



The new LIFE Programme 2014-2020

Calls for proposals – guidance to applicants

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Outline

- ⇒ Key guidance and procedures
- ⇒ Application forms
- ⇒ Application tool
- ⇒ Key steps in preparing the application
- ⇒ Where and how to get support

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Key guidance and procedures

- Is LIFE for me?
- What awaits beneficiaries?
- Facts of LIFE
- Which sub-programme, which project type, which priority area?

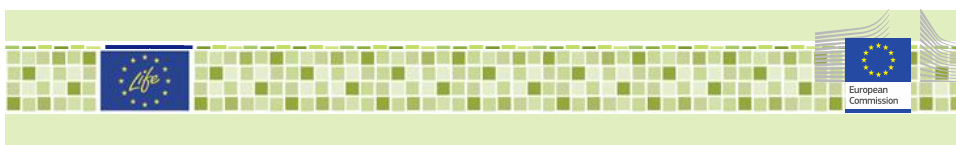
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Is LIFE for me?

- **Be SURE** that **LIFE** is the appropriate funding programme for your **Environment and Climate Action** project (NOT a structural fund, NOT an operational business financing tool, NOT a research tool)
- **READ** the application guidelines
- Be **AWARE** of all the **exceptions** that may apply to you
- Ensure financial coherence; Watch **COST EFFECTIVENESS**
- **FOCUS** - Do NOT include Actions not related to the **objective** of your proposal
- **CHECK** whether your project fully fits with a priority **project topic**, or you will receive fewer points
- The **SELECTION procedure of LIFE** is a very **tough, thorough and detailed** one.

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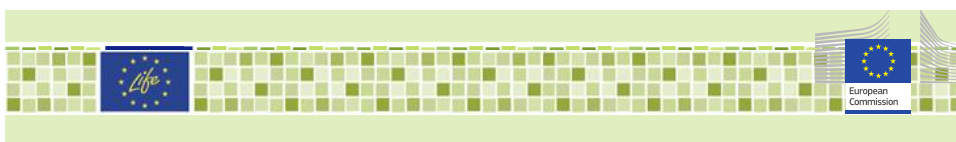


What awaits the beneficiaries? (1)

- ➔ **Project management:** minimum 1 full-time equivalent
- ➔ **Associated beneficiaries/Co-financers:** As many as necessary to make it a success and as s/he can handle
- ➔ **Reporting:** In English (annexes in language of the application (relevant translation costs incurred after project start are eligible)
Every 18 months technical and financial progress reports,
1 progress report with 2nd pre-financing payment request (after consumption 1st pre-financing),
1 final report with payment request.

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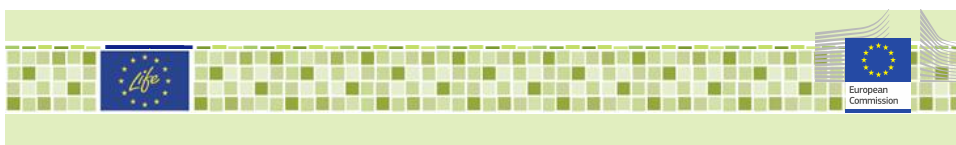
What awaits the beneficiaries? (2)

Monitoring obligations

- ➔ **Monitoring of Project Outcomes:** Follow-up on the targeted environmental/climate outcomes related to at least one of the relevant outcome indicators and to the replicability/transferability of the related actions (MAWP)
- ➔ **Monitoring of Project Progress :** Ensure timeliness and full compliance of the project with the proposal

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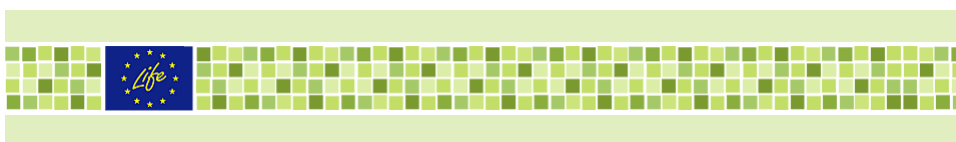


What awaits the beneficiaries? (3)

- ➔ **Support:** An **external Monitoring Team (MoT)** for technical and financial FAQ related to reporting and project management; **EASME/Commission** for IPs under the sub-programme for environment for bigger issues (modification requests, payments), but **always through MoT**
- ➔ **Visits:** MoT: first 9 months after project start, then once a year; EASME/Commission: at most once in the lifetime of the project, normally towards the end.
- ➔ **Knowledge Sharing, Publicity, and Recognition**

