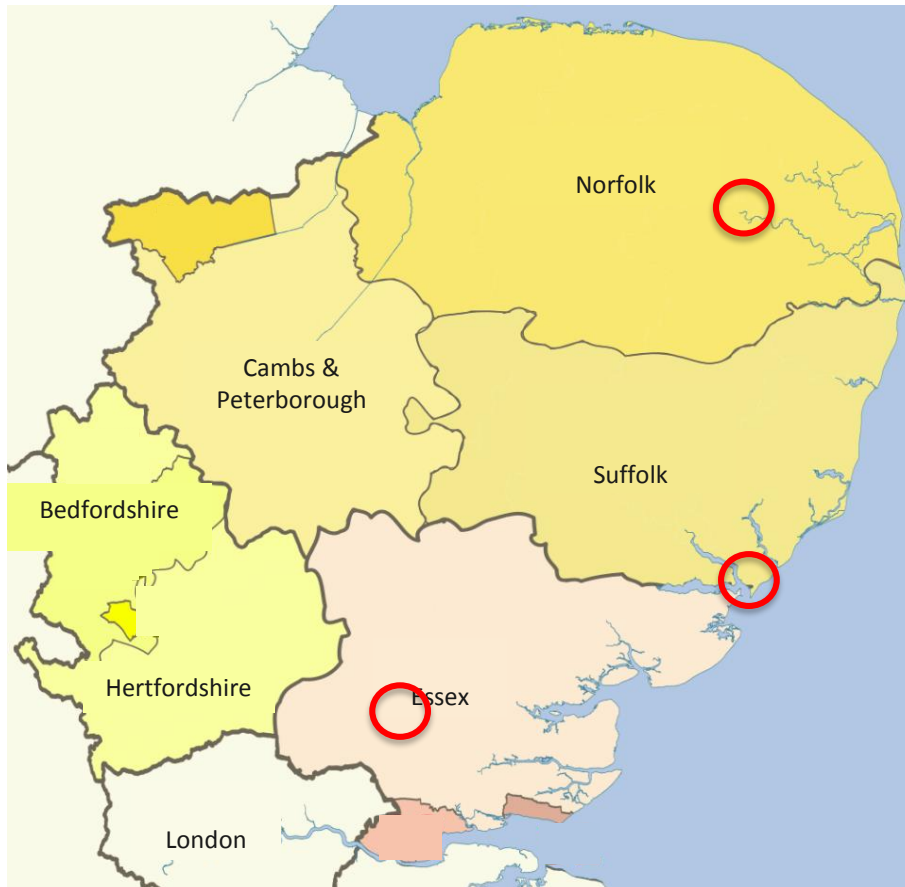




East of England
European Partnership

Strategic European Partnerships post-Brexit

What is the East of England?



- Population of 6 million (around 10% of UK total)
- £150 billion of UK Gross Value Added in 2016 (£24,500/capita)
- Sept-Nov figures show only 3.7% unemployment

What are the East of England's strengths?



Agri-Tech
East



STEVENAGE BIOSCIENCE
CATALYST
Open Innovation Campus



The East of England European Partnership – what do we do?



- Representing the East of England in Brussels since 1998
- Supported by a partnership of public authorities, universities & Local Enterprise Partnerships
- Advice & support: EU legislation, funding, representation to UK govt and EU institutions, etc.
- Governed by the Europe and International Panel, members include local Councillors, Members of European Parliament, Partners and local NGOs

Who are our partners?



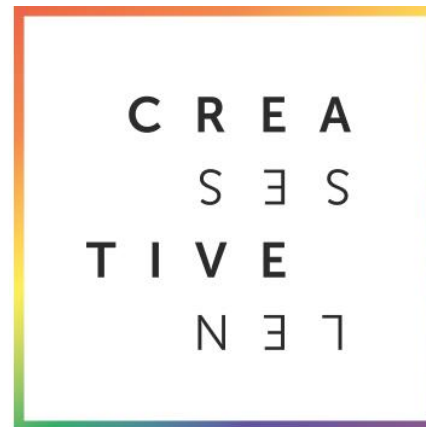
ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP



Anglia Ruskin
University

Hertfordshire
Local Enterprise Partnership

EU-funded cooperation - full steam ahead!



