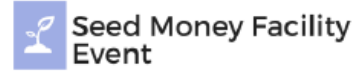




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## LIFE – PROGRAMME

### INTRODUCTION

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## THE LIFE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

- **LIFE IS THE EU'S ONLY FUNDING INSTRUMENT FOCUSING EXCLUSIVELY ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE ISSUES**
- **LIFE CONTRIBUTES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EU ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE POLICY AND LEGISLATION BY CO-FINANCING PROJECTS WITH EU ADDED VALUE**
- **2017: 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY → CURRENT FRAMEWORK: LIFE 2014-2020 REGULATION**
- **OVERALL BUDGET 2014 – 2020: ~ €3.4 BILLION**
- **CALL 2017 BUDGET: ~ €373 MILLION**





## THE LIFE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

- **LIFE FOCUS ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY, THE 7<sup>TH</sup> EU ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PROGRAMME AND OTHER RELEVANT ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIES/PLANS (i.e. CIRCULAR ECONOMY PACKAGE)**
- **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE: EU MEMBER STATES AND ASSOCIATED NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNTRIES (NC → NO PROJECT LEAD)**
- **POTENTIAL APPLICANTS: PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, PRIVATE COMPANIES, NGOS, UNIVERSITIES ETC.**
- **PROJECT DURATION ~ 3-5 YEARS, PROJECT VOLUME ~ € 500.000 - € 5.000.000**
- **EU CO-FINANCING RATE: MAX. 60%**



# LIFE LECH



SOURCE: LIFE LECH 2007, WEB: [HTTP://WWW.NATURPARK-TIROLER-LECH.AT/FILEADMIN/PDF/LIFEPROJEKT\\_DER\\_FLUSS\\_DER\\_ZEIT.PDF](http://www.naturpark-tiroler-lech.at/fileadmin/pdf/lifeprojekt_der_fluss_der_zeit.pdf), 25.09.2017

- AREA: AUSTRIA
- OBJECTIVE: FOSTERING **BIODIVERSITY**, IMPLEMENTATION **HABITAT AND BIRD DIRECTIVE**
- TERM: 5 YEARS
- TOTAL VOLUME: 6.1 MIO
- EU CONTRIBUTION: 3.7 MIO (60%)
- TRANSNATIONAL: AUSTRIA/GERMANY
- <http://www.life-lech.at/>



## LIFE RPAC2L



SOURCE: LIFE RPAC2L 2017, WEB:

["HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/LIFE\\_RPAC2L/STATUS/846987456998191104](https://twitter.com/LIFE_RPAC2L/status/846987456998191104), 25.09.2017

- AREA: SPAIN
  - OBJECTIVE: FOSTERING EU-PRIORITY **RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY**
  - TERM: 3 YEARS
  - TOTAL VOLUME: 2.8 MIO
  - EU CONTRIBUTION: 1.3 MIO (45%)  
→ BUT 60% ELIGIBLE COSTS
  - TRANSNATIONAL SPAIN/AUSTRIA
- <http://www.liferpack2l.eu/>



# THE LIFE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

## KEY ACTORS

- EUROPEAN COMMISSION (UNIT DG ENV D4)
- EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (EASME)
- NEEMO (RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MONITORING OF LIFE PROJECTS)
- COORDINATING BENEFICIARY (PROJECT LEAD)
- ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY
- FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS (NO DUTIES)



## THE LIFE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

**SUB-PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENT** COVERS THREE PRIORITY AREAS:

- ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY
- NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY
- ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION

**SUB-PROGRAMME FOR CLIMATE ACTION** COVERS THREE PRIORITY AREAS

- CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION
- CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION
- CLIMATE GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION



# THE LIFE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

## PROJECT TYPES

### TRADITIONAL PROJECTS

- pilot projects
- demonstration projects
- best practice projects
- information, awareness and dissemination projects