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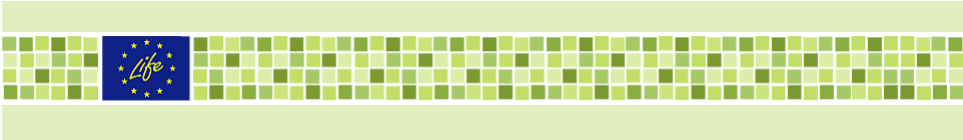
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Facts of LIFE

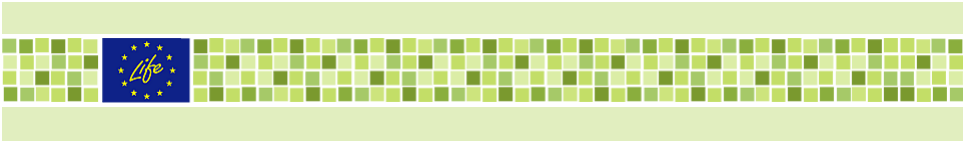
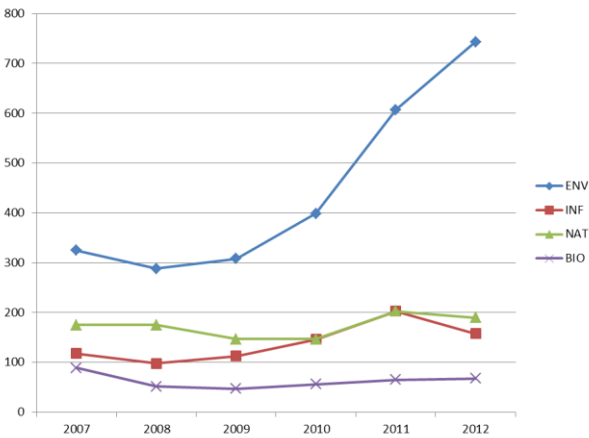
1) There is significant competition for LIFE funds

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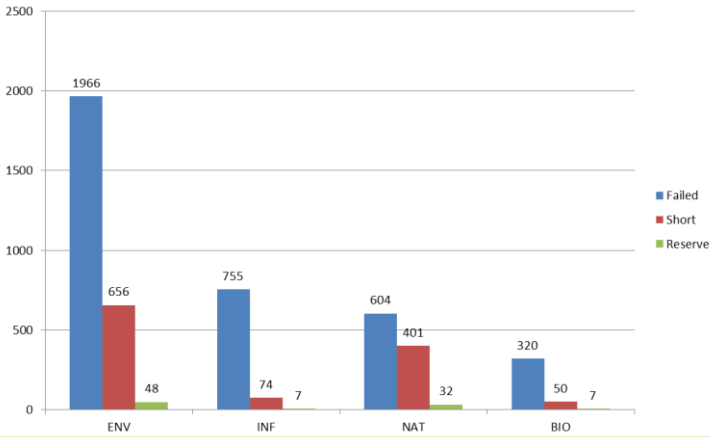
Submission trend 2007 – 2012 (Total)

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Success rate consolidated

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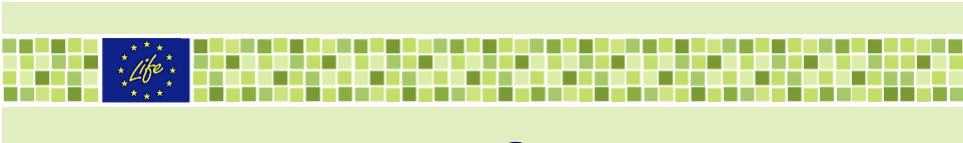




