



What is LIFE?

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LIFE Info Day



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LIFE – how many projects?



- **LIFE 1992-2018:** more than 5000 projects in the fields of
 - **Nature & biodiversity**
 - **All Other environmental sectors**
 - **Climate action**
 - **Governance and information**

What is LIFE financing?



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
- Additional focus on thematic priorities and on project topics (LIFE Multi-Annual Work Programme 2018-2020)

Average size and duration?

- 1 to 5 beneficiaries; EU contribution: €500,000 to €1.5 million; 3/5 years (but no limits!)

Co-funding rate?

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

LIFE 2014-2020 – Priority Areas

Environment sub-programme

- Environment & Resource Efficiency (ENV)
- Nature & Biodiversity (NAT)
- 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 Priority Areas

Climate Action sub-programme

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



LIFE07 ENV/S/000908



LIFE10 ENV/ES/000456



LIFE07 INF/E/000852



LIFE09 ENV/IT/000186

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

THE "TRADITIONAL" PROJECTS

For whom?

- ❖ All legal person 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:

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

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%

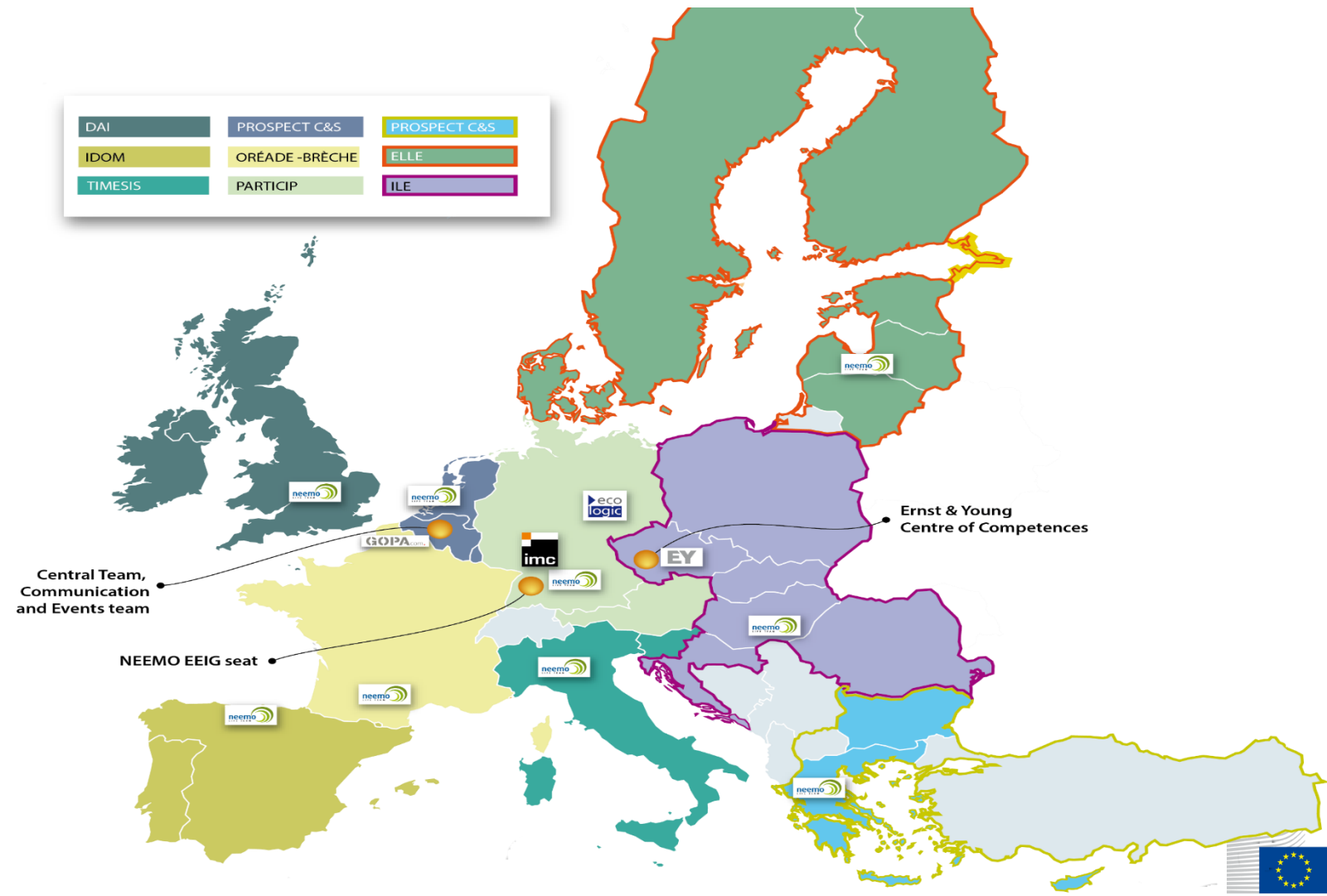


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THE EXTERNAL MONITORING TEAM

