



The LIFE Programme



Call 2021

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LIFE – L'instrument Financiere pour l'environnement



- Since 1992
- More than 5000 projects financed so far



The new LIFE programme

- The LIFE programme as a whole constitutes a 100% contribution to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal.
- The only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action.
- For the years 2021-2027, a budget of 5.43 billion €.



Structure



Sub-programmes



General objective

To contribute:

- to the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, including through the transition to clean energy
- to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and
- to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity

Contribution to:

Halting and reversing biodiversity loss.

Supporting Natura 2000 network and Prioritised Action Frameworks.

Mainstreaming nature and biodiversity objectives into other policies and financing programmes.



Typical actions

Projects supporting nature conservation and restoration in the Natura 2000 network .
Species protection.
Invasive Alien Species
Ecosystem restoration and much more ...

Integrated implementation of PAF and Biodiversity Strategy

Financing of small scale grants, particularly in Overseas Countries and Territories and Outermost Regions



Sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of life

Contribution in the areas of:

circular economy, noise, air, chemicals, green and circular economy, industrial accidents, marine and coastal management, noise, soil, waste, water, and the urban environment.



Typical actions

Support to public authorities and other stakeholders to implement EU environment legislation.

Support to technologies and solutions that are ready to be implemented in close-to-market conditions, at industrial or commercial scale, during the project duration. Demonstration + best practices



Integrated projects beyond air, water, waste to other areas such as circular economy.

Promote upscale and access to finance.

Sub-programme Climate Mitigation and Adaptation

Contribution to:

The transformation of the European Union into a climate-neutral and -resilient society, especially through:

Climate Change Mitigation
Climate Change Adaptation
& Related Governance



On climate mitigation, projects that contribute significantly to the implementation of:

- the 2030 energy and climate policy
- the EU Member States' National Energy and Climate Plans
- European Union's mid-century and long-term climate and energy

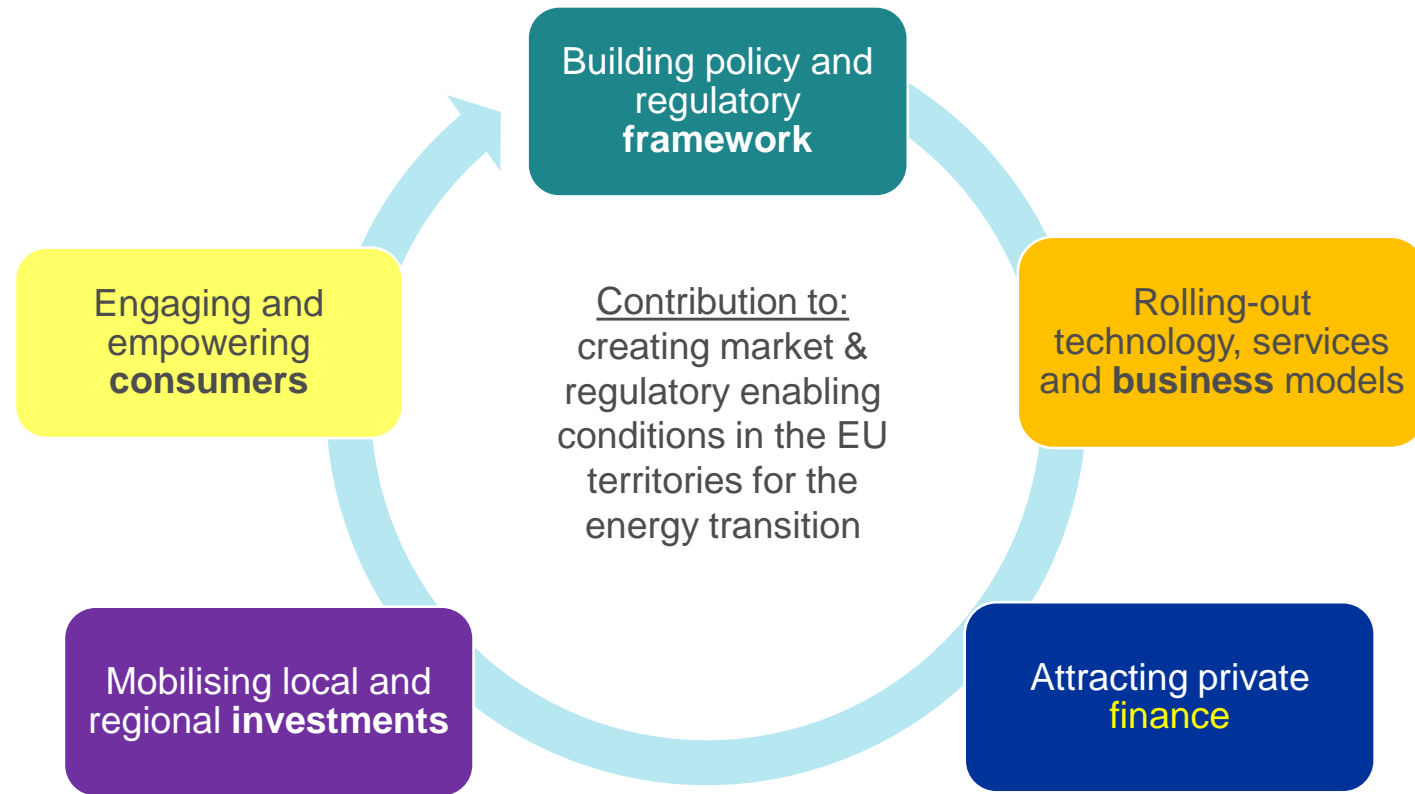
On climate adaptation:

- projects that support the implementation of the new EU adaptation strategy and related national implementation



The sub-programme Clean Energy Transition

predecessors: Intelligent Energy Europe continued under H2020- SC3- market uptake



Type of activities: developing and spreading best practice, mobilising investments, improving skills, removing market barriers, raising awareness, educating, empowering.

Types of activities funded under LIFE

GRANTS

- Action grants:
 - Standard action projects (SAPs)
 - Strategic Nature Projects (SNAPs)
 - Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)
 - Technical Assistance (TA)
 - Other actions (OA) – including Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)
- Operating grants

OTHER FORMS OF FUNDING

- Procurement (*not in this call*)
- Prizes (*not in this call*)
- Blending (*not in this call*)



Standard action projects (SAPs)

- 'Traditional' LIFE projects aimed to:
 - develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches;
 - contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practices;
 - support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;
 - catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance
- Co-financing rate of 60% maximum except:
 - 67% for project targeting both priority and non-priority habitats and/or species
 - 75% for projects targeting exclusively priority habitats and/or species
- Maximum 10 year duration



Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

There are 3 calls for LIFE SAP:

- LIFE Nature and Biodiversity
 - LIFE Circular Economy and Quality of Life
 - LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
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- One stage application procedure: Full proposal to be submitted **by 30 November 2021**



Strategic Nature Projects (SNAPs)

- Focused on the implementation of
 - the Prioritised Action Frameworks pursuant to the Habitats Directive
 - other plans or strategies adopted at international, national, regional or multiregional level by nature and biodiversity authorities
- Co-financing rate of 60% maximum
- Maximum 14 year duration



Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)

- Circular Economy and Quality of Life:
 - Circular Economy: National or Regional Circular Economy Action Plans, Strategies, Roadmaps or similar
 - Waste: National and regional Waste Management Plans, Waste Prevention Programmes
 - Water: River basin management plans, Flood Risk Management Plans, Marine Strategies
 - Air: Air quality plans pursuant to the Ambient Air Quality Directive, National Air Pollution Control Programmes
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:
 - National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP, Regulation on the governance of the energy union and climate action (EU)2018/1999);
 - National Energy Efficiency Action Plans' (NEEAP);
 - National or regional adaptation strategies or action plans;
 - Urban or community-based action plans pioneering the transition to a climate neutral and/or climate resilient society;
 - National, regional or industry-/sector-specific greenhouse gas mitigation strategies or economy roadmaps contributing to climate neutrality



Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) Strategic Nature Projects (SNAPs)

There is 1 call for LIFE Integrated Project covering:

- **SNAPs:**

(LIFE Nature and Biodiversity)

- **SIPs:**

(LIFE Circular Economy and Quality of Life

LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation)

Two Stage application procedure:

- Concept Note by **19 of October 2021**
- Full proposal by **07 April 2022**



Technical Assistance Projects (TAs)

There is one TA call open: TA-PP: support to the preparation of SNAPs and SIPs (TA-PP)

- One stage application procedure: Full proposal to be submitted **by 22 September 2021**



Operating grants for NGOs

- Two-steps application
 - Framework partnership agreement (FPA) - successful applicants sign a long-term agreement (3 years – 2022-2024)
 - Specific grant agreement (SGA). Only organisations that sign an FPA can be considered for SGA
- Co-financing rate of 70% maximum
- Maximum 1 year duration for SGAs



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2021 operating grants Calls - novelties



- Additional thematic priority: clean energy transition
- Framework Partnership Agreements of **three years** instead of two, covering financial years 2022, 2023 and 2024
- FPA and SGA applications in parallel
- Maximum co-funding rate: **70%** of total eligible costs of the beneficiary organisation
- Financial simplification (see following slide)
- The **ceiling** (not possible to request more than the amount requested in previous year) is **lifted**, but the maximum amount per year remains **700 k €**
- New tools for online applications: eSubmission
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- Applicants must register in the [Participant register \(europa.eu\)](#)
- New application forms



Other action grants



- Coordination and Support Actions for the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency.
- A Small Grant Facility on Biodiversity (BEST); small grants (max EUR 100 000, 100% EU funding) in the Outermost Regions and the Overseas Countries and Territories for biodiversity
- Action grants benefitting the organisations mentioned in Annex I of the LIFE Regulation
- Co-financing rate of 95% maximum, except Small Grant Facility on Biodiversity (100%)

Other action grants – Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)



- CSAs are the standard type of grant for the CET sub-programme
- Breaking market barriers to the clean energy transition through capacity building, dissemination of information and knowledge, awareness raising
- Policy-driven, prescriptive call topics
- Co-financing rate of 95% maximum
- Usual duration of projects between 18 and 36 months
- No infrastructure costs, mainly labor costs
- Min 3 participants from 3 eligible countries for most topics
- Budget for this call 94,5 M€, 18 call topics open. Approx. 60-65 Projects



Overview of the Call 2021 topics

Reflect current DG ENER policy priority areas

- Such as Energy Efficiency financing and Public Sector Investment,
- Deep renovation and Home renovation services,
- Smart Buildings and new Energy Services,
- Empowering consumers; Energy Poverty, Energy Communities,
- Energy Efficiency in Industry and Building Skills,
- Capacity building and policy implementation support for public authorities



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How to participate

Grants

Tenders

1 Find a suitable call for proposal

The European Commission and its funding bodies publish calls for proposals on the Funding & Tenders Portal.

- You may start your search from the home page by entering different keywords that characterize best your field of interest, and then refine the results with the help of further filters.
- You may start your search by selecting one of the EU funding programmes listed on the home page, and then navigate via the quick links to the calls for proposals of a specific programme.
- Calls are divided into topics, implemented by different type of actions. Select a topic to read more about the identified opportunity: the topic-related documents, guidance and other instructions are available on a topic page.
- The site offers a search on calls for proposals and tenders of the European institutions.

Need help?

2 Find project partners (optional)

Read the topic conditions to assess the partnership and other eligibility requirements of a call.

To publish your **partner search request or offer**, select a topic on the Search Funding and Tenders page. Further help is available in the [IT HOW TO](#).

Use the **Partner Search** offered in this site to **select an organisation based on their profile or their previous participation**.

Need help?

3 Create an EU Login account

Each user has to have an EU Login account to log in on the Portal. If you already have such an account, you can use it for any interactions supported on this site from proposal submission to reporting.

If you do not have an account yet, you need to create it by clicking on the REGISTER button. Otherwise you get access only to the public services of the site (eg. searching funding opportunities, reading guidance, etc.)

Register an EU login account

Need help?



Thank you



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