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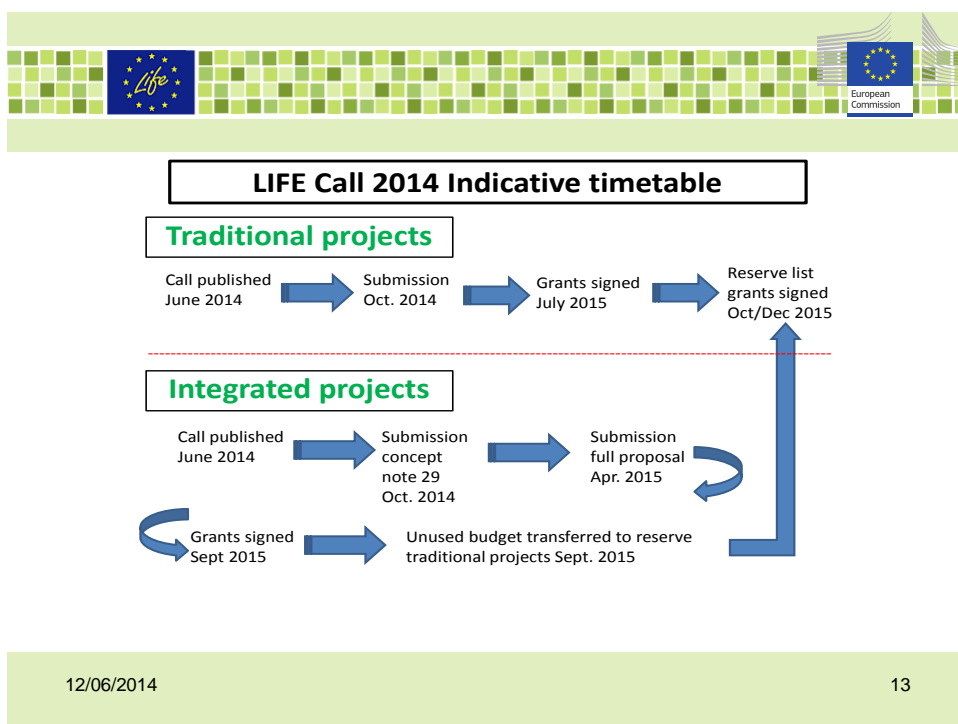
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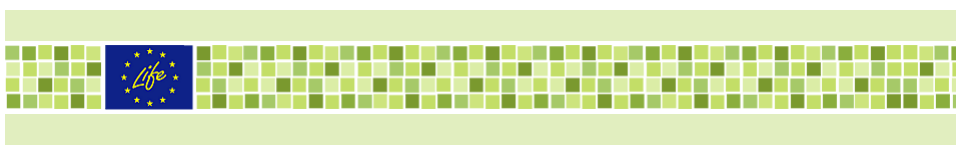
Facts of LIFE

**2) You can't get a grant if
you don't submit an
application – on time...**



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3) It takes time and money to prepare an application



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4) Proposals that fail are poorly prepared.

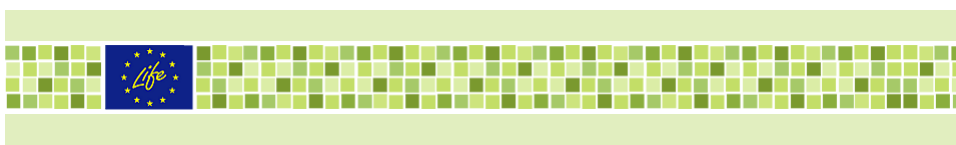
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Common Reasons for Failure

- No clear EU relevant environmental or climate action focus
- Less than 25% Concrete Conservation actions (NAT)
- Not convincingly demonstrative or pilot (for specific topics in NAT; for all of ENV, CCA and CCM)

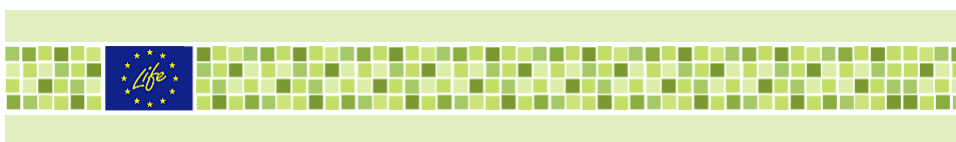
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Components of the 2014 LIFE Call

- **"Traditional" Projects – e-proposal:**
 - LIFE Environment and Resource Efficiency (ENV)
 - LIFE Nature and Biodiversity (NAT)
 - LIFE Environmental Governance and Information (GIE)
 - LIFE Climate Change Mitigation (CCM)
 - LIFE Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
 - LIFE Climate Governance and Information (GIC)
- **Preparatory Projects – and all others: pdf on data carrier per post**
- **Integrated Projects (sub-programme for environment)**
- **Technical Assistance Projects (sub-programme for environment)**
- **Capacity Building Projects**
(NPO Operating Grants = separate call)

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Which subprogramme?

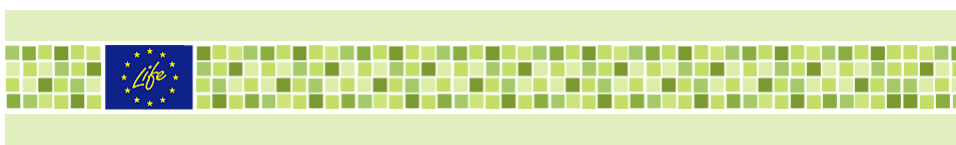
Environment

- Projects falling under one of the project topics
- Climate mitigation or adaptation is a by-product but not the central objective
- Clear link to the specific objectives for the three environmental priority areas

Climate

- Climate mitigation or adaptation is the main goal
- Clear link to the specific objectives for the three climate action priority areas





Remember

- Life does not finance:
 - Compensatory action under Art. 6 of the Habitats directive
 - Actions that should be (or are) financed under Structural Funds or CAP
 - Research projects
- Be clear and precise – applications are evaluated on what is submitted (not on the potential of the idea)

➤ **START EARLY!!!**

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Key steps in preparing the application

