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LIFE 2014-2020

The LIFE Regulation on the establishment of the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action, which was published on 20 December 2013, sets a budget for the next funding period, 2014–2020, of €3.4 billion in current prices. [View the LIFE Regulation](#)

2014 Call for proposals for LIFE Action Grants

The Commission invites legal persons (entities) registered in the European Union (EU) to present proposals for the 2014 Call for proposals for LIFE Action Grants. The call covers proposals for both LIFE sub-programmes.

For the sub-programme for Environment, this call will cover action grants **"Traditional" projects, Preparatory projects, Integrated projects, Technical Assistance projects** and **Capacity Building projects**. For the sub-programme for Climate Action, this call will cover action grants only for **"Traditional" projects** and **Capacity Building projects** (the other types will be covered from 2015 onwards).

Proposals may be submitted by legal persons (entities) registered in the EU. Applicants may fall into three types of beneficiaries: (1) public bodies, (2) private commercial organisations and (3) private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs).

Applicants must use the LIFE 2014 **application packages** (in English only) for the preparation of their proposals. Each application package contains full and detailed explanations with regard to eligibility, procedures, co-financing rates and all other relevant details. These can be downloaded below. **For "Traditional" projects**, applicants must use only the **eProposal tool** to create and submit proposal(s). Access is provided via [this link](#). **All other types of projects** must use the application forms provided in the corresponding application package. Please note that the conditions laid down in **each** document in **each** application package will be binding on the successful applicants, so please read them carefully.

The total budget for project action grants for this call is EUR 283 122 966. Of this, EUR 238 862 966 is foreseen for the sub-programme for Environment and EUR 44 260 000 for the sub-programme for Climate Action. At least 55% of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

Applicants may not be clear which EU funding programme (LIFE or other programme) or which part of LIFE is most suited to their needs. In addition to the information below, some further but limited guidance may be found in [this orientation document](#).

Possible support by national authorities: Member States may, on a voluntary basis, provide support to applicants and therefore invite applicants to let them see their draft proposals before a certain date which will be earlier than the formal deadline (see above). Providing your draft proposal to the national authority that offers such help is not compulsory. For further details, please contact your **National Contact Point**.

"Traditional" projects

"Traditional" projects cover the following priority areas:

- **LIFE Nature & Biodiversity**
- **LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency**
- **LIFE Environmental Governance & Information**
- **LIFE Climate Change Mitigation**
- **LIFE Climate Change Adaptation**
- **LIFE Climate Governance and Information**

"Traditional" projects may be **best-practice, demonstration, pilot** or **information, awareness and dissemination** projects (ie similar to LIFE+ Nature, Biodiversity, Environment and Information projects),

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- Is available [here](#).

depending on the priority area (see below). **Best practice projects** apply appropriate, cost-effective and state-of-the-art techniques, methods and approaches taking into account the specific context of the project; **demonstration projects** put into practice, test, evaluate and disseminate actions, methodologies or approaches that are new or unknown in the specific context of the project, such as the geographical, ecological, socio-economic context, and that could be applied elsewhere in similar circumstances; **pilot projects** apply a technique or method that has not been applied or tested before, or elsewhere, that offer potential environmental or climate advantages compared to current best practice and that can subsequently be applied on a larger scale to similar situations; **information, awareness and dissemination projects** aim at supporting communication, dissemination of information and awareness raising in the fields of the sub-programmes for Environment and Climate Action.


Calendar for "Traditional" Projects

Deadline: 16 October 2014 at 16.00 hours Brussels local time *Format: eProposal*

LIFE Nature & Biodiversity (sub-programme for Environment) is similar to the former LIFE+ Nature & Biodiversity strand. It will co-finance action grants for **best practice, pilot** and **demonstration** projects that contribute to the implementation of the **Birds** and **Habitats** Directives and the Union **Biodiversity Strategy to 2020**, and the development, implementation and management of the **Natura 2000 network**.

Download: **Zip file of the LIFE Nature & Biodiversity application package**


Important note: Please also refer to the "financial and administrative guidelines" which will shortly be available at the following page, together with other relevant documents.

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LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency (sub-programme for Environment) is similar to the former LIFE+ Environment Policy & Governance strand (but no longer covers climate change related projects). It will co-finance action grants for **pilot** and **demonstration** projects to develop, test and demonstrate policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions, including development and demonstration of innovative technologies, to environmental challenges, suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed, including with respect to the link between the environment and health, and in support of resource efficiency-related policy and legislation, including the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe; and to improve the knowledge base for the development, implementation, assessment, monitoring and evaluation of Union environmental policy and legislation, and for the assessment and monitoring of the factors, pressures and responses that impact on the environment within and outside the Union.

