MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2018 IN THE FRAME OF LIFE PROGRAMME

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LIFE (L'Instrument Financier pour l'Environnement)

Priority areas and thematic objectives to be supported by the LIFE programme and its assimilation to the EUSDR PA4:

Environment sub-programme priority areas	Budget 2017 *	Budget 2014-2020
Environment and Resource Efficiency (ENV)	83 M €	495 M €
The ENV priority area will **develop, test and demonstrate** approaches, best practices, solutions and integrated approaches to environmental challenges, as well as improving the related knowledge base.		
Nature and Biodiversity (NAT)	101,9 M €	610 M €
The (NAT) priority area will **develop, test and demonstrate** best practices, solutions and integrated approaches to contribute to the development and implementation of nature and biodiversity policy and legislation, as well as improving the related knowledge base.		
Environmental Governance and Information (GIE)	16,9 M €	163 M €
The GIE priority area will promote **awareness-raising** on environmental matters, support the communication, management and dissemination of environmental information, and promote better environmental governance by broadening stakeholder involvement.		

*Budget 2018:
217 M EUR for the Environment sub-programme

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LIFE PROGRAMME

Date of calls: in April-May every year – **in 2018: 18th April**
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2018/traditional/index.htm

Submission dates: 1st stage – June (2018) ; 2nd stage: January (2019)

Project starting date: next July after the submission (1st July 2019)

Applicants and partners: no territorial and institutional eligibility criteria –
„any legal person registered in the European Union"

Typical project: 1,5-3 M € (no min. or max. budget); 2-5 years duration; 1-5 partner

Winning rate: 25%

Website:

    EN: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life.htm

    HU: http://www.lifepalyazatok.eu/

Contact: National Contact Points (NCP) in every EU country

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FINANCIAL RULES

Ratio of financial support:

- ➢ EU fund: max. 55 %
- ➢ Own fund: min. 45 %
- ➢ Available national co-financing (HU): max. the half of the own fund (~20 %)

Financial schedule:

	After signing the Grant Agreement	After 100% use of 1st pre-financing	After Final Report
No mid-term report	70%	0%	Max. 30%
1 mid-term report	30%	40%	Max. 30%
2 mid-term reports	30%	20%	Max. 30%

Eligible costs: personnel cost, travel, subcontracting, durable goods (equipment, prototype, infrastructure), consumables and supplies, land purchase or leasing, overheads, other

Large infrastructure and research activities are not eligible!

WHAT ARE THE NEW AND CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF THE LIFE CALL 2018?

Maximum rate of EU contribution: **55%**

2-stage application: only for Environment sub-programme (ENV, NAT, GIE)

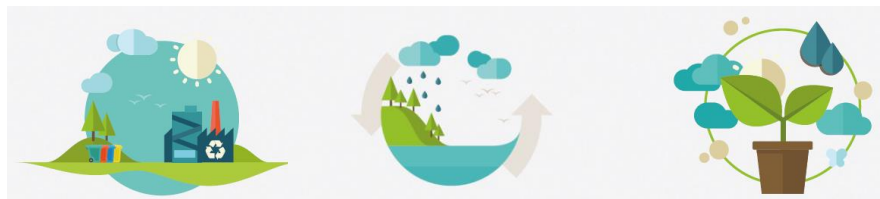　　1. concept note (~10 pages in English)

　　2. full proposal

More emphasis on:

- **continuation, replication, transfer potential**
- results-orientation, **measurable effects** (KPI – key project-level indicators)

Synergies, multi-purpose approaches

Encouragement of further engagement of private entities („close-to-market projects")

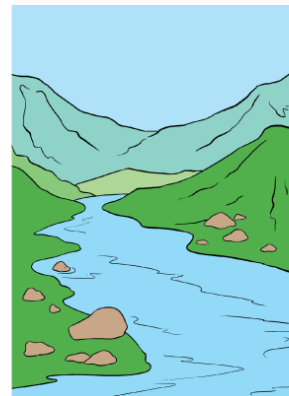Reduction of the number of project topics – more focus on EU policies and priorities

LIFE TOPICS RELATED TO EUSDR PA4

ENV - Thematic priorities for Water, including the marine environment – 1.

Water, floods and drought

1. Implementation of **flood and/or drought risk management** actions – nature-based soliutions and/or prevention and protection tools and/or integrated risk assesment and management approaches)
2. Projects addressing **hydro morphological pressures**
3. Integrated **management of nutrients and organic pollution**
4. Reduction of pressures from **chemical pollutants**
5. Implementation of **water saving measures**

Marine and coastal management

1. Application of tools, technologies or practices to **ensure the sustainability of human activities related to the marine environment**
2. Projects aiming at **preventing and reducing marine litter or contaminants**, addressing them at the source at land and/or in the seas

LIFE TOPICS RELATED TO EUSDR PA4

ENV - Thematic priorities for Water, including the marine environment – 2.

Water Industry

1. Technologies for drinking water and urban waste water treatment systems, through the use of **resource efficient processes** for the provision of water services, onsite procedures and/or control processes, to **diminish or eliminate discharges of emerging pollutants and/or pathogens** as part of wastewater treatment effluents

2. Tools ensuring the **resource efficient provision of water services** compliant with the Drinking Water Directive and the Urban Waste Water Directive to population living in **rural areas**

3. **Improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness** of solutions and/or treatment options regarding **recycled/reclaimed water**

LIFE TOPICS RELATED TO EUSDR PA4

GIE - Priority area Environmental Governance and Information – 1.

Information, communication and awareness-raising campaigns

- **Raising awareness on environmental problems, EU environmental policies, tools and/or legislation among the relevant target audiences** - benefits of the implementation of water legislation

Activities in support of effective control process as well as measures to promote compliance

- **Improving environmental information systems** operated by public authorities for **electronically collecting, processing, storing and sharing environmental information, targeting eg.:**
  - ➢ **river basin management plans** and associated programmes of measures, analyses and reviews and/or
  - ➢ **marine spatial plans**, and associated programmes of measures, and marine strategies with a view to ensuring synergies with Natura 2000 and river basin management plans and/or
  - ➢ **flood risk management plans** and/or
  - ➢ **nitrate action plans** and/or
  - ➢ decisions related to **water pollution and water abstraction**

LIFE TOPICS RELATED TO EUSDR PA4

GIE - Priority area Environmental Governance and Information – 2.

Environmental compliance assurance and access to justice

- **Supporting environmental compliance assurance** by developing and implementing or implementing existing cross-border, national or regional risk-based strategies to **promote, check and enforce compliance** regarding eg. **diffuse and/or point-source water pollution and/or illegal water abstraction**

- **Promoting access to justice in environmental matters and/or mediation with a particular focus on eg. protecting nature, biodiversity** and **water quality** via the nature, biodiversity and water instruments covered by LIFE thematic priorities

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life.htm
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