



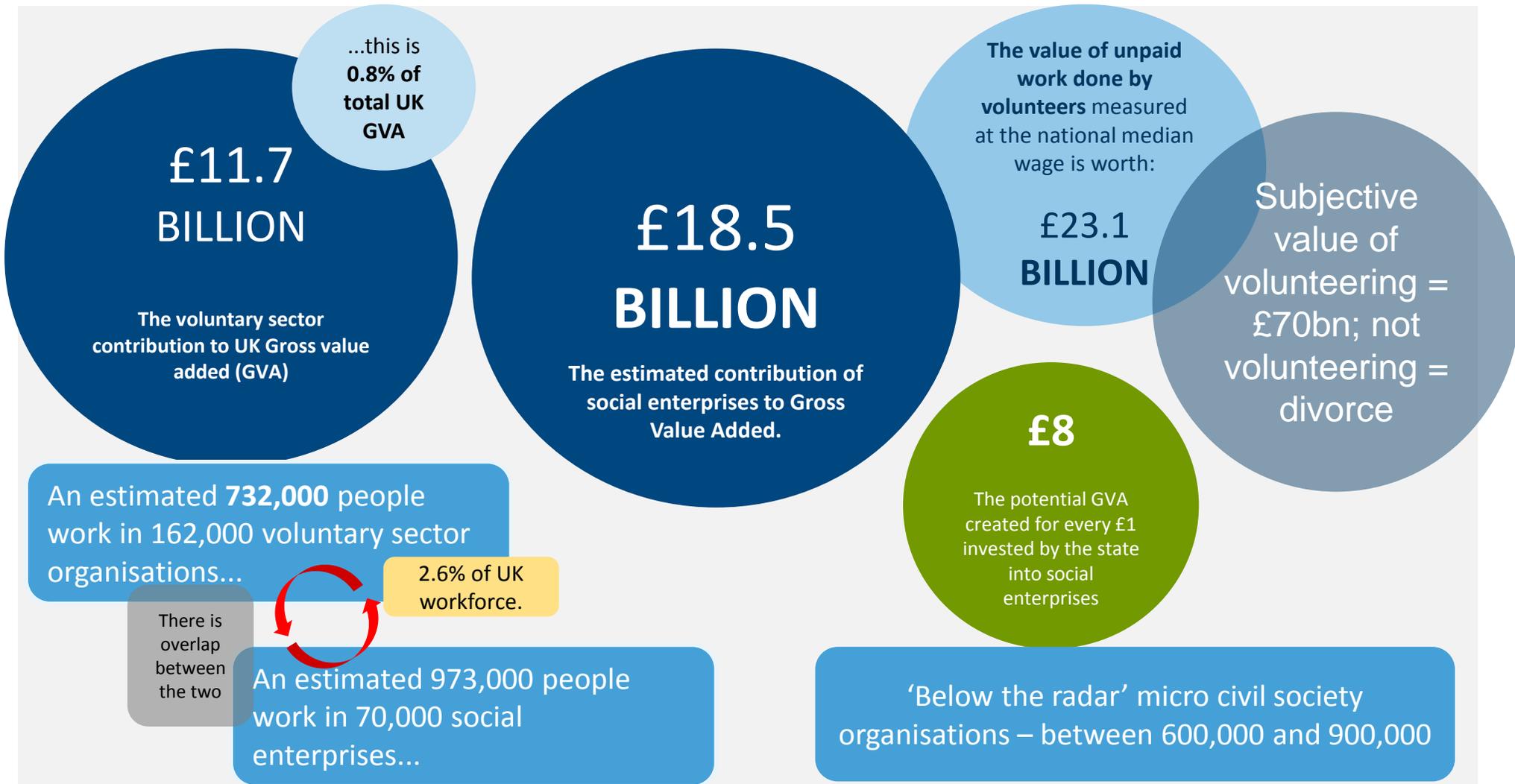
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Public services and civil society

