

Subject Area: Enterprise and Innovation

Clients: North East Access to Finance

Study: Fund Evaluation Research

Date: January – May 2013

Description: EKOS was commissioned by NEA2F to undertake a fund evaluation research study to inform the development of a new venture capital loan fund for North East England.

The research sought to: review the performance of previous regional funds to determine key lessons that will help inform future interventions; consider demand for SME finance in the North East – both the nature of current demand and potential future demand; ensure that new funds and the returns from previous funds are properly targeted, and that the models and scaling of interventions are appropriate to address market failure and meet SMEs' current and future needs; assist stakeholder partners in the development of ERDF 2014-20' and to help inform proposals for deployment of legacy returns from ERDF funded investments.

Outputs: The recently published report is being used by the various regional stakeholders to inform the development and design of future regional funds.

Download: A copy of the report can be downloaded [here](#)
