



# The LIFE Programme 2014-2020

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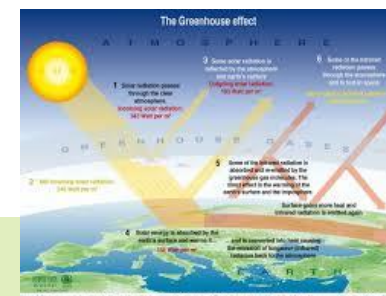
Central and Eastern Europe





# Why LIFE?

- LIFE is a catalyst:** it provides a **platform** for the development and exchange of best practices and knowledge thereby improving, catalysing and accelerating changes;
- LIFE** is the ideal instrument to show to regional and national authorities the benefits of investing in the environment sector and incentivising them to **develop strategic frameworks for spending.**
- LIFE** has been **successfully tested since 1992:** positive feed-back and final evaluation





# LIFE – Then and Now

- **LIFE 1992-2013**: more than 3100 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**





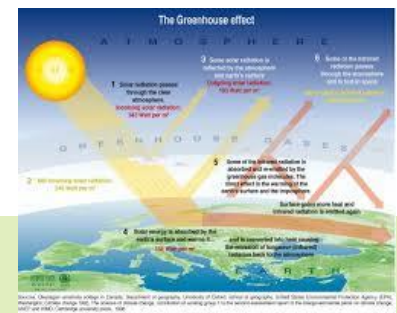
# LIFE 2014-2020 – Priority Areas

## → Environment sub-programme

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

## → Climate Action sub-programme

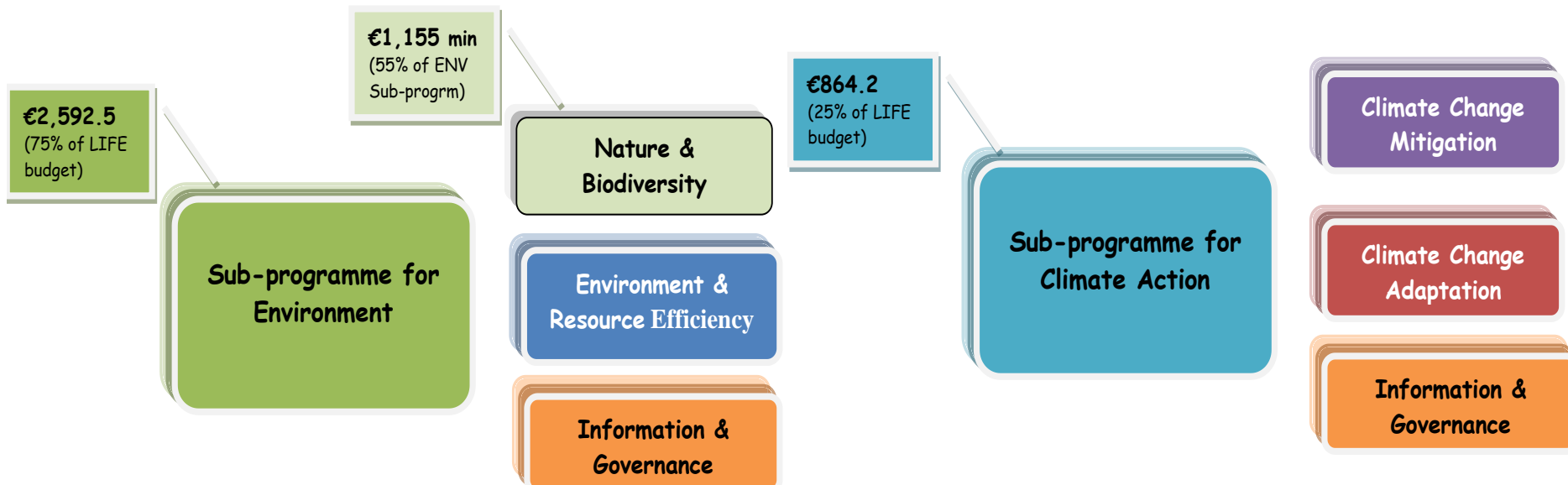
- Climate Change Mitigation (CMM)
- Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
- Climate Change Governance & Information (GIC)





# LIFE 2014-2020 - Structure

**LIFE Programme**  
€3,456.7 (2014-2020)





# LIFE 2014-2020 - Legal Framework

- ➔ **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 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 2015 - Budget

- The total budget for project action grants for this call is € **240 811 337**.
- Sub-programme for **environment €184.1 million** for projects
  - Sub-programme for **climate action €56.6 million** for projects
- **Operating grants** to environmental and climate **NGOs €9 million** (The maximum EU-funding rate is 70% of the eligible costs of the operating budget of the beneficiary organisation for its 2016 budgetary year. The maximum amount that may be requested and awarded is fixed at €900 000 per grant.)







