



LIFE and Integrated Projects

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LIFE'S OVERALL OBJECTIVE



To contribute to:
the implementation,
update and development
of the EU environmental
and climate policy and
legislation

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LIFE 2014-2020 – OBJECTIVES

- ❖ *Contributing towards a **resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy**; protecting and improving the **environment**; maintaining and improving **biodiversity**, ecosystems and, in particular, the **Natura 2000 network***
- ❖ *Improving the development, implementation and enforcement of **Union environmental and climate policy and legislation***
- ❖ ***Integrating and mainstreaming** of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies*
- ❖ *Improving environmental and climate **governance***
- ❖ *Implementing the **7th Environment Action Programme***

LIFE – THEN AND NOW: 25 YEARS

- ❖ ***LIFE 1992-2013: more than 4700 projects in the fields of***
 - ❖ **Nature & biodiversity**
 - ❖ **Other environmental sectors and governance**
 - ❖ **Environmental information**
- ❖ ***LIFE 2014 to 2020, two sub-programmes for:***
 - ❖ **Environment**
 - ❖ **Climate action**



WHAT IS LIFE FINANCING?



LIFE 2014-2020 – STRANDS

❖ *Environment sub-programme*

- ❖ Environment & Resource Efficiency (ENV)
- ❖ Nature & Biodiversity (NAT, BIO)
- ❖ Environmental Governance & Information (GIE)

❖ **Climate Action sub-programme**

- ❖ Climate Change Mitigation (CCM)
- ❖ Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
- ❖ Climate Change Governance & Information (GIC)

LIFE 2014-2020 – BUDGET

- ❖ *Total budget of €3.5 billion*
- ❖ *Action grants and financial instruments: €2.8 billion (81% of total)*
 - ❖ Sub-programme for **environment: €2.1 billion**
 - ❖ **Nature & Biodiversity** including related governance and information:
€1.22 billion (>55% of sub-programme ENV minus Financial Instruments)
 - ❖ Sub-programme for **Climate Action: €0.69 billion**
- ❖ *Operating grants to environmental and climate NGOs: €63 million (2,25%)*

LIFE 2014-2020 – GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

PRINCIPLE:

Applicable where the Treaty on European Union applies

PARTICIPATION:

- ❖ *Certain Third Countries may participate on the basis of and in line with the conditions of a cooperation agreement*
- ❖ *Cooperation with International Organisations is possible when necessary to reach LIFE objectives*

LIFE - GENERAL FEATURES

- ❖ *Applicants - Companies, research institutes, NGOs, public administrations active in the field of environment and climate protection ; **all legal persons registered in the EU***
- ❖ *Emphasis on **replicability/transferability, long-term sustainability, and an EU added value** of the project results*
- ❖ ***Not focused on research** (⇔ H2020)*
- ❖ *No large infrastructure; **not focused on rural or regional development** (⇔ agricultural, structural funds)*
- ❖ *Support and monitoring: from Contracting Authority (EASME or European Commission) and external monitoring team*

WHO DOES WHAT IN LIFE?



ROLE OF DG ENV
ROLE OF NEEMO

LIFE GENERAL FEATURES

- ❖ **Funding types:** *Action grants, Operating grants Innovative financial instruments => NCFF, PF4EE*
- ❖ **Projects types:** *traditional, integrated, technical assistance, capacity building, preparatory projects*
- ❖ **Project topics:** *for traditional projects under the sub-programme for environment*

LIFE GENERAL FEATURES

- ❖ **Funding rate:** in general 60% of eligible cost in the MAWP 2014-2017;
- ❖ **Actors:** **EASME** for **grants** except environmental integrated projects and technical assistance under environment sub-programme, and preparatory projects; **EIB/intermediary banks** for **financial instruments**; intervention **NCP** only if desired
- ❖ **National Allocations:** Only for Environment sub-programme, only until Call 2017.

THE "TRADITIONAL" PROJECTS

For whom?

- ❖ *All legal person registered in the EU*

For what?