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LIFE Environmental Governance & Information (sub-programme for Environment) incorporates elements of the former LIFE+ Information & Communication strand. It will co-finance action grants for **information, awareness and dissemination** projects to promote awareness raising on environmental matters, including generating public and stakeholder support of Union policy-making in the field of the environment, and to promote knowledge on sustainable development and new patterns for sustainable consumption; to support communication, management, and dissemination of information in the field of the environment, and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful environmental solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms among stakeholders and training; and to promote and contribute to more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union environmental legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches:

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LIFE Climate Change Mitigation (sub-programme for Climate Action) will co-finance action grants for **best practice, pilot** and **demonstration** projects that contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; that contribute to the implementation and development of Union policy and legislation on climate change mitigation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions for climate change mitigation; that improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective climate change mitigation actions and measures and that enhance the capacity to apply that knowledge in practice; that facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for climate change mitigation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level; and that contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative climate change mitigation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable

for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed. See also the LIFE section of the **DG Climate Action web-site**.

LIFE Climate Change Adaptation (sub-programme for Climate Action) will co-finance action grants for **best practice, pilot and demonstration** projects that contribute to supporting efforts leading to increased resilience to climate change; that contribute to the development and implementation of Union policy on climate change adaptation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions for climate change adaptation, including, where appropriate, ecosystem-based approaches; that improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective climate change adaptation actions and measures, prioritising, where appropriate, those applying an ecosystem-based approach, and to enhance the capacity to apply that knowledge in practice; that facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for climate change adaptation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level, prioritising, where appropriate, ecosystem-based approaches; and that contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative climate change adaptation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed. See also the **LIFE section of the DG Climate Action web-site**.

LIFE Climate Governance and Information (sub-programme for Climate Action) will co-finance action grants for **information, awareness and dissemination** projects that promote awareness raising on climate matters, including generating public and stakeholder support of Union policy-making in the field of the climate, and to promote knowledge on sustainable development; that support communication, management, and dissemination of information in the field of the climate and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful climate solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms among stakeholders and training; and that promote and contribute to more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union climate legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches. See also the **LIFE section of the DG Climate Action web-site**.

Download: **Zip file of the LIFE Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, Governance & Information application package** (Note: this one package covers all 3 Climate Action strands)
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Preparatory projects


Preparatory projects (sub-programme for Environment only, **not** for Climate Action) address specific needs for the development and implementation of Union environmental or climate policy and legislation. The specific topics are indicated in the application guide.

Calendar for Preparatory Projects

Deadline: 29 October 2014 at 16.00 hours Brussels local time

Format: electronic files on CD-ROM or DVD (note: not via e-proposal)

Download: **Zip file of the LIFE Preparatory projects application package**
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Integrated projects

Integrated projects (sub-programme for Environment, **not** for Climate Action) are projects implementing on a large territorial scale (regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national scale) environmental or climate plans or strategies required by specific Union environmental or climate legislation, developed pursuant to other Union acts or developed by Member States' authorities, primarily in the areas of nature (including Natura 2000 network management), water, waste, air and climate change mitigation and adaptation*, while ensuring involvement of stakeholders and promoting the coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other relevant Union, national or private funding source.

* Note that this year's call does not include integrated projects for Climate Action.

Calendar for Integrated Projects

Deadline: Phase I, concept note 10 October 2014 at 16.00 hours Brussels local time


Format: electronic files on CD-ROM or DVD (note: not via e-proposal)

Deadline: Phase II, full proposal April 2015 (tbc)

Format: electronic files on CD-ROM or DVD (note: not via e-proposal)

Download: **Zip file of the LIFE Integrated projects application package**

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Technical Assistance projects

Technical Assistance projects (sub-programme for Environment, **not** for Climate Action) provide, by way of action grants, financial support to help applicants prepare integrated projects.


Calendar for Technical Assistance projects

Deadline: 15 September 2014 at 16.00 hours Brussels local time

Format: electronic files on CD-ROM or DVD (note: not via e-proposal)

Download: **Zip file of the LIFE Technical Assistance projects application package**

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Capacity Building projects

Capacity Building projects provide financial support to activities required to build the capacity of Member States, including LIFE national or regional contact points, with a view to enabling Member States to participate more effectively in the LIFE Programme.


Calendar for Capacity Building projects

Deadline: on a rolling basis until 30 September 2015 at 16.00 hours Brussels local time

Format: electronic files on CD-ROM or DVD (note: not via e-proposal)

Download: **Zip file of the LIFE Capacity Building projects projects application package**

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LIFE Regulation

The LIFE 2014-2020 Regulation (EC) No 1293/2013 was published in the Official Journal L 347/185 of 20 December 2013.

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LIFE multiannual work programme for 2014-2017

The LIFE multiannual work programme for 2014-2017 has been adopted by a Commission Decision on 19 March 2014, after having received a positive opinion of the Committee for the LIFE Programme for the Environment and Climate Action on 17 February 2014. The work programme applies from the date of its adoption and enters into force as of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It is published in all EU languages with the exception of Irish.

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