

## The LIFE Programme 2014-2020 and the 2020 LIFE Call

- What is LIFE financing?



# LIFE 2014-2020 – Strands

## Environment sub-programme

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



LIFE10 ENV/PL/000661



LIFE12 INF/BE/000459



LIFE05 NAT/FIN/000105



LIFE10 ENV/RO/000729



LIFE05 NAT/FIN/000104

# LIFE 2014-2020 – Strands

## Climate Action sub-programme

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



LIFE07 INF/E/000852



LIFE09 ENV/IT/000186

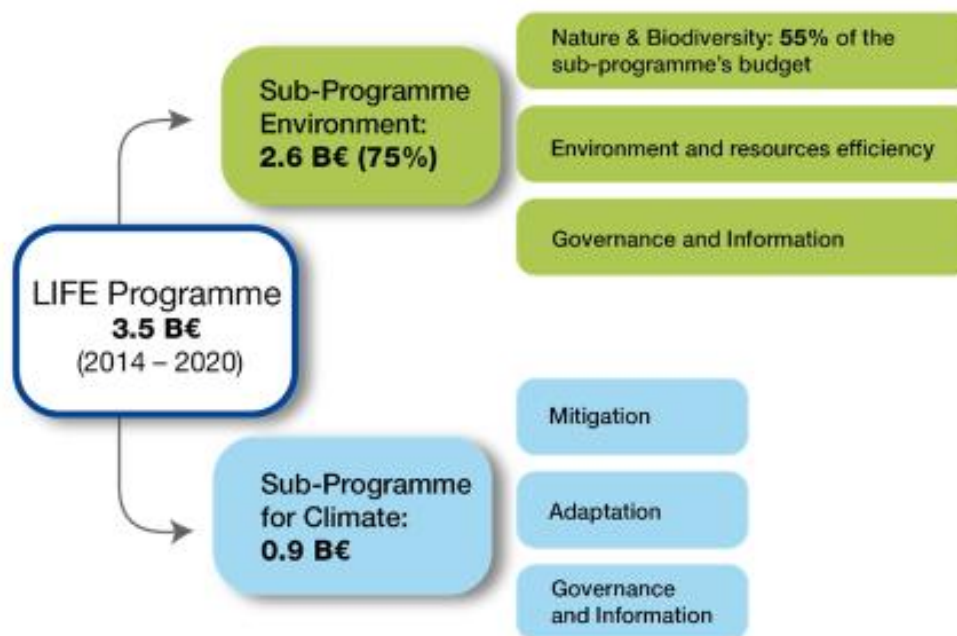


LIFE07 ENV/S/000908



LIFE10 ENV/ES/000456

# LIFE 2014-2020: Priority Areas & Budget



# LIFE 2018-2020 MAWP– Remaining Budget

- Remaining allocation for MAWP2: **€1.66 billion**
  - **€1,24 billion** for ENV Sub-programme (mean: €413 million/year)
  - **€0,41 billion** for CLIMA Sub-programme (mean: €137 million/year)



LIFE08 NAT/BG/000279



LIFE09 ENV/AT/000225



LIFE08 NAT/RO/000500



LIFE07 ENV/ES/000829



LIFE08 ENV/E/000135



# LIFE Mid-Term Evaluation recommendations

- **Simplifying grant management procedure**, in particular the application and reporting processes;
- **Increasing the strategic focus of the demand-driven part of the programme**, e.g. by targeting topics not covered by the projects funded in previous years\*;
- **Doing more to reproduce the projects and transfer of their results**, e.g. by developing the capacity to plan and implement investments and addressing the lack of financial resources;
- **Improving the communication strategy** to better target audiences, deliver more objective-specific and target-specific key messages and ensure more structured coordination between players.

# 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 - 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

## LIFE General features

- **Funding rate:** in general, 55% of eligible costs in the MAWP 2018-2020;
- **Actors:** **EASME** for **all grants** except preparatory projects, and; **EIB/intermediary banks** for **financial instruments**; intervention of **NCPs** only if desired
- **National allocations:** do not apply in MAWP 2018-2020.