UK participation in EU funding programmes: state of play

- EU-UK joint report in December confirmed UK eligibility for EU funding up to end of 2020
- UK guarantee on funding for all EU projects with a UK partner signed before Brexit - a fail safe in case of 'no deal'
- East of England Partners are therefore ALL eligible to participate in ALL EU funding programmes
- Already thinking on local UK-EU relationships post-2020 – vital for innovation & competitiveness

UK participation in EU funding programmes: post-Brexit

- UK government currently evaluating cross-border cooperation programmes for ‘value for money’
- European Partnership working with UK government to make the positive case for continued UK participation in Interreg post-2020
- European Commissioner and DG REGIO are “positive towards UK participation, so long as budget commitments are met” on future UK participation

But...are there alternative ways to collaborate post-Brexit?

- The East of England continues to look outward (exports have doubled in value from 2015 to 2016)
- Long-held aspiration to achieve real ‘sustainability’ of project impacts and to take products, services and relationships further
- Catalyst for re-energised UK-EU collaboration centred around internationalisation i.e. export, inward investment, knowledge and technology partnerships

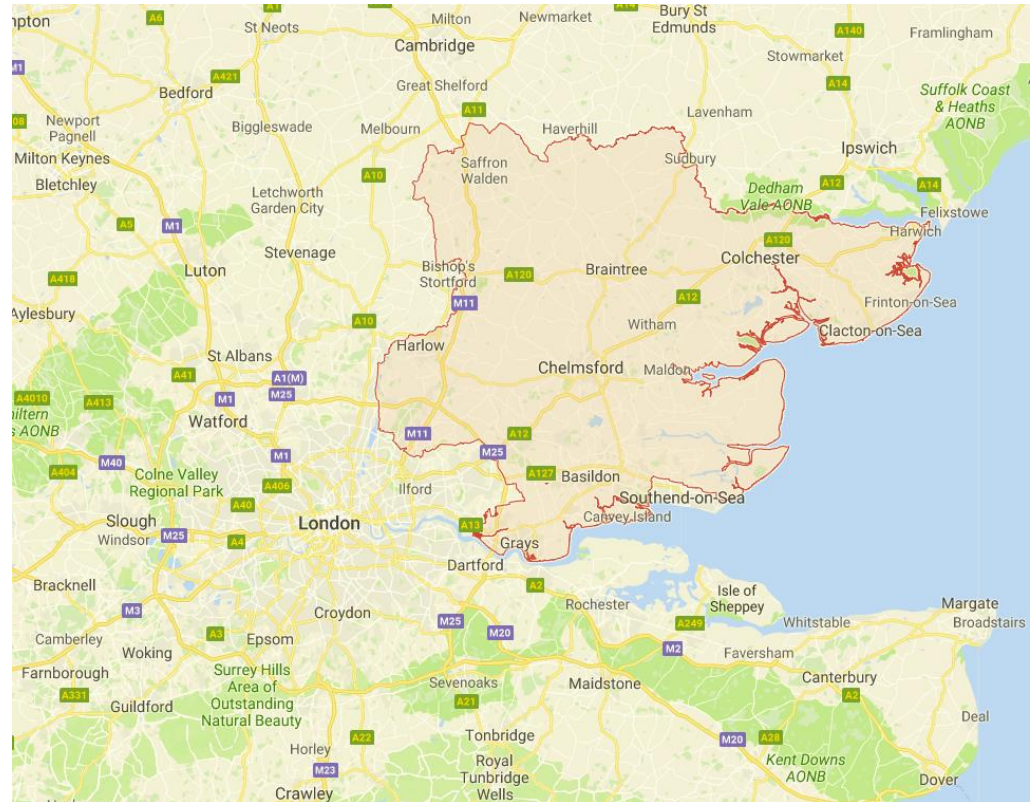
'Internationalising' the East of England



- Achieve critical mass with our European partners, combine our strengths and amplify each other's networks
- Where better to start than relationships through Interreg, Horizon 2020, Erasmus+, and other EU programmes!
- East of England European Partnership exploring work in Jiangsu (China) with Essex County Council

Returning briefly to Essex...