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Important highlights for the LIFE Call 2020

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Covid19 related Flexibility measures

- All deadlines extended by one month
- Increased first pre-financing payment
- Grants to third parties
- New narrative on start-ups
- Private entities: no obligatory tendering above 139K€
- Increased flexibility for 2% rule
- No depreciaton for durable goods
- Volunteers work eligible
- Priorities and topics remain, but ideas connected with pandemics management welcome

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.

Support to start-ups

The LIFE programme favours innovation and commercialisation introduced by dynamic start-ups and the LIFE project could represent, in this sense, a risk-free incubation context that allows the start-up to safely bring its solution to the market, supported by appropriate financial, technical, business means and expertise.

In this context, the LIFE programme welcomes proposals whose partnership combines the knowledge and expertise of consolidated market players with the drive of start-ups which want to commercialise their solution.

Private Land Conservation

Applicants are invited to consider private land conservation in their project design and to take stock of the experience and knowledge available. Examples:



- Alternative Ways to Support Private Land Conservation:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/life/publications/lifepublications/generalpublications/documents/support_land_conservation.pdf
- LIFE Preparatory projects: Land is For Ever (<http://landisforever.eu>) and European Land Conservation Network (<http://elcn.eu>) financed to further develop private land conservation initiatives

Invertebrates



Applicants are encouraged to consider the conservation of invertebrates, through:

- Addressing the EU pollinators initiative (e.g. promoting crop diversity, alternative methods for use of pesticides, data collection and monitoring of pollinators, etc).
- Species approach: target annex species of the HD & EU Red lists species
- Habitats approach: specific attention for groups of invertebrates in habitat restoration projects

EU and IUCN Red Lists

Applicants are encouraged to submit projects targeting the conservation of :

- Threatened species or habitats that are not included in the annexes of the Habitats Directive but have a status of 'endangered' or worse in the European species or habitats Red Lists or, for those species not covered by the European Red Lists, in the IUCN Red List.

IS LIFE (STILL) THAT COMPLEX?

- Reduced reporting
- Reduced monitoring
- Reduced auditing
- No VAT certificate required
- 2-stages approach...
- And much more



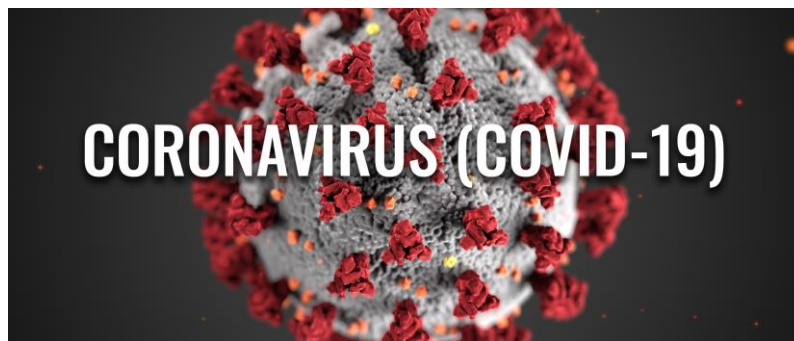
LIFE 2020 – Indicative planning and Budget

LIFE Call 2020 opening: 2 April 2020

AREA	CLOSING C.N.	CLOSING Full P.	BUDGET 20	~ % vs 2019
CLIMATE	n.a.	6 October 2020	€ 74 Mill.	+ 31 %
ENV-RE	14 July 2020	February 2021	€ 84 Mill.	+6.3%
NAT	16 July 2020	February 2021	€ 143 Mill.	+ 4.4%
GIE	16 July 2020	February 2021	€ 11 Mill.	+ 33 %
IPE	6 October 2020	March 2021	€ 103 Mill.	+ 6%
IPC	6 October 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%

*: The **submission process** is explained in the [Participant Portal Online Manual](#) (together with detailed instructions for the IT tool)

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Thank you