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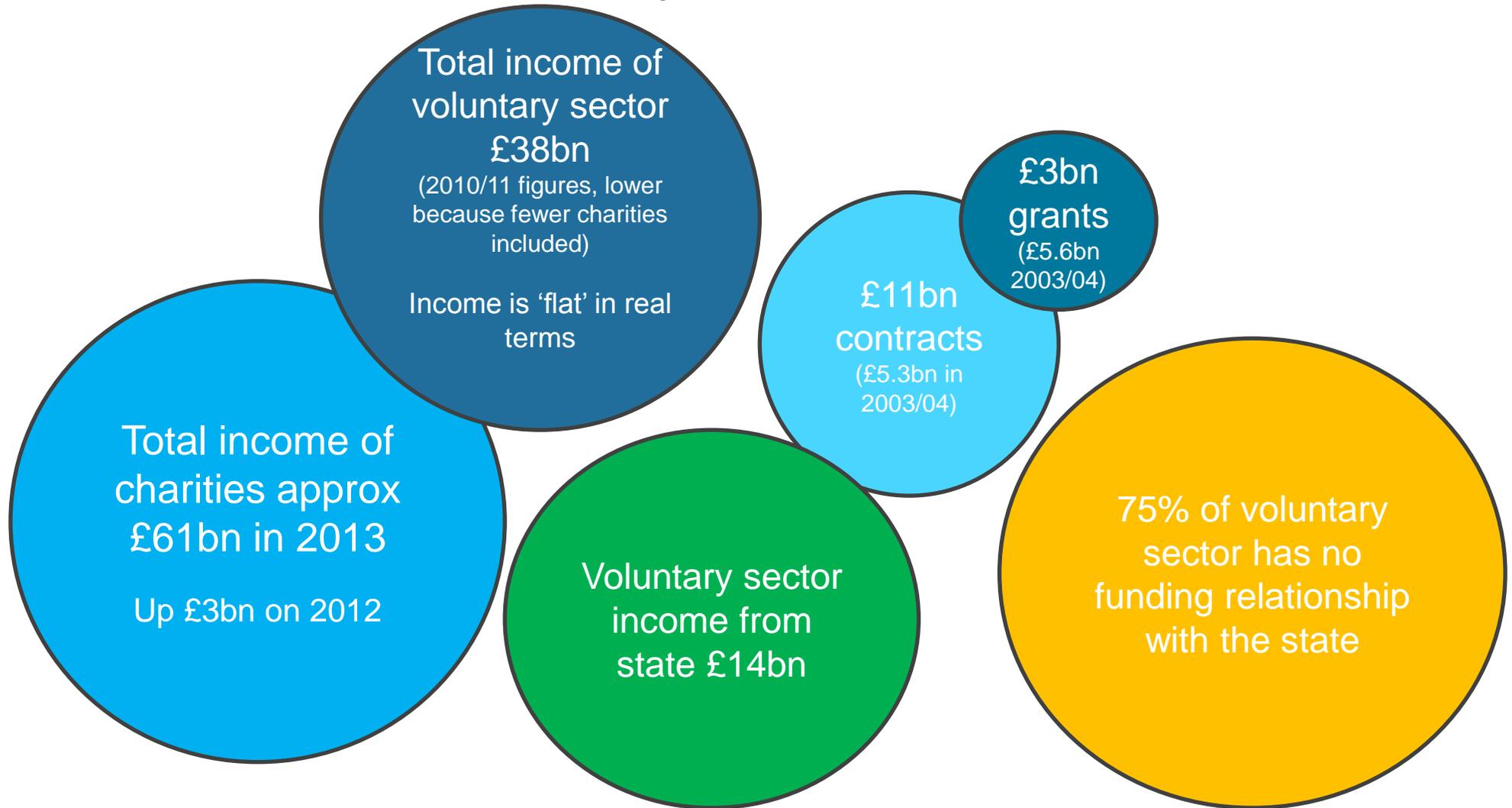
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The scale of civil society