- Population of 1.5 million
- Two airports (London Stansted & Southend Airport)
- Pharmaceuticals, electronics, financial services & London commuter



Jiangsu Province – Why?



- Population ~ Germany & 7.7% GDP growth in 2017 (2nd highest in China)
- Strong agricultural sectors, heavy investment in tech innovation
- Surging demand for 1st rate services (medical, etc.)
- 1h30 train link to Shanghai!

30 years of Essex and Jiangsu



Essex County Council

- Office in Nanjing - team staffed by Chinese nationals
- More than just trade or technology missions

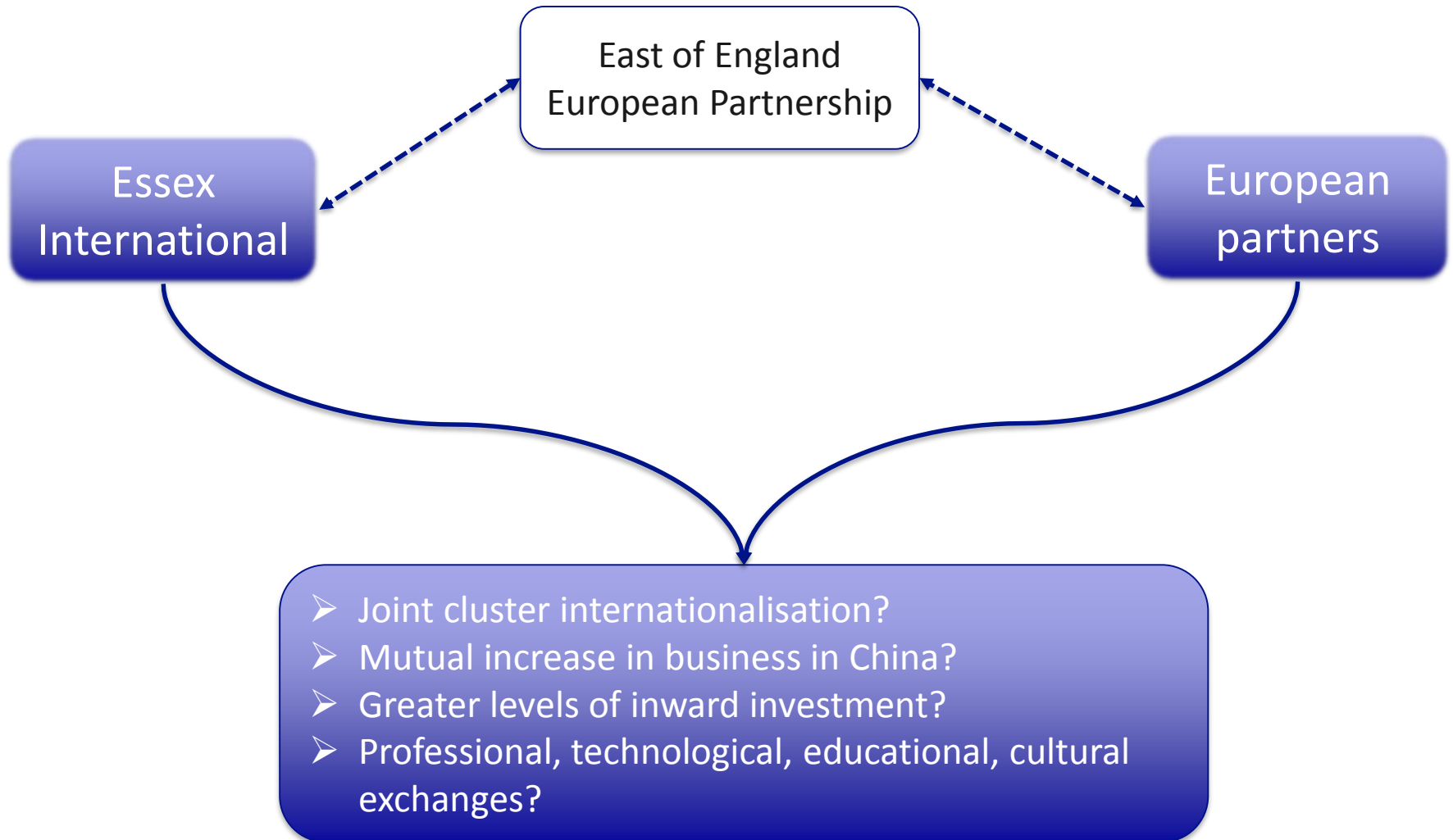
- Relations with Jiangsu since 1988.
- Trade and education, cultural and professional exchanges