- ❖ *Pursuit of general and specific objectives of the 6 priority areas (i.a. air quality)*
- ❖ *Sub-programme for environment: additional focus on thematic priorities and on project topics (LIFE multiannual work-programme for 2014-2017)*

Average size? 1 to 5 beneficiaries; EU contribution: €500,000 to €1.5 million

Co-funding rate?

- ❖ ***60%;***
 - **NAT under specific conditions linked to conservation actions on priority habitat/species: 75%**

PREPARATORY PROJECTS (PR)

For whom?

- ❖ *Public sector, NGOs, private agencies involved in the wider environmental and climate change sector*

For what?

- ❖ *Supporting specific needs for the implementation of the EU environmental and climate policy and legislation*

Average size (2014-2017)?

- ❖ *Sub-programme for the environment: max 10.5 million euro*
- ❖ *Sub-programme for climate: max 1.45 million Euro*

Co-funding rate?

- ❖ **60%**

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (FIs)

❖ *For whom?*

Entities active in the field of environment and climate protection (NCFF), SME's, households, public administrations wishing to improve their energy efficiency (PF4EE)

❖ *For what?*

*Credits/bank guarantees/ ... for environment or climate **projects** (LIFE MAWP for 2014-2017)*

❖ *Average size*

1 recipient; EU contribution: €5 to 10 million (NCFF)

INTEGRATED PROJECTS (IPs)

For whom?

❖ *Public administration and other entities active in the field of environment and climate protection and capable of coordinating, besides the IP, complementary actions co-funded by additional private, public (preferably EU) funds*

For what?

❖ *Implementing Union environmental and climate plans and strategies (LIFE MAWP for 2014-2017); big scale; complementary actions with additional co-funding; involvement of stakeholders*

Average size?

❖ *2 to 10 beneficiaries; EU contribution: €10 to 15 million; about 3 IPs per Member State*

Co-funding rate?

❖ **60%**

INTEGRATED PROJECTS (IPs) AND AIR (1)

❖ *Some important characteristics:*

- regional, national and international cooperation and dissemination*
- excellent mobilisation of additional funding (e.g. from Structural Funds)*
- good link with the development and implementation of Air Quality Plans*
- building on existing info and best practices*
- addressing energy and transport*

INTEGRATED PROJECTS (IPs) AND AIR (2)

❖ *Points of attention:*

- energy efficiency (e.g. reducing heat demand in single houses reduces both PM and NO₂)*
- role of agriculture*
- regional and local competences for addressing air pollution (e.g. LEZ, urban planning, conditional building permits, fuel control/ban,)*
- tools and willingness to address local and regional hotspots for the best cost-benefit ratio*
- synergies with other policies, e.g. urban planning*

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (TAs)

For whom?

- ❖ *For those who would like to submit an IP, but need assistance in finalising the application*

For what?

- ❖ *Support in drafting the IP application; can be applied for a year before the intended IP or in the same year*

Average size?

- ❖ *Maximum 1% of the allocation for IP's => maximum €100,000*

Co-funding rate?

- ❖ **60%**

LIFE 2014-2020 – IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

- ❖ *The LIFE Regulation (EU Regulation 1293/2013 of 20/12/2013)*
- ❖ *The LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017 (Commission Decision of 19/03/2014)*
- ❖ *The Action/Operating **grant agreements** of beneficiaries with the **Contracting Authority** (including **General Conditions**) or agreements of recipients **with banks***

LIFE 2017 – BUDGET

LIFE Call 2017 opening: 28 April 2017

AREA	CLOSING	BUDGET 17	~ % vs 2016
CLIMATE	07-Sep-17	€ 52.1 Mill.	+10%
ENV-RE	12-Sep-17	€ 83 Mill.	+10%
NAT	14-Sep-17	€ 101.9 Mill.	+5%
GIE	14-Sep-17	€ 16.9 Mill.	-12%
IPE	26-Sep-17	€ 86 Mill.	+ 10%
IPC	26-Sep-17	€ 30 Mill.	+ 53%
TA	07-Sep-17	€ 300k	+47%

LIFE 2014-2017 MAWP

❖ *Stronger emphasis on:*

- ❖ Long term sustainability of the project
- ❖ Replicability and transferability
- ❖ EU added value

❖ *Impact indicators*



More Information

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/>

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Thank you!

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