## The "traditional" projects

### For whom?

- All legal persons registered in the EU

### 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 Multi-Annual Work Programme for 2018-2020)

### Average size?

- 1 to 5 beneficiaries; EU contribution: €500,000 to €1.5 million

### Co-funding rate?

- Max. 55%, at two exceptions:
  - NAT/BIO projects: max. 60%
  - NAT/BIO projects under specific conditions linked to conservation actions on priority habitat/ species: max.75%

## 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 (Art. 2D of the Regulation); 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%

## Technical Assistance Project (TAs)

### For whom?

- For those who would like to submit an Integrated Project, 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 yearly budget for IPs is allocated to TAs; maximum EU contribution per TA is €100,000

### Co-funding rate?

- 60%

# Preparatory projects (PRE)

## 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
- Each year Member States receive a draft list of specific needs and can comment it; based on this feedback, a final list is established

## Range of Preparatory project budget in MAWP1

- €250,000 - €1,200,000

## Co-funding rate?

- 60%



# LIFE 2020 – Indicative planning and Budget

LIFE Call 2020 opening: 2 April 2020

AREA	CLOSING C.N.	CLOSING Full P.	BUDGET 20	~ % vs 2019
CLIMATE	n.a.	06-Oct-2020	€ 74 Mill.	+ 31 %
ENV-RE	14-July-2020	Feb-2021	€ 84 Mill.	+6.3%
NAT	16-July-2020	Feb-2021	€ 143 Mill.	+ 4.4%
GIE	16-July -2020	Feb-2021	€ 11 Mill.	+ 33 %
IPE	06-Oct -2020	March-2021	€ 103 Mill.	+ 6%
IPC	06-Oct -2020	March-2021	€ 35 Mill.	+ 26%
TAE*	n.a.	16-July -2020	€ 1 Mill	+ 4%
TAC*	n.a.	16-July -2020	€ 0,35 Mill	+ 6%

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## New feature: Financial support to third parties as part of a LIFE traditional project

LIFE projects may budget financial support to third parties in order to assist entities outside the project partnership (e.g. non-profit organisations, local authorities or citizens groups) in the implementation or development of local initiatives that will contribute to the project's objectives.