### INTEGRATED PROJECTS (IP)

### PREPARATORY PROJECTS

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE





<b>Award criteria</b>	<b>Minimum Pass score</b>	<b>Maximum score</b>
1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2. Financial coherence and quality	10	20
3. EU added value: extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme for Environment	10	20
4. Contribution to the project topics	-	10
5. EU added value: quality of multipurpose, synergies, and integration	7	15
6. EU added value: replicability and transferability	5	10
7. EU added value: transnational, green procurement, uptake	-	5
<b>Overall (pass) scores</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100</b>

Award criteria for projects submitted under the **environment subprogramme**



Award criteria	Minimum Pass score	Maximum score
1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2. Financial coherence and quality	10	20
3. EU added value: extent and quality of the contribution to an increased climate resilience and/or to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions	7	15
4. EU added value: Extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme for Climate Action	7	15
5. EU added value: quality of multipurpose, synergies, and integration	7	15
6. EU added value: replicability and transferability	5	10
7. EU added value: transnational, green procurement, uptake	-	5
<b>Overall (pass) scores</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100</b>

Award criteria for projects submitted under the **climate action subprogramme**



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## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY IMPACT, NO PROFIT MAXIMISATION**
- **FOCUSING ON PRIORITY AREAS, MEET AT LEAST ONE PROJECT TOPIC**
- **EU-ADDED VALUE**
- **INNOVATION NO GRANTS FOR EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES**
- **PROJECTS FOCUSED ON RESEARCH OR DEDICATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE**



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## MINIMUM RULES OF REPORTING

- ALL (PROGRESS- AND FINAL-) REPORTS SHALL CONTAIN THE **NECESSARY INFORMATION** FOR EASME/COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, THE RESPECT OF THE WORK PLAN, THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE PROJECT AND WHETHER THE PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED OR ARE STILL ACHIEVABLE
- THE DELAY BETWEEN CONSECUTIVE REPORTS SHALL **NOT EXCEED 18 MONTHS**
- THE FINAL REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE **AGENCY NO LATER THAN 3 MONTHS** AFTER THE PROJECT END DATE



# THE LIFE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

## HOW TO APPLY

### E-PROPOSAL

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

EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
eProposal (on-line creation and submission of LIFE proposals)

European Commission > Environment > LIFE Programme > eProposal  
Session will expire in 30 min

Dear user,  
Please read this message to avoid any further confusion.  
Note that the deadline(s) for submission to the Contracting Authorities Call for ENVIRONMENT is on 12 Sep 2017, at 16:00 Brussels time.  
Note that the deadline(s) for submission to the Contracting Authorities Call for NATURE and Governance and Information for environment is on 14 Sep 2017, at 16:00 Brussels time.  
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## LIFE – NETWORK AND CONTACT

- **NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCP)** FOR EACH MEMBER STATE, ADVISOR FOR APPLICANTS, ORGANIZING WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, PLATFORMS  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm>
- **NEEMO** MONITORS REGULARLY LIFE PROJECTS AND SUPPORTS SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS DURING THE WHOLE PROJECT
- **ANNUAL AWARDS** FOR THE MOST INNOVATIVE LIFE-PROJECTS



# THE LIFE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

## LIFE – SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- LIFE REGULATION 2014 – 2020 **PRIORITY AREAS**
- MULTIANNUAL WORKING PROGRAMME (MAWP) 2014-2017 **PROJECT TOPICS**
- APPLICATION GUIDE
- EVALUATION GUIDE
- GRANT AGREEMENT

TO BE FOUND ON:

- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2017/index.htm>



# THE LIFE PROGRAMME – AT A GLANCE

## OUTLOOK

- **ADOPTION MAWP 2018-2020** BY THE LIFE COMMITTEE
- **MID-TERM REVIEW** LIFE REGULATION 2014 – 2020
- LIFE 2017 CALL: ANNOUNCEMENT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS MAY/JUNE 2018
- **NEXT CALL:** APRIL/MAY 2018 – CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 2018
- FROM 2021 ONWARDS: ???





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Florian Eywo  
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