



LIFE 2014-2020

EU's funding instrument for the
environment and climate action



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Objectives of the LIFE Programme

- The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the **implementation, updating and development** of EU **environmental and climate policy and legislation** by co-financing projects with **European added value**.
- Contribution to sustainable development and to the achievement of the objectives and targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the 7th Union Environmental Action Programme and other relevant EU environment and climate strategies and plans
- Specific link to EU priorities: **resource efficiency**, biodiversity loss and climate adaptation and mitigation

General rules

- Open to public and private bodies in the EU
- Project proposals can be either submitted by a single partner (coordinating partners) or a consortium of partners
- EU contribution - 60% of the total eligible project costs
- The programme is open to the participation of third countries and provides for activities outside the EU. It also provides a framework for cooperation with international organisations

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- the Environment and Climate Action sub-programmes
- total budget for funding projects during the period covered amounts to €1.1 billion under the sub-programme for Environment and €0.36 billion under the sub-programme for Climate Action
- “traditional” vs a new category of projects, jointly funded integrated projects, which will operate on a large territorial scale. These projects will aim to implement environmental and climate policy and to better integrate such policy aims into other policy areas

Life programme – traditional projects:

- Traditional" projects may be best-practice, demonstration, pilot or information, awareness and dissemination projects - Environment and Information projects - depending on the priority area .
- Traditional" projects cover the following priority areas:
 - ✓ [LIFE Nature & Biodiversity](#)
 - ✓ [LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency](#)
 - ✓ [LIFE Environmental Governance & Information](#)
 - ✓ [LIFE Climate Change Mitigation](#)
 - ✓ [LIFE Climate Change Adaptation](#)
 - ✓ [LIFE Climate Governance and Information](#)

LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency (sub-programme for Environment)

- similar to the former LIFE+ Environment Policy & Governance strand (but no longer covers climate change related projects)
- Aim: to test and demonstrate policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions, including development and demonstration of innovative technologies, to environmental challenges, suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed, including with respect to the link between the environment and health, and in support of resource efficiency-related policy and legislation, including the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe;
- and to improve the knowledge base for the development, implementation, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of Union environmental policy and legislation, and for the assessment and monitoring of the factors, pressures and responses that impact on the environment within and outside the Union.

LIFE Environmental Governance & Information (sub-programme for Environment)

- Aim: to co-finance action grants for information, awareness and dissemination projects to promote awareness raising on environmental matters, including generating public and stakeholder support of Union policy-making in the field of the environment, and to promote knowledge on sustainable development and new patterns for sustainable consumption;
- to support communication, management, and dissemination of information in the field of the environment, and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful environmental solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms among stakeholders and training;
- and to promote and contribute to more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union environmental legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches

Best practice projects

- apply appropriate, cost-effective and state-of-the-art techniques, methods and approaches taking into account the specific context of the project;

Demonstration projects

- put into practice, test, evaluate and disseminate actions, methodologies or approaches that are new or unknown in the specific context of the project, such as the geographical, ecological, socio-economic context, and that could be applied elsewhere in similar circumstances

Pilot projects

- apply a technique or method that has not been applied or tested before, or elsewhere, that offer potential environmental or climate advantages compared to current best practice and that can subsequently be applied on a larger scale to similar situations

Information, awareness and dissemination projects

- aim at supporting communication, dissemination of information and awareness raising in the fields of the sub-programmes for Environment and Climate Action

Parties involved and funding

Examples of parties involved:

Funding bodies

- EU
- Ministry of Environment
- other

Project partner(s)

- Problem owner
- Entrepreneur 1 (not obligatory)
- Entrepreneur 2
- Other

Subcontracting limited to 35% of the total budget

LIFE+ demo – example of potential project Actions

- Preparatory actions (agreements, sub-contracting, environmental permitting)
- Materials
- Applications
- Piloting
- Verification – follow-up and quality control
- Information dissemination
- Management

Practical information

- Deadline: 16 October 2014 at 16.00 hours Brussels local time
- Applicants must use the LIFE application packages (this year in English only) for the preparation of their proposals. Each application package contains full and detailed explanations with regard to eligibility, procedures, co-financing rates and all other relevant details
- "Traditional" projects, applicants must use only the eProposal tool to create and submit proposal(s).
- Possible support by national authorities: Member States may, on a voluntary basis, provide support to applicants and therefore invite applicants to let them see their draft proposals before a certain date which will be earlier than the formal deadline