- Step by step through the process
- Award criteria sub-programme for Environment
- Award criteria sub-programme for Climate Action
- Award criteria Integrated Projects

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Step by step through the process

- Preparation and submission
- Evaluation: Technical selection (yes/no), Award evaluation (points), Admissibility, financial selection
- Ranking
- Award decision: short list
- Revision
- New Award decision: from reserve list, taking into account special rules (e.g. 55% for NAT)



ENV Award criteria (2014-2017)

	Minimum Pass Score	Total Possible
Technical coherence and quality	10	20
Financial coherence and quality	10	20
Extent and quality of the contribution to the objectives	10	20
Contribution to the project topics		10
Quality of multipurpose, synergies and integration	7	15
Replicability and transferability	5	10
Transnational, green procurement, uptake		5

Overall pass score: 55 of 100 possible points





CLIMA Award criteria (2014-2017)

	Minimum Pass Score	Total Possible
Technical coherence and quality	10	20
Financial coherence and quality	10	20
Extent and quality of the contribution to an increased climate resilience and/or to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions	7	15
Extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas	7	15
Quality of multipurpose, synergies and integration	7	15
Replicability and transferability	5	10
Transnational, green procurement, uptake		5

Overall pass score: 55 of 100 possible points



IP Award criteria (2014-2017)

	Minimum Pass Score	Total Possible
Technical coherence and quality	10	20
Financial coherence and quality	10	20
Extent and quality of the contribution to the objectives	15	20
Extent and quality of mobilisation of other funds, in particular Union funds		10
Quality of multipurpose, synergies and integration	7	15
Replicability and transferability	5	10
Transnational, green procurement, uptake		5

Overall pass score: 55 of 100 possible points





Application tool – e-Proposal

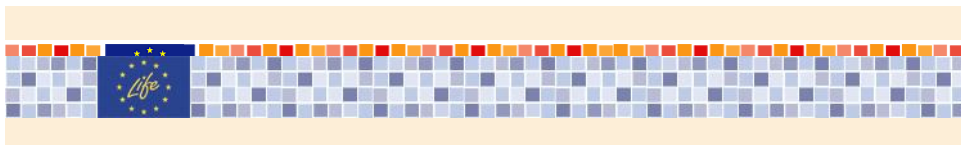
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- What does it look like?
- Who else has access?

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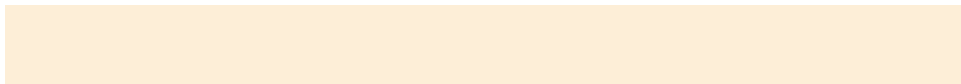
eProposal (for traditional projects)

- Full online process
 - Preparation / Submission
 - Communication
 - Revision
 - Amendment
- Structured and interrelated forms and data



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Program strand:

Biodiversity

Project title:

-test bio ioana

Project acronym:

-test bio ioana

Expected start date:

- 01/06/2006

Expected end date:

- 01/06/2014

Countries:

United Kingdom, France

Can the project be considered to be a climate change adaptation project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Administrative regions

Country	Selected regions	Actions
France	All regions	
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Legal information of the Coordinating Beneficiary

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VAT n°:

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Legal registration n°:

858754

Registration date:

06/10/2001

Own contribution (in €):

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Requested contribution (in €):

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Legal status:

Public body

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Private non-commercial

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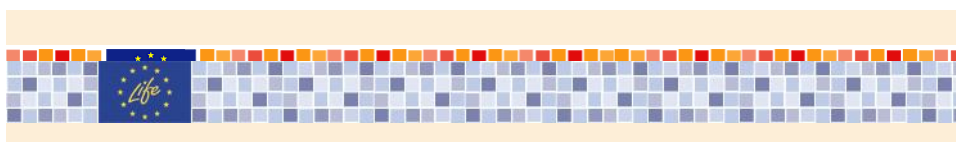
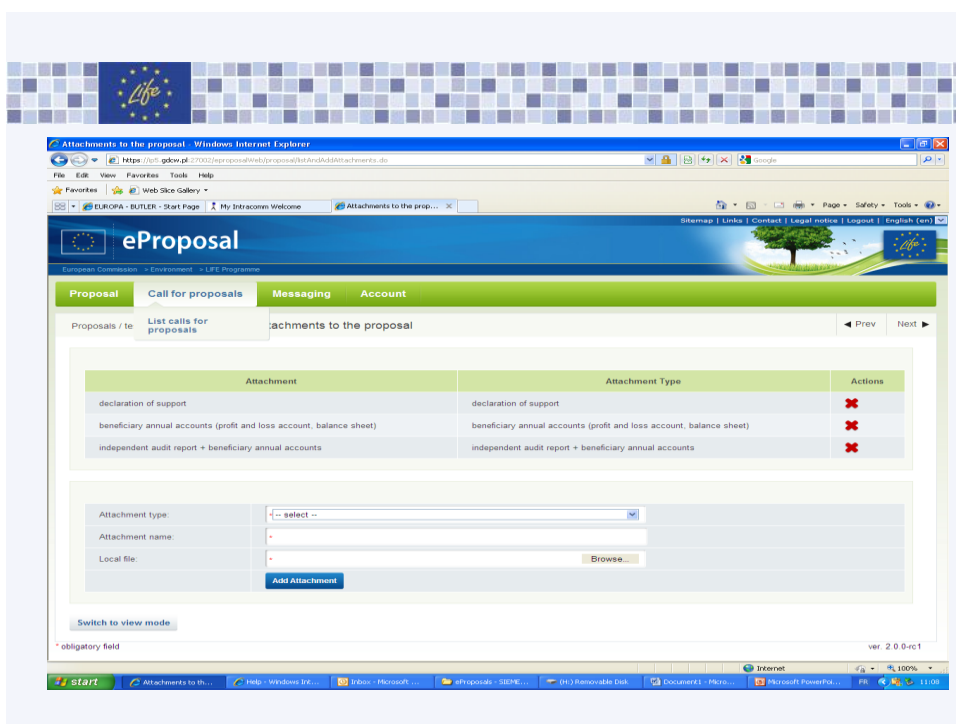
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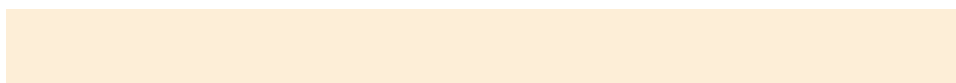
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Who has access?

- ➔ Applicant: During preparation, submission (to change forms and submit until deadline), revision (to change forms and resubmit), view
- ➔ Third parties/National Contact Points: if the applicant allows them
- ➔ After submission deadlines: external evaluators, Commission and EASME staff




Application forms

- ➔ Different project types – same logic
- ➔ A-Forms – Administrative info
- ➔ B-Forms – Technical Summary + Context
- ➔ C-Forms – Detailed Technical Description
- ➔ F-Forms – Financial Forms

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The B-Forms

- ➔ B.1 The technical summary – the business card of your project (in EN)
- ➔ B.2 The environmental/climate change problems targeted
- ➔ B.3 Pilot/Demonstration/Best practice character/EU-added value
- ➔ B.4 Stakeholders and target audience
- ➔ B.5 Constraints and risks

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The C-Forms

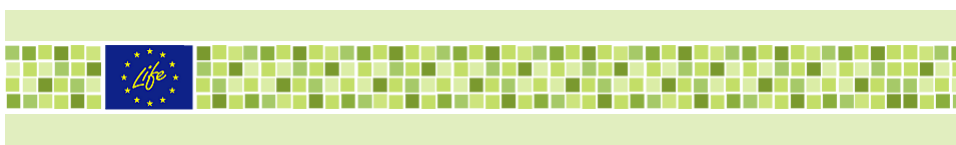
- ➔ A. Preparatory actions (if needed)(not for PP)
- ➔ B. ENV: Implementation actions (obligatory)/NAT: land purchase (if needed)/GIE: core actions (obligatory)
- ➔ C. ENV/GIE: Monitoring the impact of the project actions (obligatory)/NAT: Concrete conservation actions
- ➔ D. ENV/GIE: Public awareness and dissemination of results (obligatory)/ NAT: Monitoring the impact of the project actions (obligatory)
- ➔ E. ENV/GIE: Project management and monitoring of project progress (obligatory)/NAT: Public awareness and dissemination of results (obligatory).
- ➔ F. NAT: Project management and monitoring of project progress (obligatory).

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Where and how to get support

- ➔ Information sources
- ➔ Application packages
- ➔ Other sources of support

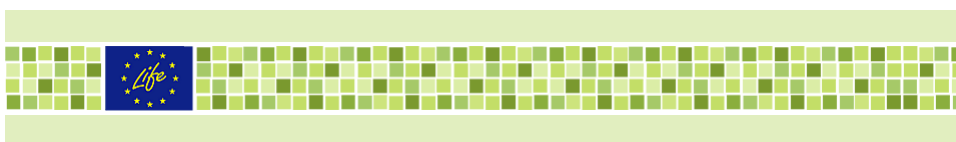


Information Sources

- LIFE Regulation
- LIFE MAWP for 2014-2017
- Financial Regulation

- LIFE Web page
- Application Packages

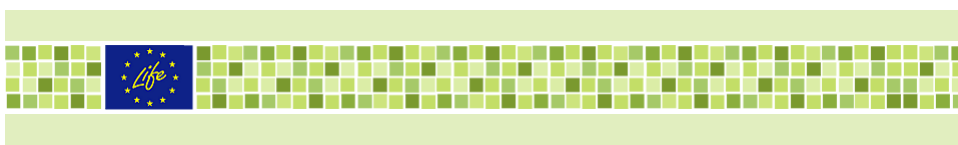
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Application Packages (per project type, per priority area)

- LIFE/EASME Website **hopefully by 18/06/2014**
- Guidelines for Applicants (and forms)
- Evaluation Guidelines
- Model Grant with Special and General Conditions
- Comparative Document (is LIFE the right instrument? Which priority area?):
 - Vs. Horizon 2020 vs. structural funds
 - Which sub-programme?

