



The new LIFE Programme 2014-2020

Calls for proposals – guidance to applicants

LIFE Climate Action and Environment

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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



Key guidance and procedures

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



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, through and detailed one.



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.



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



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

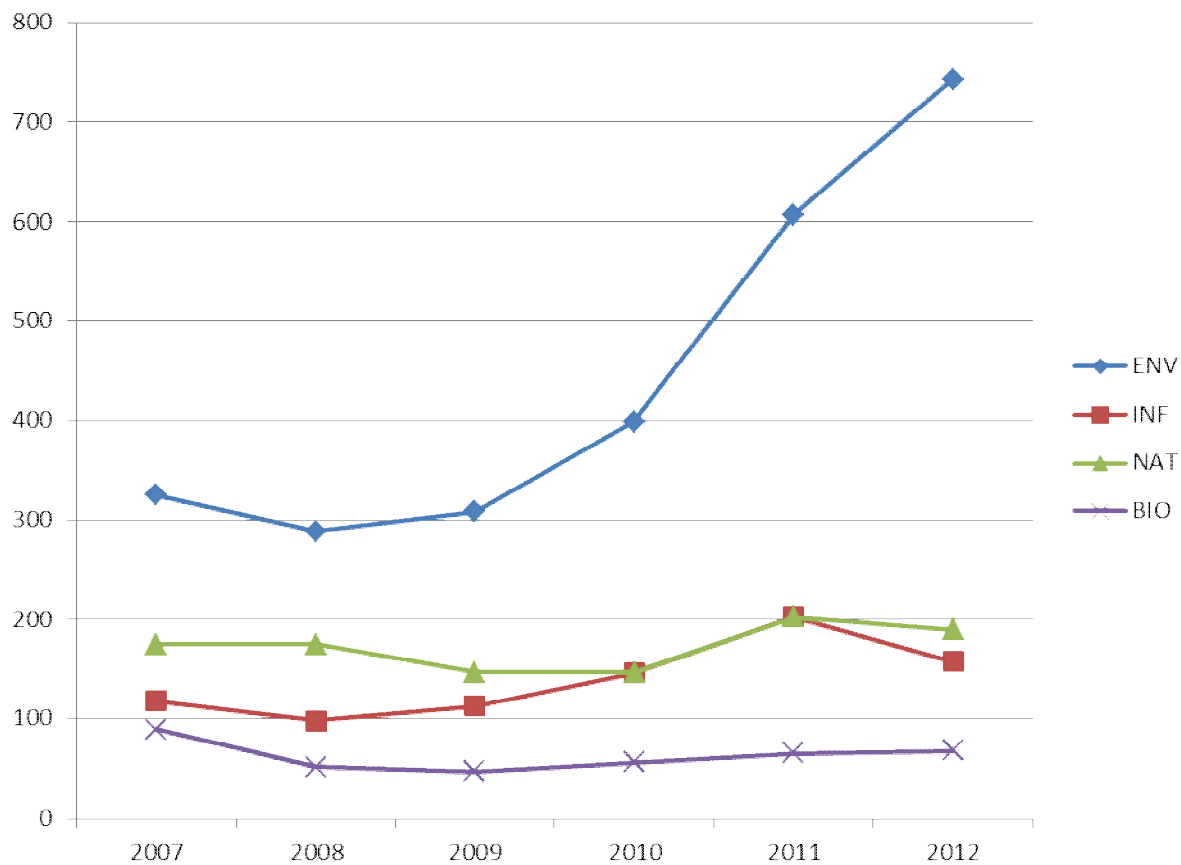


Facts of LIFE

1) There is significant competition for LIFE funds



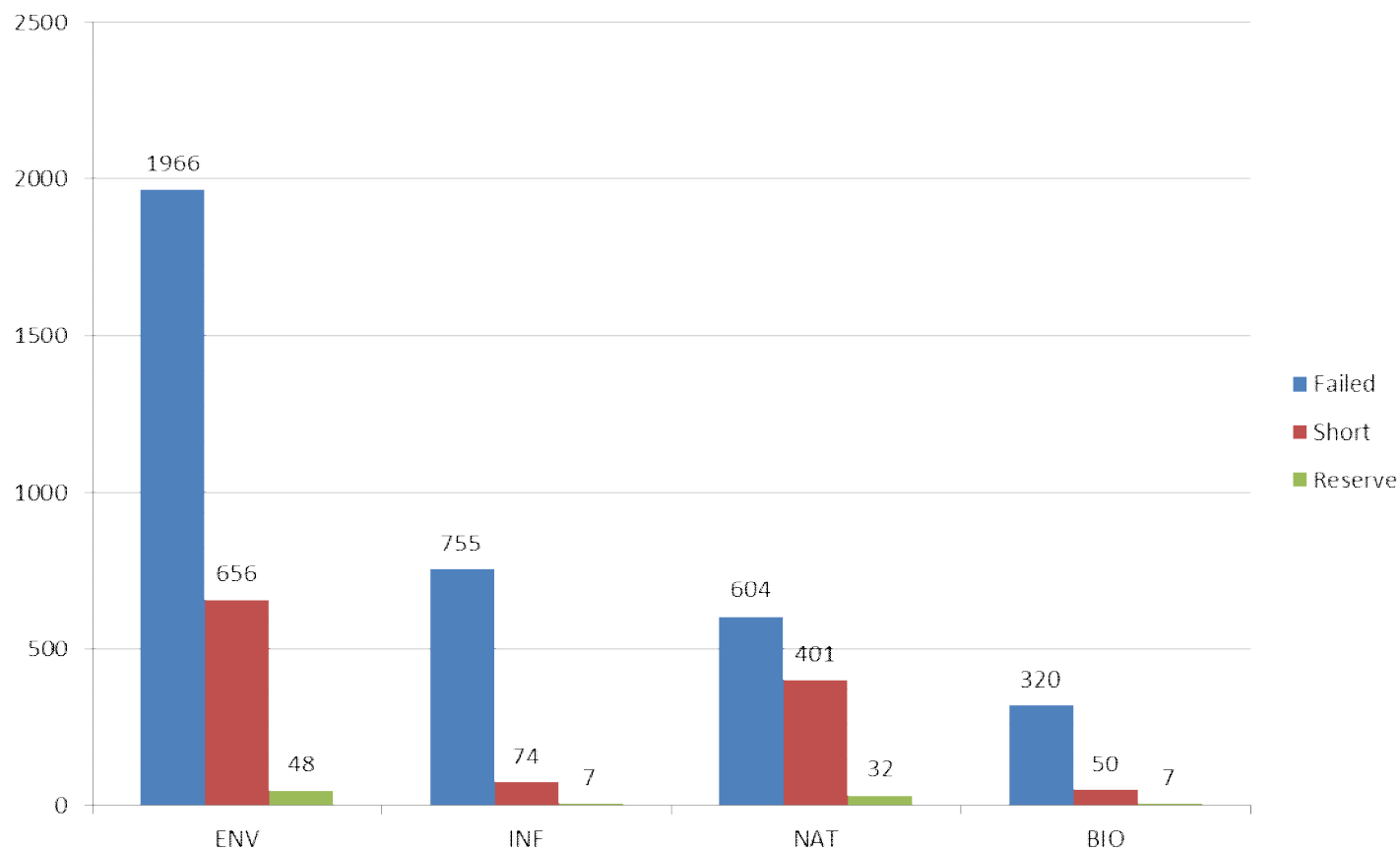
Submission trend 2007 – 2012 (Total)



