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The LIFE Programme: What's New in Call 2016

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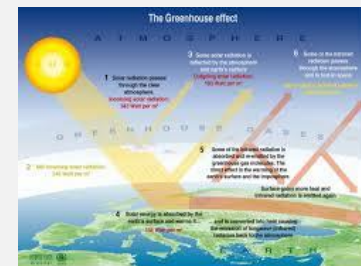
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LIFE for the Environment

- **Programme for the Environment and Climate Action**
- Since 1992 **to improve the state of the environment**
- Budget 2014-2020: **€3,456.7 million**
- Key documents: **The LIFE Regulation 2014-2020** and the **LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017**



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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 2014-2020 – Priority Areas

- **Environment** sub-programme (**2,592.5 Million euros**)
 - Environment & Resource Efficiency
 - Nature & Biodiversity (55% of total budget)
 - Environmental Governance & Information
- **Climate Action** sub-programme (**864.2 Million euros**)
 - Climate Change Mitigation
 - Climate Change Adaptation
 - Climate Change Governance & Information

LIFE Funding rates until 2017: Max 60% of eligible costs for all except priority species/habitats (75%)

Project Types

- **"Traditional"** projects (larger part of the LIFE budget: 192 M€ ENV + 47 M€ CLIMA in 2016), can be:
 - **pilot**
 - **demonstration**
 - **best-practice**
 - **information, awareness and dissemination**
- **Attention: not all type of projects apply to all priority area**
- **"Integrated"** projects, **implementing** on a large territorial scale (regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national scale)
- **"Technical assistance"**, financial support to help applicants prepare integrated projects
- **"Preparatory"** projects, address specific needs for the development and implementation of Union environmental or climate policy and legislation

Applicants, Consortia and Average Size

- Private, Private non-commercial (NGOs) and Public **entities**
- Average Nr. of **partners** per project: 4-5
- Average Requested **funding**:
 - Nature and Biodiversity: ~ € 2,4 Million
 - Environment and Resource efficiency and Climate action: ~ € 1,3 Million
 - Governance and Information: ~ € 900,000
 - Climate Action: € ~1,2 Million

LIFE 2014-2020 – Call 2016

Calendar 2016: Traditional projects Summary Table		
Grant Type	Opening Date	Closing Date
Climate Change Action (Mitigation, Adaptation and Climate Governance & Information)	19 May 2016	07 September 2016 at 16:00 Brussels time
Environment & Resource Efficiency	19 May 2016	12 September 2016 at 16:00 Brussels time
Nature & Biodiversity	19 May 2016	15 September 2016 at 16:00 Brussels time
Environmental Governance & Information	19 May 2016	15 September 2016 at 16:00 Brussels time

2016 Calendar for Preparatory Projects	
Publication of call:	19 May 2016
Deadline:	20 September 2016 at 16:00 Brussels local time

MUST READ

- **LIFE Regulation**, in particular the **priority areas**
- Multi-annual work-programme – **project topics**
- **Application Packages** and Frequently Asked Questions (**FAQ**)
- **Guides for evaluation** of LIFE project proposals
- LIFE website, in particular **LIFE project database**

LIFE 2014-2017 MAWP

Stronger emphasis on

- Long term sustainability of the project
- Replicability and transferability
- EU added value

New requirement – Impact indicators

Long Term Sustainability

- Sustainability of project results should be built in the proposal,
- Potential to use project results beyond the project life time,
- Particularly important for Award Criterion 1 Technical coherence and quality.

Replicability and Transferability

- Go beyond dissemination of project results and sharing of knowledge,
- Include activities and approaches integrated in project actions which aim to facilitate the replication and/or transfer of the project results beyond the project, including in other sectors, regions or countries.

EU Added Value

Each project should demonstrate
EU Added Value in terms of:

- ✓ Coverage
- ✓ Replicability
- ✓ Transferability and
- ✓ Transnational scope (if necessary for achieving project results)

Impact Indicators

- LIFE Programme 2014-2020 puts an emphasis on impact indicators – to measure impact of each individual project,
- Each project has to report on key indicators during and after the project end,
- Social and economic indicators mandatory for ALL projects!

What's new in Call 2016?

- Further clarifications on sustainability and replicability,
- More specifications on EU added value in terms of quantifiable impacts/benefits,
- Welcoming and encouraging "close-to-market" projects
- The performance indicator table has been simplified at submission stage,
- More stringent control on double-funding and value added vs previously financed LIFE projects.

What's new in Call 2016?

- Welcoming "close to market" type of projects (ENV, CLIMA)
- Focus on "implementation" of solutions (e.g. DSS, tools, etc.)

What's new in Call 2016?

Transferability and Replication:

- Mandatory deliverable: **Transferability and Replication Plan** (ENV, CLIMA proposals)

Sustainability:

- Mandatory deliverable: **Exploitation Plan** as part of the After-LIFE Plan (ENV and CLIMA proposals)
- Mandatory Deliverable for "close-to-market" projects: **Business Plan** (ENV and CLIMA proposals)

What's new in Call 2016?

Governance and Information (ENV and CLIMA):

- Applicants are asked to include a “put in practice” component in the project, e.g. concrete activities for the uptake and use of tools developed by relevant actors, during the project duration.

Climate Action:

- Updated EU policy priorities for Climate Change Mitigation: focus on Fluorinated greenhouse gases.

What's new in Call 2016?

- Stricter rules on “sole traders” and “affiliates”
- Details provided on Green Procurement expectations
- Transnational participation clarification

Project Design

Good design

- Solid analysis of the problem, state of play and solution proposed (baseline)
- Motivated and capable consortium
- Key stakeholders involved (incl. users)
- Clear assessment of impacts over the life cycle of the solution proposed
- Clear strategy on how to sustain and multiply the impacts

Common problems

- Insufficient background information (why, who and how)
- Rationale for projects is defined during the project
- Objectives too broad, too many
- Poor partnership (partners don't fit regarding know-how or insuff. budget)
- Over-optimistic / unrealistic or lack of quantification of impacts
- Replication confused with networking and dissemination
- Vague plans to sustain the project/results after project end



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