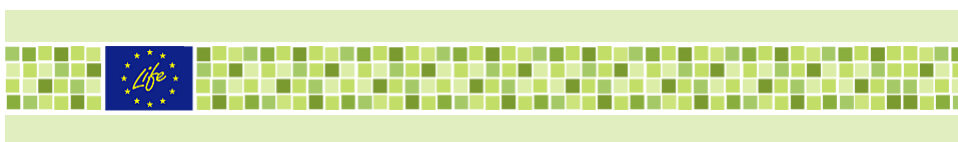
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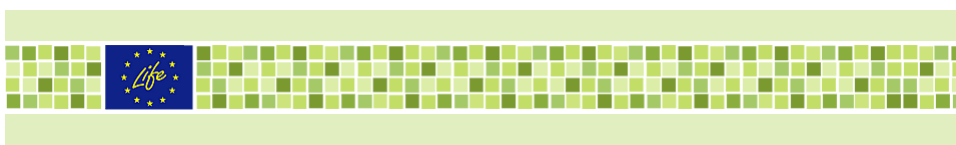
- National Contact points
- Read about and talk to ongoing projects
- Check out best LIFE projects
- Mailbox in e-Proposal for formal questions

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Questions and answers - examples

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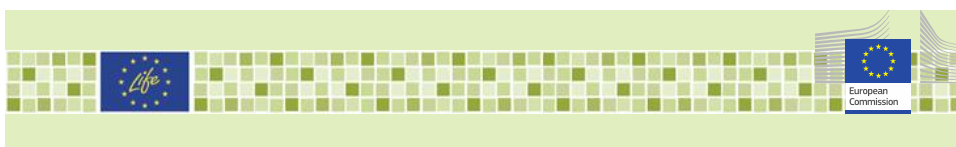


Pilot Project

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

Monitoring, evaluating and dissemination are integral parts of the pilot approach.

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LIFE – "pilot" - example

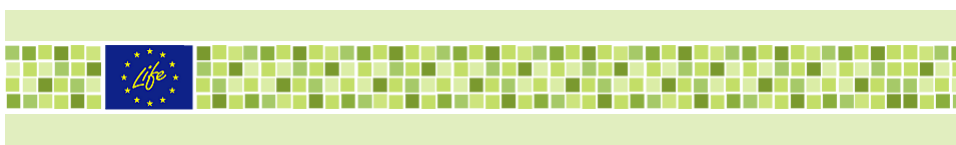
- ➔ Soil remediation: testing of new methodology (alkaline hydrolysis) as a technology for remediation of pesticide contaminated soil and groundwater
- ➔ Testing and applying of an entirely new method



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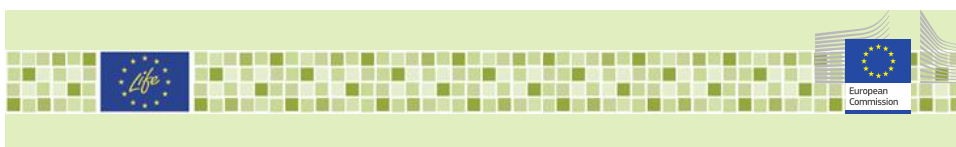
Demonstration

→ ... puts into practice, tests, evaluates and disseminates actions, methods or approaches that are to new or unknown in the project's specific (geographical, ecological, socio-economic) context and that could be applied elsewhere in similar circumstances. **If ENV and if project topic and new EU wide: extra points!**



Monitoring, evaluating and dissemination of the project impact are integral parts of the demonstration approach.