INDICATORS



Success rate consolidated



INDICATORS



2012 Call for Proposals

Event	RETAINED	NOT RETAINED
Submitted:	1159	0
SELTEC:	1014	145
AWARD:	302	712
Withdrawals:	300	2
ADMISSIBILITY:	295	5
SELFIN:	291	4
Withdrawals:	289	2
REVISION:	279	10
LONG LIST:	270	9

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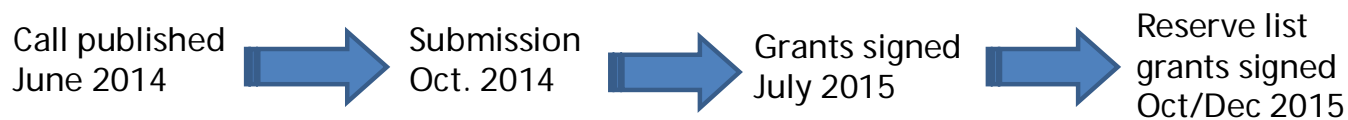
Facts of LIFE

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

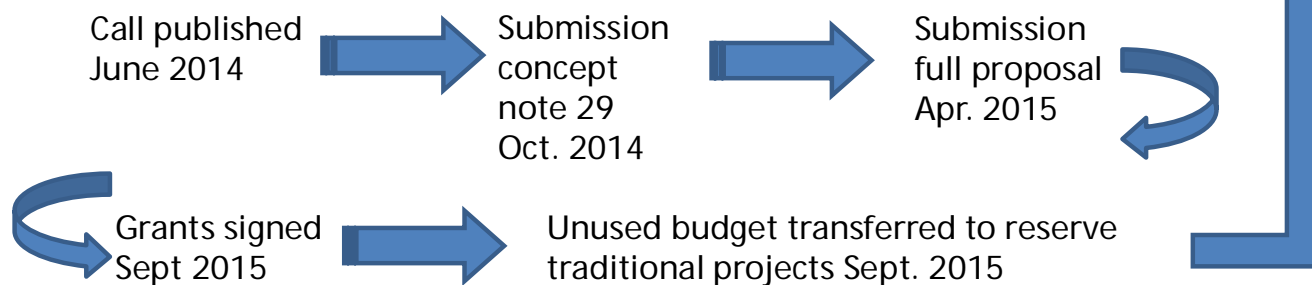


LIFE Call 2014 Indicative timetable

Traditional projects



Integrated projects





Facts of LIFE

3) It takes time and money
to prepare an application



Facts of LIFE

4) Proposals that fail are poorly prepared.



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)



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)



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!!!



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



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

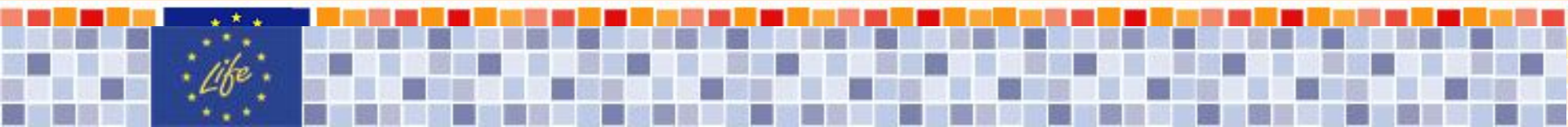
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- How do I get access?
- What does it look like?
- Who else has access?



eProposal (for traditional projects)

- Full online process
 - Preparation / Submission
 - Communication
 - Revision
 - Amendment

- Structured and interrelated forms and data



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→ <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/eproposalWeb/>



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General Project Data

Program strand: Biodiversity

Project title: test bio ioana

Project acronym: test bio ioana

Expected start date: 01/06/2006

Expected end date: 01/05/2014

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	
France	Île de France	Add

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⚠ Coordinating applicant data differ from user data [Synchronize data](#)

Short name (maximum 10 characters):

E-mail:

Legal information of the Coordinating Beneficiary

Legal name	<input type="text" value="ioana"/>
VAT n°	<input type="text" value="87547887"/>
Legal registration n°	<input type="text" value="858754"/>
Registration date	<input type="text" value="06/10/2001"/>
Own contribution (in €)	<input type="text" value="100000.50"/>
Requested contribution (in €)	<input type="text" value="3000000.00"/>

• Legal status

Public body ☐

Private commercial ☒

Private non-commercial ☐

Legal address of the Coordinating Beneficiary

Street name and n°	<input type="text" value="grtrghg"/>	PO Box	<input type="text" value="568754"/>
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Associated applicants

Co-financers

Европейския селскостопанска програма за изследване

Form A7

(2) Тези финансови инструменти предоставят специфични за действие на Общността

Form B1

Form B1 (Native)

(3) Подкрепата следва от 25 юни 2002 г. относно

Form B2

(4) Проектите, финансиращи прилагането на европейския финансов инструмент на инициатива

Form B3

Form B4

(5) В областта на природна стойност, Демонстрационна Директива 92/43/ЕО и опазване на дивата флора и фауна

Form B5

Form B6

Project actions

Reporting schedule

(6) Следва да се установи регламент е да финансира гарантират, че са налични достатъчно фондове чрез други инструменти за управление на мрежата, годишните разходи, за която през 2004 г. са били в размер на около 6100 милиона EUR.

(7) Новаторски или иновационни проекти, които се отнасят до целите на Общността в областта на околната среда, включително разработката и разпространението на най-добри практики, ноу-хау или технологии, както и проекти, свързани с разяснителни кампании и специални обучения за лица, участващи в инициативи по предотвратяване на горски пожари, трябва да бъдат допустими за финансиране от Общността по линия на LIFE+, освен когато са допустими за финансиране по други финансови инструменти на Общността.

измерения на устойчивото развитие на Европейския съюз. То е приоритет за съфинансиране от Общността и следва да бъде инструмент на Общността, включително Европейския фонд за регионално развитие, Европейския социален фонд, Кохезионния фонд, ките райони, Рамковата програма за конкурентоспособност и иновации, Европейския фонд за рибарство и Седмата рамкова истрационни дейности.

ат всички приоритети в областта на околната среда. Ето защо е необходим Финансов инструмент за околната среда (LIFE+), за да се игането на политиката и законодателството на Общността в областта на околната среда, и по-специално целите на Шестата програма (6-та ПДООС), предвидена с Решение № 1600/2002/ЕО на Европейския парламент и на Съвета от 22 юли 2002 г. [4].

образумения за отпускане на грантове и договори за обществени поръчки, съгласно Регламент (ЕО, Евратом) № 1605/2002 на Съвета ким към общия бюджет на Европейските общности [5].

ат на критериите за подбор за осигуряване на възможно най-добра употреба на фондовете на Общността, за да подсилят ренат финансирането на повтарящи се дейности, като например рутинни операции. Това не следва да предотвратява екти.

е прилагането на политиката и законодателството на Общността само по себе си предоставя рамка за европейска "добавена с най-добри практики, включително отнасящите се до управлението и определянето на обектите по Натура 2000, съгласно зването на природните местообитания и на дивата флора и фауна [6] и Директива 79/409/ЕО на Съвета от 2 април 1979 г. за за финансиране от Общността по линия на LIFE+, освен в случаите, когато са допустими за финансиране по други финансови

на адекватно финансиране на мрежата Натура 2000, включително съфинансиране от Общността. Тъй като целта на настоящия или демонстрационни проекти, свързани с управлението на местности по Натура 2000, Комисията и държавите-членки следва да

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ioana	A1 action A1	Temporary staff not specifically hired for this project		100,00	10,0	1.000,00		
ioana	A1 action A1	Permanent staff or civil servant		100,00	10,0	1.000,00		
ioana	A1 action A1	Permanent staff or civil servant		25,50	25,0	637,50		
ioana	A1 action A1	Permanent staff or civil servant		45,78	7,0	320,46		
ioana	B1 action B1	Temporary staff specifically hired for this project	fahjhjzs	10,00	10,0	100,00		
ioana	E1 action E1	Permanent staff or civil servant		1.000,00	2000,0	2.000.000,00		
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beneficiary annual accounts (profit and loss account, balance sheet)	beneficiary annual accounts (profit and loss account, balance sheet)	✗
independent audit report + beneficiary annual accounts	independent audit report + beneficiary annual accounts	✗

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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



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





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).