**Max 100K€ (200K€ for IPs) per project and 20K€ per initiative**

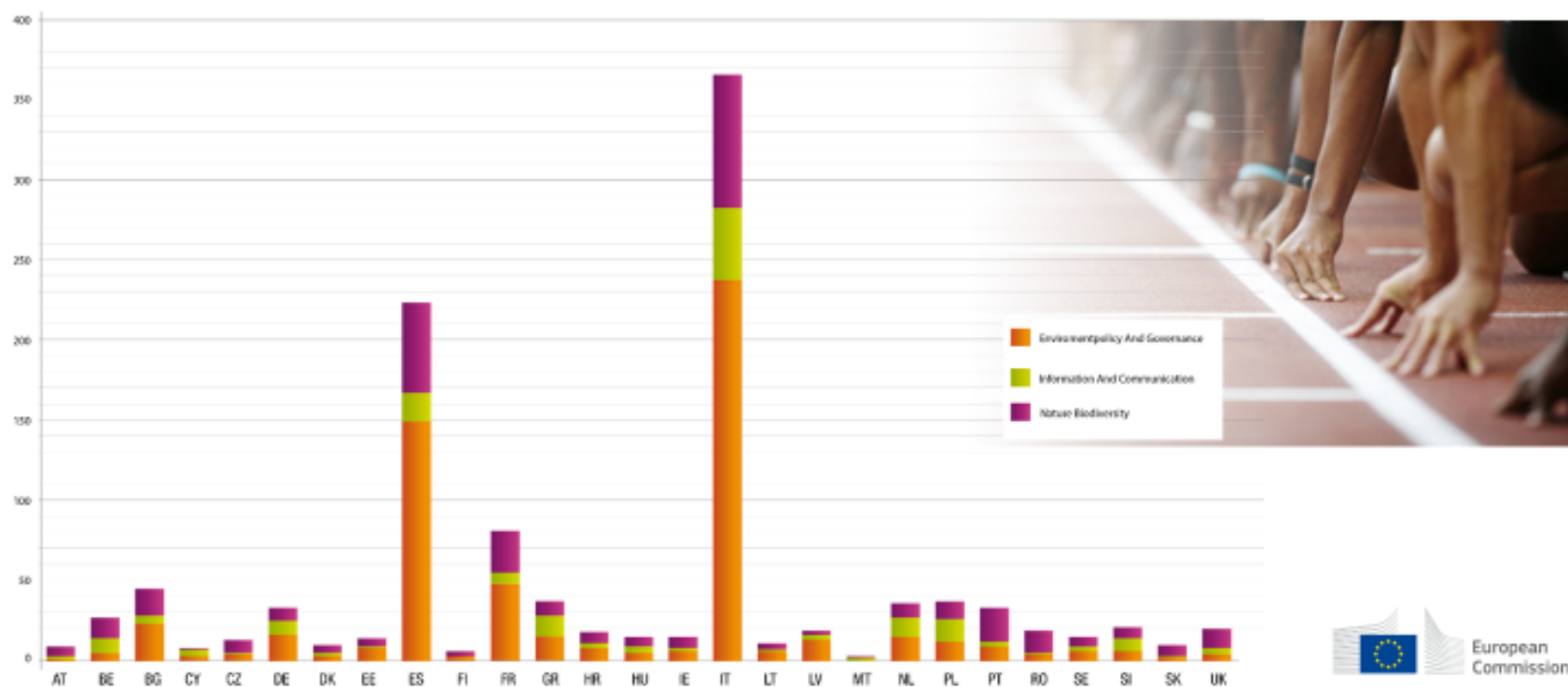
Applicants should explain:

- The rationale and results expected;
- How they will manage the process (e.g. criteria to select the entity);
- List types of activities for which third party may receive financial support.

# Fact 1:

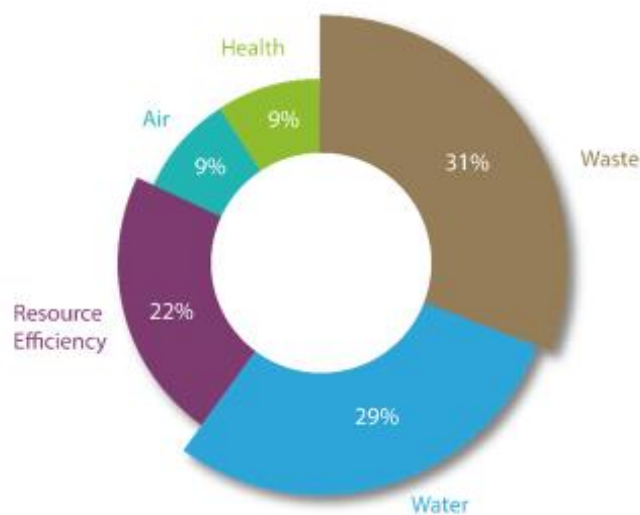
## There is significant competition for LIFE funds

