

Economic Development Group Work Plan 2005-2006

NSC Economic Development Group Key Activity	Action	Responsibility	Timescale	Resources	Output
Knowledge transfer between EDG members	1. Undertake a 'Knowledge Audit' of EDG members to establish areas of mutual interest.	NSC EDG Co-ordinator.	By end of January 2005.	EDG Co-ordinator's time.	Creation of a summary document for use in creating new EDG Action Plan.
	2. Create a small number of 'specialist clusters' within the group.	NSC EDG Co-ordinator and group members who have expressed an interest in leading a specialist cluster.	By end of March 2005.	EDG Co-ordinator and group member's time and travel expenses if required.	Creation of at least three 'specialist cluster' groups.
	3. Work with the 'specialist clusters' to deliver a total of three themed EDG meetings per year.	NSC EDG Chair, Co-ordinator and 'specialist clusters'	By end of 2005.	EDG Chair, Co-ordinator's and group member's time and event expenses.	Delivery of three themed meetings a year.
	4. Investigate the feasibility of creating a 'Job Shadowing' scheme for group members.	NSC EDG Co-ordinator and NSC Education & Research Group Co-ordinator.	By end of June 2005.	EDG Co-ordinator and NSC Education & Research Group Co-ordinator time (and travel expenses if required).	Produce a feasibility paper for discussion by NSC Secretariat and EDG group members.
	5. Create a database of group members' work profiles.	NSC EDG Co-ordinator to contact group members.	By end of June 2005.	Co-ordinator and group member's time.	Creation of members' profile database/catalogue for NSC website.
	6. Identify initiatives that will add value for active EDG members.	NSC EDG 'specialist clusters'.	By end of June 2005.	Group member's time.	List of suggestions and benefits for future development of the group.

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Strengthening the EDG member's network	1. Attract new members to the group - by updating EDG promotional material and approaching new potential group members.	NSC EDG Chair, Co-ordinator and NSC Secretariat.	Ongoing	EDG Chair, Co-ordinator and NSC Secretariat's time (to update and develop contacts on NSC database).	Addition of new members to EDG database.
	2. Active group members to identify and approach potential EDG participants in neighbouring areas.	Active group members.	Ongoing	Group member's time.	Addition of new members to EDG database.
	3. Identify and establish contact with key economic development organisations around the North Sea.	NSC EDG Chair and Co-ordinator.	Ongoing	NSC EDG Chair and Co-ordinator	Participation of new external delegates in the work of the EDG. Identification of future joint networking opportunities.
Influencing policies and international debate	1. Identify key policies and organisations the group wish to influence.	NSC Secretariat, EDG Chair and Co-ordinator.	By end of June 2005.	NSC Secretariat, EDG Chair and Co-ordinator's time and travel expenses (if required).	Production of a strategic plan with topics/ timescales for policy & influencing activities.
	2. Provide a forum for group discussion in order to agree strategy and response to key policies, and formal approaches to other organisations.	NSC EDG Chair, Co-ordinator and active group members.	As required (note: CPMR Working Group on Energy should be an initial priority. Also the potential joint NSC Lisbon Strategy event in October 2005).	NSC EDG Chair, Co-ordinator and group member's time and expenses.	At least one strategic discussion group meeting per year.

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Increasing links with the other NSC Thematic Groups	1. Examine Action Plans produced by each of the other NSC Thematic Groups in order to identify existing key areas of mutual interest.	NSC EDG Co-ordinator, NSC Secretariat and other Thematic Group Co-ordinators.	By end of March 2005.	NSC Co-ordinator's time.	Produce a list of topics of mutual NSC interest for 2005-2006.
	2. Create a strategy and programme of joint initiatives in association with the other NSC Thematic Groups.	NSC EDG Chair, Co-ordinator and other Thematic Group Co-ordinators.	By May 2005.	EDG Chair and Co-ordinator's time (and travel expenses if necessary).	Produce a draft programme of joint NSC activities for 2005-2006.
	3. Investigate new opportunities for the EDG to participate with other NSC Thematic Groups on areas of mutual interest.	NSC EDG Co-ordinator, NSC Secretariat and other Thematic Group Co-ordinators.	By Autumn 2005.	NSC Co-ordinator's time.	Produce list of topics for future joint NSC events – for discussion at Autumn meeting of the NSC Co-ordinators.