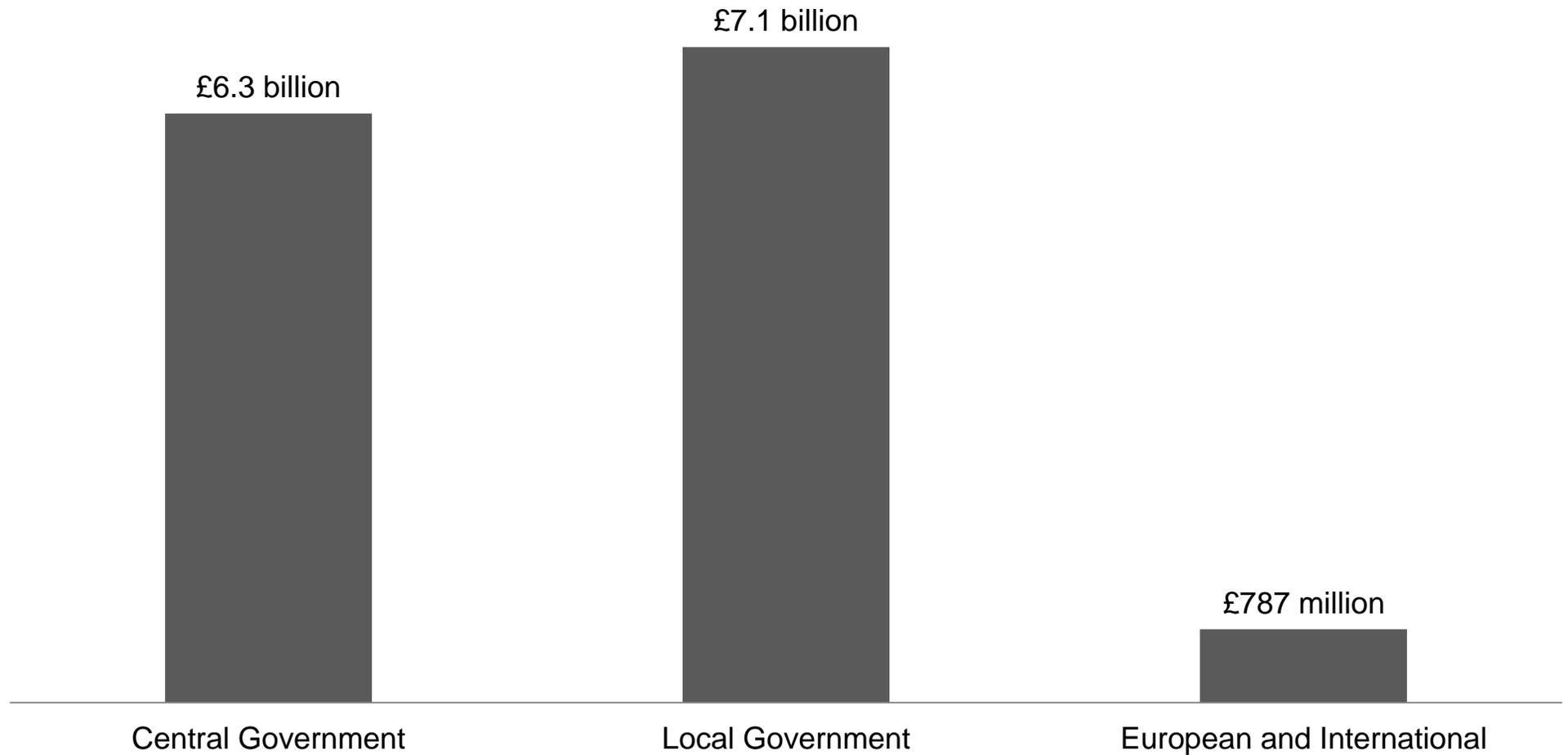


Source: NCVO, Almanac 2013; Cabinet Office, Social Enterprises: Market Trends 2013

Income sources of civil society sector



Civil society income from the state (2010/11 data)



Giving in the UK

Income from individuals is single largest source of voluntary sector income, at £16.5bn (43% of total)

Giving fell 20% in 2009/10 in real terms, has now returned to pre-recession levels

UK 6th on world giving index in 2013, up from 8th in 2012 (highest placed EU country bar Ireland, which is 5th)

The UK government's vision for civil society and public services

'... support the creation and expansion of mutuals, co-operatives, charities and social enterprises, and enable these groups to have much greater involvement in the running of public services.'

Coalition agreement, 2010

This Government values the economic and social contribution of Britain's charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations, and the extraordinary work individual people do to improve the lives of others and of the most disadvantaged.

Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society, May 2010

One of the Cabinet Office's priorities, as set out in its business plan 2010, is to build the Big Society

Why involve civil society in public services?

Better services – local human-centred knowledge and practice often more effective; distinct ethos and values

Innovation – doing more for less by trying out new approaches

Community involvement – builds resilience and helps create active, cohesive communities

The Role of the Office for Civil Society

- The Office for Civil Society (OCS), part of the Cabinet Office, works across government departments and leads on a number of key government programmes for the civil society sector
- Around 70-80 staff
- Investing around £470million 2010-15 to directly support charities and voluntary groups
- Reports to Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society
- Strategic priorities are:
 - Make it easier to set up and run a charity or social enterprise, and to do business with the state
 - Increase scope and impact of social action
 - Grow social investment market

Helping civil society contribute to improving public services – OCS policies

Making it easier - to set up and run a voluntary or social enterprise organisation and to do business with the state:

- Commissioning Academy, Social Value Act
- Commercial master-classes
- Sustainability – various funds and a planned £40m fund for 2015/16

Social action - encouraging community-led solutions to the challenges communities face:

- National Citizen Service – 40,000 young people will graduate in 2013
- Step-up to Serve – double the number of young people participating in social action by 2020
- Community First – £14m fund supporting the creation of new community groups

Social investment – bringing more resources into the sector; innovative uses of social finance:

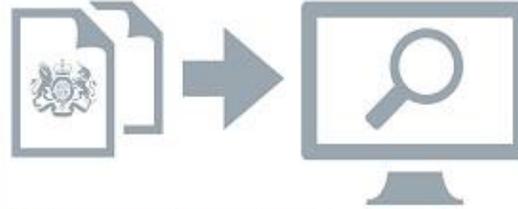
- Big Society Capital – approx £600m of capitalisation, £400m from dormant bank accounts, £140m committed to investment so far
- Investment and Contract Readiness Fund - £10m fund to provide business support
- Social Impact Bonds - £20m social outcomes fund

Opening up public services

Opening up provision to a range of providers

85

live mutuals delivering over **£1 billion** of public services



Through online **“Contracts Finder”**

£177bn

of government procurement pipelines have been published

363

voluntary organisations operating in the **Work Programme**



£10m

fund to support **social ventures** taking on public service contracts



Unless otherwise stated, figures correct as at February 2014