



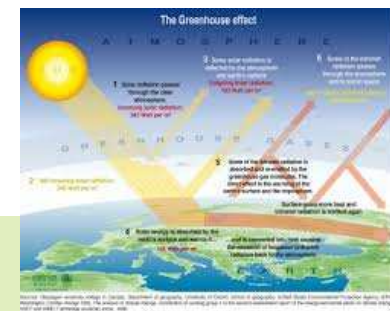
The new LIFE Programme 2014-2020

Info Day on EU Funding for Tourism
20 March 2014



Why LIFE?

- **LIFE is a catalyst:** it provides a **platform** for the development and exchange of best practices and knowledge thereby improving, catalysing and accelerating changes;
- **LIFE** is the ideal instrument to show to regional and national authorities the benefits of investing in the environment sector and incentivising them to **develop strategic frameworks for spending.**
- **LIFE** has been **successfully tested since 1992:** positive feed-back and final evaluation, more than 3100 projects funded





LIFE – Then and Now

- **LIFE 1992-2013:** more than 3100 projects in the fields of
 - **nature & biodiversity**
 - other **environmental protection**
 - **information and governance**

- **LIFE 2014 to 2020,** two sub-programmes for:
 - **environment**
 - **climate action**

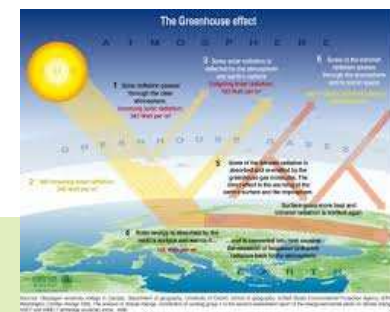




LIFE 2014-2020 - Overview

- ➔ Sub-programme for environment
 - ➔ Environment & Resource Efficiency (ENV)
 - ➔ Nature & Biodiversity (NAT, BIO)
 - ➔ Environmental Governance & Information (GIE)

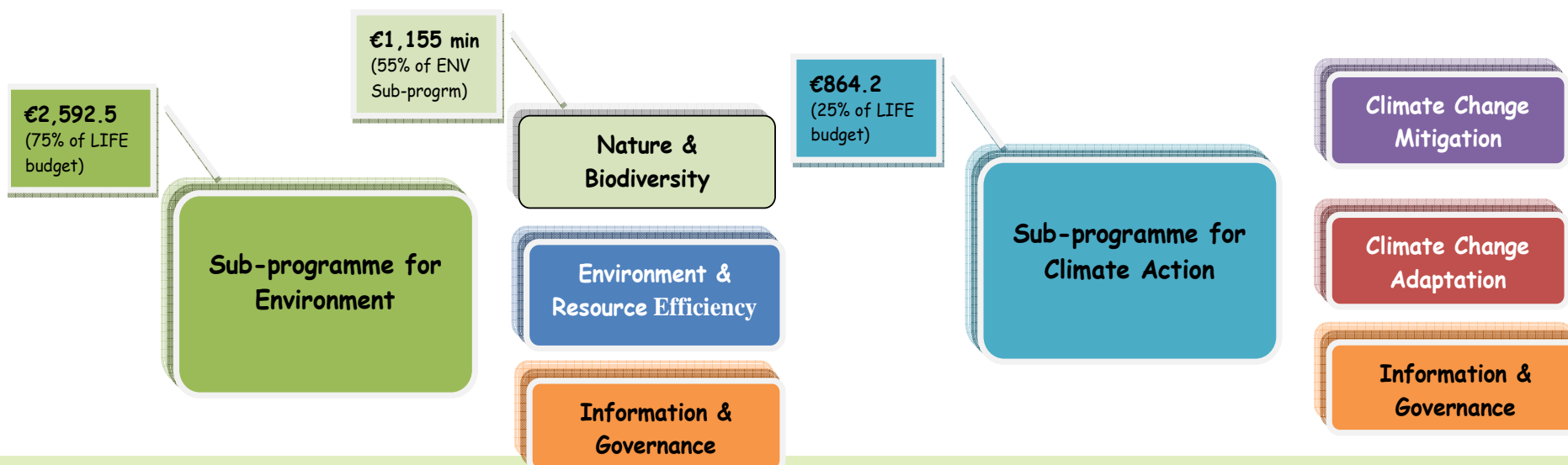
- ➔ Sub-programme for climate action
 - ➔ Climate Change Mitigation (CMM)
 - ➔ Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
 - ➔ Climate Change Governance & Information (GIC)





LIFE – structure for 2014-2020

LIFE Programme
€3,456.7 (2014-2020)





LIFE 2014-2020 - Legal Framework

- **The LIFE Regulation** (Regulation (EU) 1293/2013 of 20/12/2013)
- **The LIFE multiannual work programme 2014-2017** (Commission Decision of 19/03/2014)
- The Action/Operating **grant agreements** of beneficiaries with the **Contracting Authority** (including **Common provisions**) or agreements of recipients **with banks**





LIFE 2014-2020 – The objectives

- ↴ **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**
- ↴ the implementation of the **7th Environment Action Programme**