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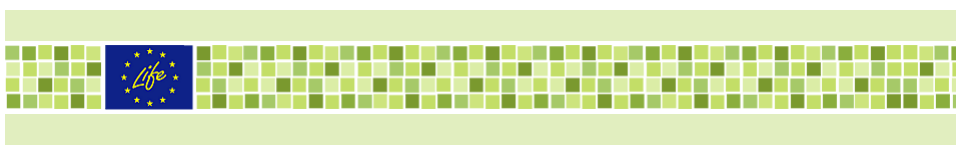
LIFE – "demonstration" - example

- **Resource- and cost-efficient public housing - Extremadura**
- Putting together elements tested elsewhere to a new entity/in a new context



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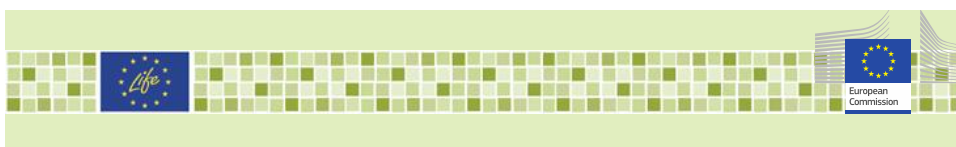
Distinct Approaches

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



Testing and evaluating of best practice techniques should NOT be part of the project as they are already state of the art. **Monitoring and dissemination of the project impact** is obligatory.

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LIFE – "best practice" - example

→ Preserve valuable habitats (meanders and oxbow lakes of Emajõgi River) and guarantee stability of priority fish species in a Natura 2000 area



→ 2011

→ HappyFish (EE)

2013



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LIFE – "governance and info"

Information, awareness and dissemination projects that

- Support communication, dissemination of information and awareness raising in the fields of the sub-programmes for Environment and Climate Action, and/or
- Focus on support better environmental and climate governance at all levels, including better involvement of civil society, NGOs and local actors,



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"gov&info" - examples

- Bring poison cases to court
- Make governments create a legal framework
- Raise awareness about Natura 2000
- Create a Natura2000 day

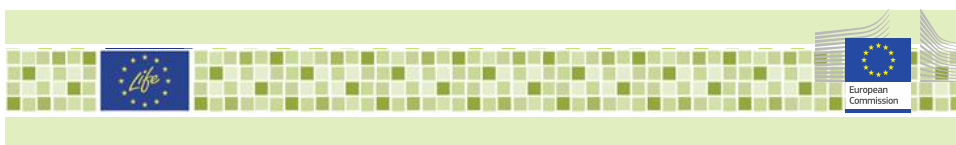


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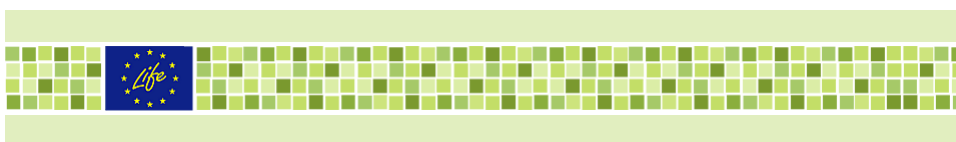
→ Topics in 2014:

- 1) *Establishing an EU NGO platform on Best Available Techniques*
- 2) *Completing EU28/Pan-European Species Red Lists for species groups relevant the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC)*
- 3) *Development and update of species action plans for bird species listed in Annex I and Annex II of the EU Birds Directive (Directive 2009/147/EC)*

→ Application by post (PDF-Format on data carrier)

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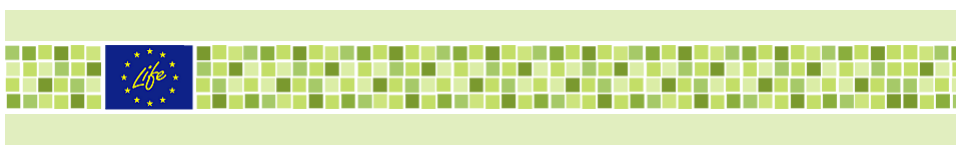


LIFE NATURE

- Objective: Contributes to the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives (Council Directives 79/409 EEC and 92/43/EEC)
- Approach: Must be **best practice** and/or **demonstration** projects and/or **pilot**
- Focus: Long-term sustainable investments in Natura 2000 sites and on the conservation of species and habitats targeted by the Birds and Habitats Directives
- Must contain **Concrete Conservation Actions** (CCA) (at least 25% of the LIFE project's budget)

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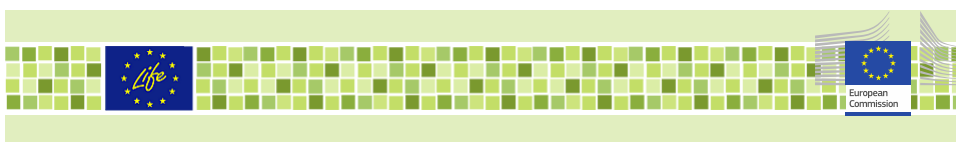


LIFE BIODIVERSITY

- Objective: Contributes to the implementation of the objectives of the Biodiversity Strategy to 2020
- Approach: best practice, demonstration or pilot
- Focus: The demonstration of measures and practices that contribute to halting the loss of biodiversity in the EU, **other than** those related to the implementation of the objectives of the **Birds and Habitats Directives**
- Must contain **Concrete Conservation Actions** (CCA) (at least 25% of the LIFE project's budget)

