





LIFE Environment and Resource Efficiency

Impact on policy and examples

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LIFE14 IPE/PL/000021

- Małopolska Province struggles with very poor air quality. Along with Silesia and nearby regions of Slovakia and the Czech Republic, it is one of the most polluted regions in the EU.
- The main project objective is the full implementation of the Małopolska Air Quality Plan (MAQP) adopted by the regional parliament in September 2013.



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- The project itself has a budget of around EUR 16 million (EUR 10 million from LIFE); however, the project has mobilised additional funding of more than EUR 800 million from other sources. This additional funding helps to facilitate the implementation of the region's air quality plan and improve the quality of life for some 20 million citizens
- Four anti-smog regulations were signed for Silesia, Opolskie, Łódzkie and Mazowieckie Regions. A solid fuel ban has been introduced in Kraków. Similar regulations are in the drafting stage for the Dolnośląskie, Wielkopolskie, and Podkarpackie Regions.



LIFE09 ENV/ES/441 AgriClimateChange

- The main project objective was to develop strategies in the agricultural sector to mitigate its contribution to global warming.
- The project's success led to the drafting of policy proposals for new EU environmental legislation.





LIFE09 ENV/ES/441 AgriClimateChange

Project experts held meetings with MEPs in the European Parliament and briefed officials in the European Commission, who welcomed the project's integrated approach to devising new measures. A project report distributed in the European Parliament pinpointed how the project's findings could contribute to EU policy goals in agriculture and rural development.



LIFE10 ENV/IT/365 PODEBA

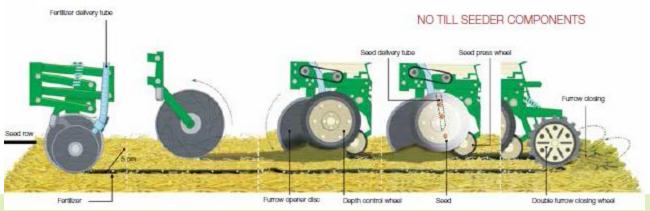
The project submitted their results to the IPPC technical group to include their new leather bating technology as Emerging Technique in the <u>BREF TAN</u>. They expect a decision from the technical group in the months to come.





LIFE08 ENV/ES/129 LIFE+AGRICARBON

The results achieved in the project have been key for defending the Spanish government's position in the UN team reviewing the Air Pollutant Emissions Inventory and Projections. That has allowed including conservation agriculture as a measure to mitigate climate change.





LIFE11 ENV/GR/492 oLIVE CLIMA

The project is currently contributing to the pilot phase for the elaboration of Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCRs) for olive oil. They already influenced one of the decisions of the Technical Advisory Board (TAB) to recognise credits in the carbon footprint of olive tree products when it can be proven that carbon is stored for more than 100 years in the wood. Their work in the TAB is still on-going.



LIFE07 ENV/ES/787 Recyship

The project developed guidelines and practices to promote the efficient and environmentally safe dismantling and recycling of ships.







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As part of the project's outreach, technical experts arranged a series of meetings with Spanish MEPs to inform them about the initiative, solicit their interest and ensure their support for ongoing and follow-up activities. This was vital to developing the project's political viability.





LIFE08 ENV/ES/099 AQUAVAL

The project results effectively affected Regional Policy in the region of Valencia. AQUAVAL led the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) approach being explicitly supported by regional policy, in particular, the regional flooding legislation PATRICOVA (November 2013). This legislation was accompanied by a report that presented the AQUAVAL project as a good example of SUDS in practice.



LIFE10 ENV/IT/373

- Formed a network to successfully push for changes to the law on food waste. This network involved several LIFE projects: LIFE10 ENV/IT/000404, LIFE10 ENV/IT/000404, LIFE10 ENV/IT/000307, LIFE11 ENV/IT/000277, LIFE08 INF/IT/000312 and LIFE09 ENV/IT/00068.
- The working group identified the critical limits of the regulations on waste and concrete proposals to overcome them. These proposals were submitted to the Italian Parliament and Ministry of Environment in February 2014 during a consultation phase for PINPAS, Italy's national plan for the prevention of food waste,



LIFE10 ENV/IT/373

In 2016, Italy became only the second EU country to pass legislation that encourages supermarkets and restaurants to stop throwing away unsold food. The new law includes too food

safety regulations.







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