ENV + NAT + GIE – Submitted CN by Member State

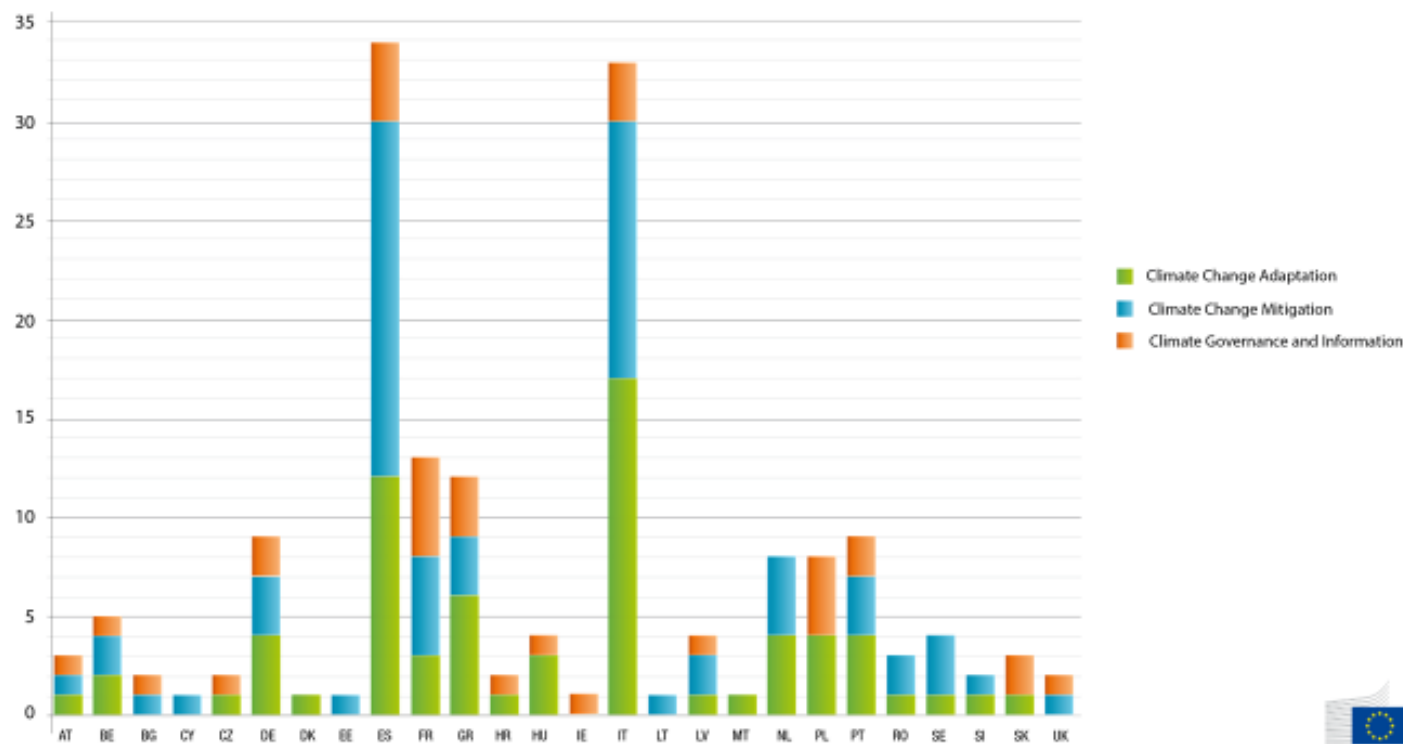


# Thematic analysis: Invited CNs

## Environment and resource efficiency



## Call 2019: Climate Sub-Programme: applications submitted by Member State



## Fact 2:

You can't get a grant if you don't submit an application

- Two application procedures for the 2020 call:
  - **two-stage approach** based on a concept note followed by a full proposal – **Sub-Programme ENV**
  - **one-stage approach** based only on a full proposal – **Sub-Programme CLIMATE ACTION**



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## Priority area ENV-Resource efficiency (II)

- Five sectors:
  - Water, including marine and coastal environment
  - Waste
  - Resource efficiency, including soil and forest, green and circular economy
  - Environment and health, including chemicals and noise
  - Air quality and emissions, incl. urban environment
- Thematic priorities within these five sectors are described in the Annex III of the LIFE Regulation
- **New projects topics are defined in the MAWP 2018-2020** – projects that clearly and fully fit under the topics get extra points during the evaluation (AW5: 5 points)

# Indicative Timetable : Application Environment Sub-Programme





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