LIFE 2014-2020 - Budget

- ↴ LIFE 2014 to 2020: total budget of **€3.5 billion**
- ↴ For **projects** funded by action grants and financial instruments: **€2.8 billion** (81% of total)
- ↴ Sub-programme for **environment €2.1 billion** for projects
- ↴ **Nature & Biodiversity** including **related governance and information €1.22 billion** (more than 55% of sub-programme ENV minus FI) DQC1
- ↴ Sub-programme for **climate action €0.69 billion** for projects
- ↴ **Operating grants** to environmental and climate **NGOs €63 million**



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DQC1

deleted (minus FI)
DQC; 19/03/2014



LIFE 2014 - Budget

- ↴ In 2014: total budget of **€ 404.6 million**
- ↴ For **projects** funded by action grants and financial instruments: **€324.6 million** (81% of total)
- ↴ Sub-programme for **environment €245.4 million** for projects
- ↴ **Nature & Biodiversity** including **related governance and information € 132.8 million** (55% of sub-programme ENV minus FI)
- ↴ Sub-programme for **climate action €79.2 million** for projects
- ↴ **Operating grants** to environmental and climate **NGOs €9 million**





LIFE ENV+CLIMA - Common features

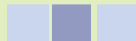
Address **similar stakeholders, emphasise the same aspects, exclude the same elements**

➔ **SME, NGO, public administration** active in the field of environment and climate protection

➔ Emphasis on **replicability/transferability** and **longterm sustainability** of the project results

➔ **Not for research or market replication** (↔ H2020)

➔ **No big infrastructures, not focussed on rural or regional development** (↔ agricultural, structural funds)





LIFE – What's new? (1)

- **Priorities: Climate action => CCM and CCA;**
Governance component => from INF to GIE/GIC;
Emphasis on replicability/transferability and outcome indicators
- **Funding types: Innovative financial instruments =>**
NCFF, PF4EE
- **Projects Types: Integrated, technical assistance,**
capacity building, preparatory projects
- **Project topics: for traditional projects under the sub-**
programme for environment



LIFE – What's new? (2)

- ↪ **Funding rate:** in general **60%** of eligible cost in the first 4 years; **100%** for capacity building
- ↪ **Actors:** **EASME** for **grants** except environmental integrated projects; **EIB/intermediary banks** for **financial instruments**; intervention **NCP only if desired**
- ↪ **National Allocations:** **Only for environment sub-programme, only until 2017**



Tools: The "traditional" projects

For whom?

→ Mainly SME, NGO, public administrations active in the field of environment and climate protection

What for?

- 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 multiannual work-programme for 2014-2017 - LIFE MAWP for 2014-2017)

Average size?

→ 1 to 5 beneficiaries; EU contribution: €500,000 to €1.5 mio.

Co-funding rate?

→ **60%**; NAT: for priority habitat/species: 75%



Project topic examples

- Projects promoting **synergies between integrated coastal management and maritime spatial planning**, demonstrating the added value of coordinating integrated coastal management and maritime spatial planning in new marine contexts, supporting the concrete implementation of sea basin strategies including implementation of relevant Union law, or connecting integrated coastal management and maritime spatial planning with the procedures for designating and managing Marine Protected Areas or Natura 2000 sites.
- Projects implementing **integrated and comprehensive policies for sustainable urban planning and design** through innovative approaches regarding urban public transport and mobility, sustainable buildings, energy efficiency or urban biodiversity conservation.
- Projects targeting **invasive alien species**, where these are likely to deteriorate the conservation status of species (including birds) or habitat types of Community Interest in support of the Natura 2000 network.
- Projects aiming to initiate **beach and sea clean-up schemes** as a means to increase awareness of the impacts of marine litter, and thereby increasing awareness on issues related to the protection of the marine environment that are targeted by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC).



Tools: Integrated projects (IPs)

For whom?

→ Mainly public administrations 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.

What?

→ Implementing Union environmental and climate plans and strategies (LIFE MAWP for 2014-2017); big scale; complementary actions with additional co-funding; involvement stakeholders

Average size?

→ 2 to 10 beneficiaries; EU contribution: €10 mio. to €15 mio.; about 3 IPs per Member State.

