

**Information event:
Smart investments in the South West for a Green Economic Recovery
Thursday 14 May 2009**

***Emerson's Green Village Hall
Emerson Way, Emerson's Green,
South Gloucestershire, BS16 7AP***

The South West UK Brussels Office, in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, the South West Regional Development Agency and Enterprise Europe South West, has the pleasure to invite you to a half-day seminar on the European, regional and local contribution to Economic Recovery.

The seminar will provide an overview of the European Economic Recovery Plan, securing a green economic recovery and the Structural Funds modifications in the South West. It will also cover support provided during the recession by the Local Government Association, South West Councils and Enterprise Europe South West. Keynote speakers include Elizabeth Holt from the European Commission Representation in London, Donald Barr and Nigel Howells from the South West RDA, Nick Porter from the LGA, Roger Hutchinson from South West Councils and Claudia Lock-Fuerst from Enterprise Europe South West.

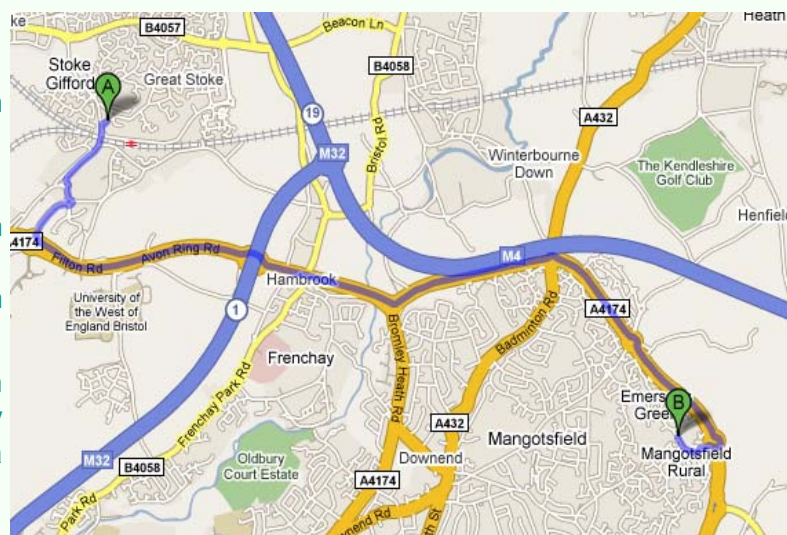
Please confirm your attendance by completing and sending the event registration form to George Kousouros at South Gloucestershire Council (George.kousouros@southglos.gov.uk) by 7 May 2009.

Date: 14 May 2009

Time: 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
(including buffet lunch)

Venue: Emerson's Green Village Hall, Emerson Way, Emerson's Green, South Gloucestershire, BS16 7AP

The venue is 5 mile ride from Bristol Parkway Railway Station, where there is a permanent taxi rank



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| Time | Agenda |
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| 9.00 | Registration and coffee |
| 9.30 | Welcome and introduction by the event chair Councillor John Godwin, South Gloucestershire Council |
| 9.45 | The European Economic Recovery Plan Elizabeth Holt, Head of Networks & Events, European Commission Representation in London |
| 10.10 | Key areas for securing a Green Economic Recovery for the South West Donald Barr, Evidence Advisor (Research), South West RDA |
| 10.30 | Opportunities for the South West under the Structural Funds modifications Nigel Howells, Head of Competitiveness, South West RDA |
| 10.50 | Questions and Answers |
| 11.00 | Coffee Break |
| 11.15 | Representing and supporting councils during the recession Nick Porter, Local Government Association |
| 11.30 | South West Councils response to the recession Roger Hutchinson, Chair, South West Councils |
| 11.45 | The Business perspective Claudia Lock-Fuerst, Information Manager, Enterprise Europe South West |
| 12.10 | Questions and Answers |
| 12.25 | Conclusions from the event chair |
| 12.30 | Buffet Lunch |