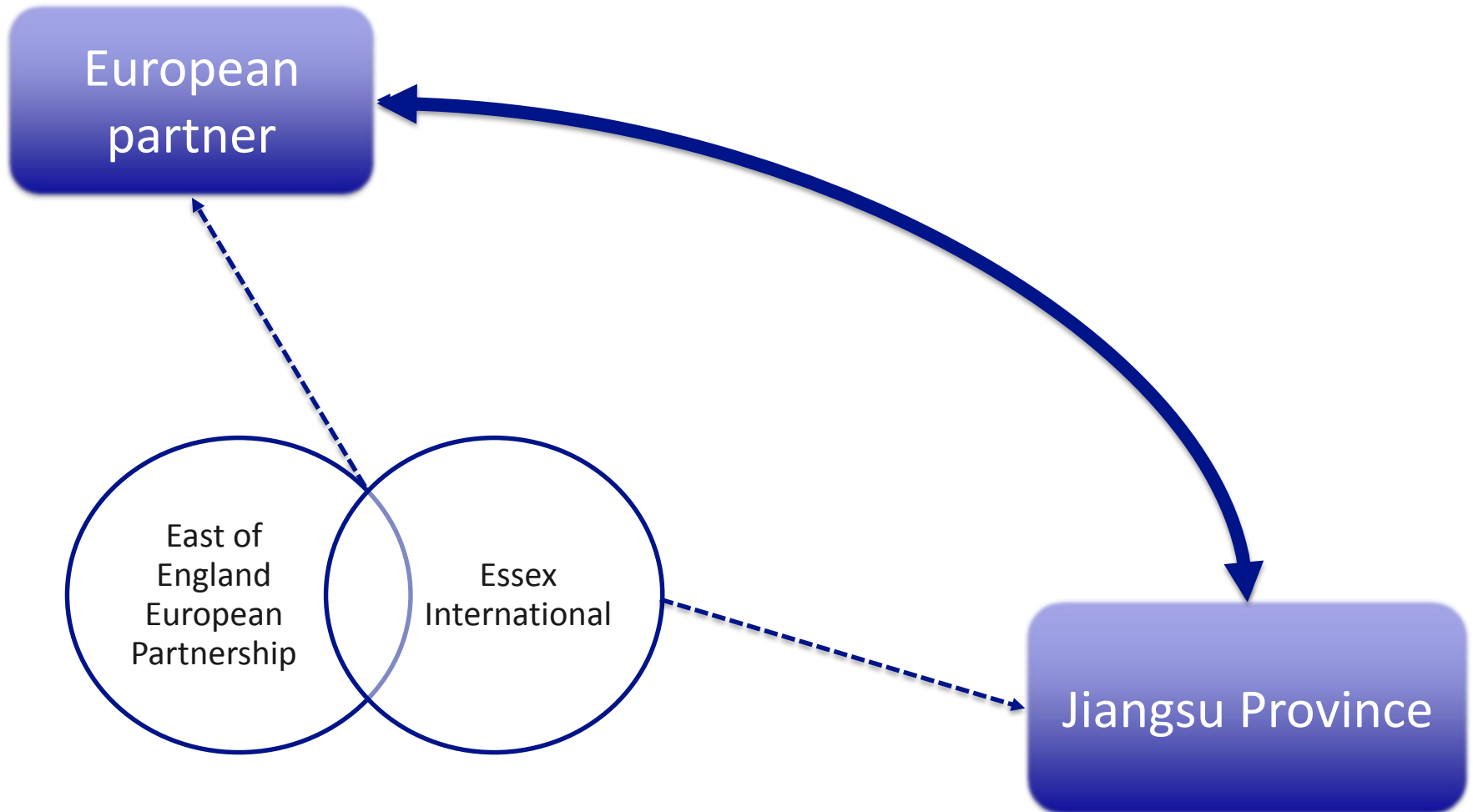
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