# 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





# Activities outside of the EU

## May be included if:

- Necessary to achieve Union environmental or climate objectives
- **Necessary to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States' territories to which the Treaties apply**
- The Coordinating Beneficiary is established in the EU





# LIFE - General features

- **Applicants - SME, NGO, public administrations** active in the field of environment and climate protection
- Emphasis on **replicability/transferability, long-term sustainability, and an EU added value** of the project results
- **Not focussed on research** (↔ H2020)
- **No large infrastructure; not focussed on rural or regional development** (↔ agricultural, structural funds)
- **Support and monitoring:** From Contracting Authority (EASME or Commission) and external monitoring team



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



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- **Funding rate:** in general 60% of eligible cost in the first 4 years; 100% for capacity building
- **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 2017





# Tools: The "traditional" projects

## For whom?

- Mainly SME, NGO, public administrations active in the field of environment and climate protection

## For what?

- Pursuit of general and specific objectives of the 6 priority areas.
- 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: for priority habitat/species: **75%**





# Tools: Integrated projects (IPs)

## For whom?

- Mainly public administrations 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%**



# Tools: 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%**







# Tools: Financial Instruments (FIs)

## ↓ For whom?

Mainly for SMEs 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)





# LIFE Call 2015 Indicative planning

## Traditional projects

Call published  
1 June 2015



Submission  
Sept/Oct  
2015



Revision Oct  
2015-May  
2016



Reserve list  
grants signed  
May/June  
2016

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## Integrated projects

Call published  
June 2015



Submission  
concept  
note Oct.  
2015



Submission  
full proposal  
Apr. 2016



Grants signed  
Sept 2016

# Timetable

## Provisional Calendar 2015: Traditional projects Summary Table

Grant Type	Opening Date	Closing Date
Climate Change Mitigation	01 June 2015	15 September 2015
Climate Change Adaptation	01 June 2015	15 September 2015
Climate Governance & Information	01 June 2015	15 September 2015
Environment & Resource Efficiency	01 June 2015	01 October 2015
Nature & Biodiversity	01 June 2015	07 October 2015
Environmental Governance & Information	01 June 2015	07 October 2015

## Provisional Calendar for Technical Assistance projects

**Publication of call:** 01 June 2015

**Deadline:** 15 September 2015

## Calendar for Integrated Projects

**Publication of call:** 01 June 2015

**Deadline:**  
**Phase I (concept note)** 01 October 2015

**Deadline:**  
**Phase II (full proposal)** March/April 2016 tbc

# LIFE INFO DAYS 2015

## Danube countries

LIFE Information Days 2015				
Date	Country	City/Venue	Contact person	Website
03.06	Romania		<a href="#">Ms. Oana Dima</a>	<a href="#">Romania info</a>
16.06	Austria	Vienna - BMLFUW Stubenring 1, Gobelinsaal	<a href="#">Mr. Gerhard SCHWACH</a>	
16.06	Bulgaria	Sofia - Ministry of Environment and Water, 22 Maria Luiza Blvd 1000	<a href="#">Mr. Plamen Glogov</a>	
17.06	Croatia	Zagreb - Hotel International, Miramarska cesta 24	<a href="#">Ms. Nikolina PETKOVIC GREGORIC</a>	
18.06	Slovenia	Brdo pri Kranju - Hotel Kokra, room 'Elegans'	<a href="#">Ms. Julijana LEBEZ-LOZEJ</a>	<a href="#">Slovenia info</a>
18.06	Hungary	Budapest - Nemzeti Fejlesztési Minisztérium, Budapest, Fő u. 44-50, room 701	<a href="#">Mrs. Rozália ÉRDINÉ</a>	
19.06	Slovakia	Bratislava - State geological Institute of Dionýz Štúr Mlynská dolina 1, 817 04 Bratislava 11	<a href="#">Ms. Karin OČENÁŠOVÁ</a>	<a href="#">Slovakia info</a>
23.06	Germany	Bonn - Bundesumweltministerium (BMUB) Robert-Schuman-Platz 3	<a href="#">Mr. Holger GALAS</a>	
August	Slovenia	Brdo pri Kranju - Hotel Kokra, room 'Elegans'	<a href="#">Ms. Julijana LEBEZ-LOZEJ</a>	



## **CALL PAGE:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm>

## **National contact points:**

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

## **e-proposal:**

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

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