for any type of business activity, eg mergers, joint ventures, franchises etc. The cost for such a service varies quite considerably. In general, there is an administrative charge and a consultancy fee.

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INNOVATION RELAY CENTRES

promote the EC's research and technological development policy by offering specialist advice to local industry in the identification of partners through the Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS), of opportunities for participation in R&D programmes and for the submission of proposals. They provide a range of services to contractors involved in R&D to help them protect, exploit and disseminate the results of their work.



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**INTEGRATED REGIONAL
GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

bring together the regional offices of the Departments of Employment, Environment, Trade and Industry and Transport, pooling their expertise. The role of Government Offices is to work in partnership with the local community to maximise the competitiveness, prosperity and quality of life in the region. They also represent the UK Government in regions. Their European branches provide a secretariat for organisations and individuals on various European programmes including the European Regional Development Fund and the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, etc. The Scottish Office, Welsh Office and Northern Ireland Office perform similar functions within their area.

European Funds Secretariat

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**TRAINING AND ENTERPRISE
COUNCILS (TECS)**

in England and Wales and Local Enterprise Companies (LECs) in Scotland are independent private companies formed by local business people, working under performance related contracts to the Government. There are 81 TECs covering England and

Wales. Their counterparts in Scotland are the 22 LECs. The fundamental aim of every TEC is to foster economic growth and contribute to the regeneration of the community it serves. TEC initiatives include Training for Work, Youth Credits, Modern Apprenticeship, Investors in People, National Vocational Qualifications, Education Business Partnerships, Business Start Up and Business Link.

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**THE YORKSHIRE AND
HUMBERSIDE REGIONAL
ASSOCIATION:**

primarily deals with development planning matters together with related transport and environmental issues.

**Yorkshire and Humberside
Regional Association**

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**THE YORKSHIRE AND
HUMBERSIDE REGIONAL
PLANNING CONFERENCE**

aims to promote the interests and well-being of the Yorkshire and Humberside region and its inhabitants and secure improvement of its economic, social and environmental conditions. The full range of local government responsibilities are covered (except statutory planning). Particular emphasis is given to collaborative action with other regional partners and managing and promoting the use of European initiatives.

**Yorkshire and Humberside
Regional Planning Conference**

Humberside County Council
BEVERLEY, Humberside HU17 9XA
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The Regional Brochures have been organised on the basis of the Government's existing standard regions for England. These are the areas covered by the English Regional Associations which, inter alia, are responsible for advising the Secretary of State for the Environment on regional planning guidance. Some of the Regions have been sub-divided to reflect their population and/or geographic size. Cumbria has been included in the North West brochure as its European Structural Funds are handled from Manchester, as part of the North West programme.

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