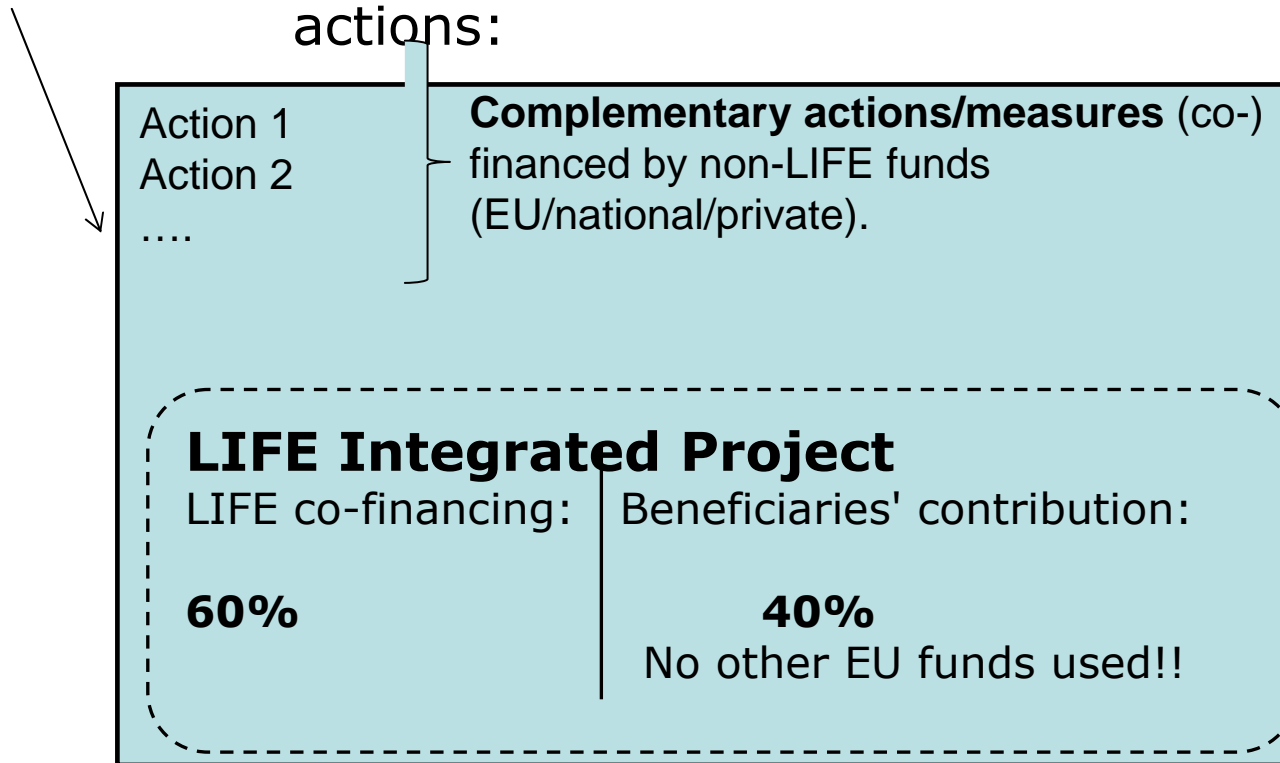
Co-funding rate?

→ **60%**



LIFE – IPs – the concept

Plan/strategy implemented by the IP and complementary actions:





Tools: Technical Assistance Project (TAs)

For whom?

- For those who would like to submit an IP, but are need assistance in finalising the application

What?

- Support in drafting the IP application; should be applied for a year before the intended IP

Average size?

- Maximum 1% of the allocation for IP's => maximum 100.000€

Co-funding rate?

- **60%**



Projects financed by financial instruments (FIs)

For whom?

→ Mainly SMEs active in the field of environment and climate protection (NCFF), SME's, households, public administrations wishing to improve their energy efficiency (PF4EE).

What?

→ Credits/bank guarantees/ ... for environment or climate projects (LIFE MAWP for 2014-2017)

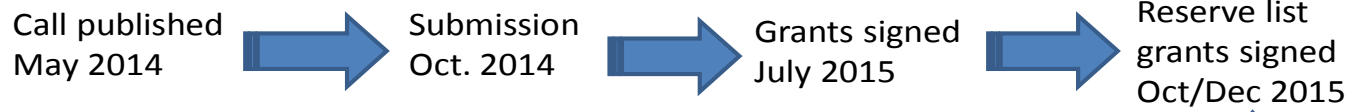
Average size?

→ 1 recipient; EU contribution: €5-€10 mio. (NCFF)

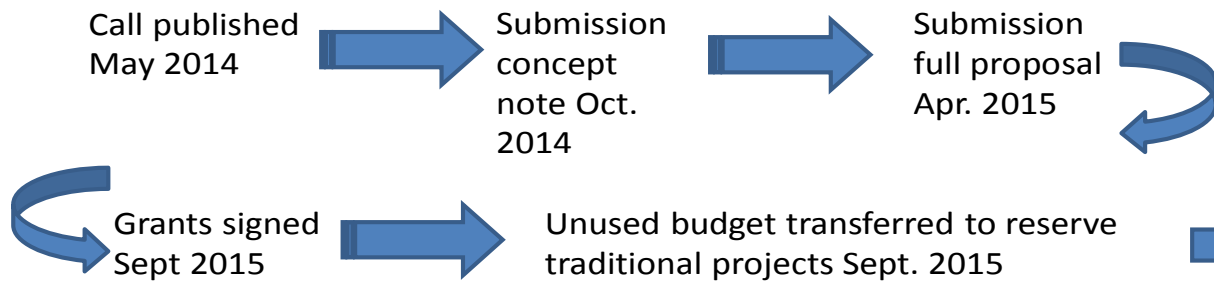


LIFE Call 2014 Indicative timetable

Traditional projects



Integrated projects





Thank you for your attention!

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

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