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LIFE BIODIVERSITY

- Proposals should focus on the project topics
- Proposals must be compatible with national and/or regional strategies for biodiversity where these exist
- Proposals must address natural habitats and/or wild fauna/flora
- European added value increases in case of innovative or demonstrative actions, with scope, transnational components, clear link to Union policy protecting wild biodiversity



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LIFE ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

- Objective: Implementation, updating and development of various Community environmental policy and legislation
- Approach: Must be **demonstration** and/or **pilot**



- Focus: To bridge the gap between research and development results and widespread implementation, and to promote innovative solutions with a public dimension

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LIFE ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

Projects contain:

- Demonstrative or innovative (i.e. pilot)
- Actions related to Union policy on water, air, soil, urban environment, noise, chemicals, environment and health, waste and natural resources, forests
- Preferably actions that are demonstrative EU wide and fulfil one of the project topics



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LIFE ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

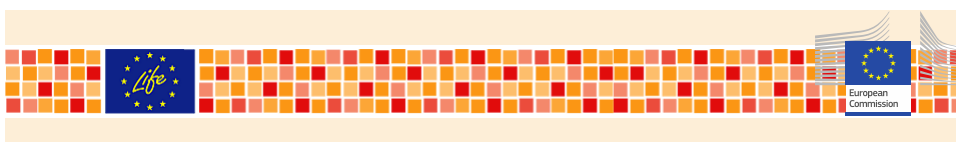
LIFE Environment proposals should NOT focus on:

- Research and technological development activities
- Studies not specifically addressing the objective aimed at by the proposal
- Development of industrial capacity



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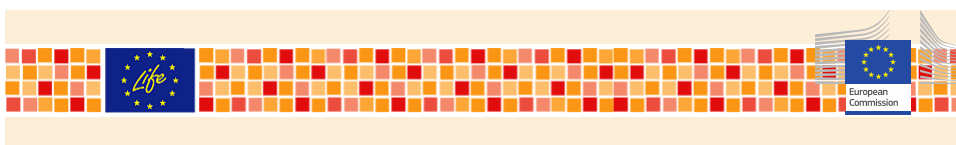


LIFE GOVERNANCE & INFORMATION

- Objective: *New focus: governance and compliance, Information and communication actions, awareness raising campaigns and skills development for implementing, updating and developing European environmental policy and legislation*
- Also covers: Awareness raising campaigns and training activities for forest fire prevention
- Character: Have to target a specific environmental problem
- Do NOT have to be **pilot** or **demonstration**

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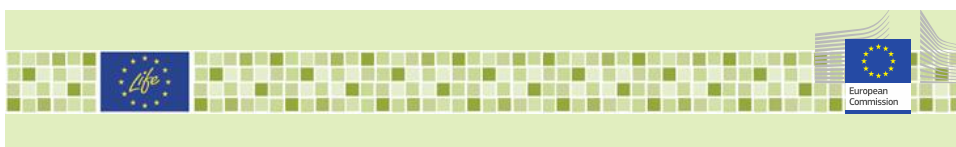
LIFE GOVERNANCE & INFORMATION

LIFE Governance & Information proposals should NOT include:

- ➔ Investments in major infrastructure
- ➔ Land purchase
- ➔ Research and technological development
- ➔ Marketing for products
- ➔ Lobbying activities of NGOs
- ➔ EMAS and Ecolabel registration procedure information and dissemination activities (see CIP programme)
- ➔ Forest fire prevention actions covered by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- ➔ Forest fire extinction (see Civil Protection instrument)
- ➔ Protection of intellectual property

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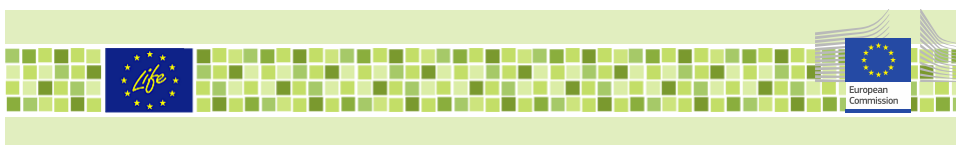


What is eligible for cofunding?

- ➔ **In general:** All cost directly related to the project objectives
- ➔ **Personnel costs** (if public authority: 102% rule)
- ➔ **External assistance** (limited to 35% of the budget)
- ➔ **Equipment** (special rules on depreciation)
- ➔ **Overheads** (limited to 7%)
- ➔ **Consumables/Other costs**
- ➔ **Land purchase** (only for nature or climate change objectives, and with dedication to nature purposes)

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Thank you for your attention!

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