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



Application Packages (per project type, per priority area)

- ➔ LIFE/EASME Website **hopefully by 16/06/2014**
- ➔ 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?



Other Sources of support

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



Questions and answers - examples





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.

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



→ NorthPestClean, DK



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.

LIFE – "demonstration" - example

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





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.

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





LIFE – "governance and info"

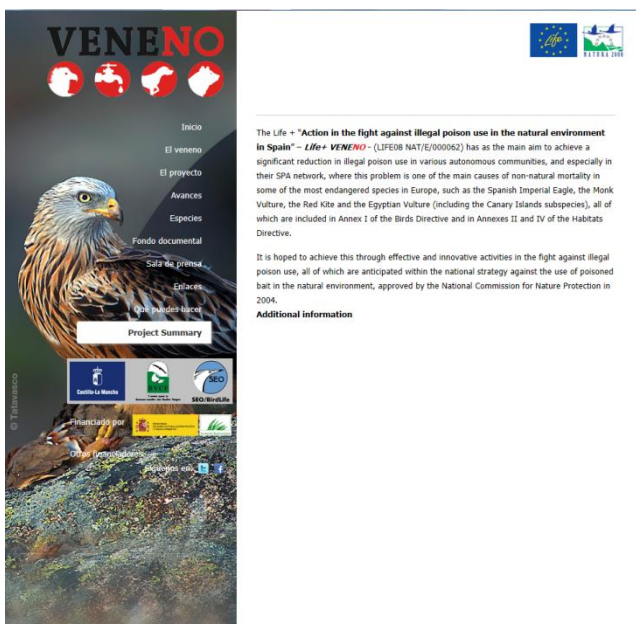
Information, awareness and dissemination projects that

- ➔ 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,

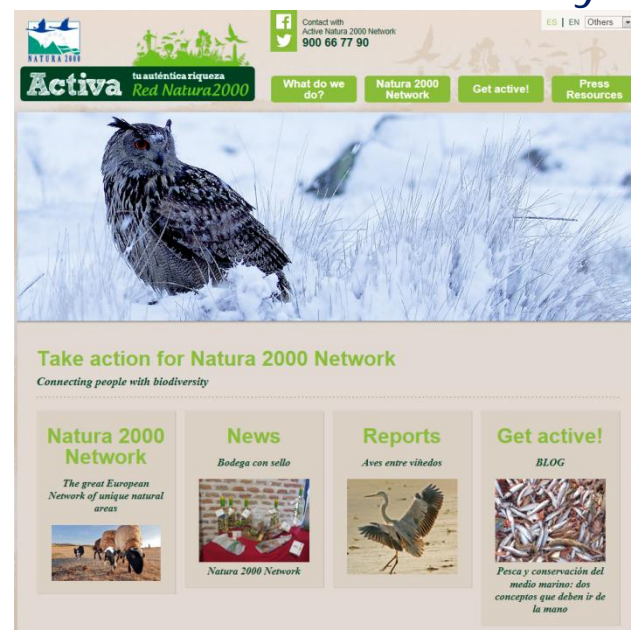


"gov&info" - examples

- Bring poison cases to court
- Make governments create a legal framework



- Raise awareness about Natura 2000
- Create a Natura2000 day





Preparatory projects

→ 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)



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)



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)



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





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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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





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





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**



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



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)



Thank you for your attention!

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