



The LIFE Programme

Updates – Focus on the Macaronesia Region
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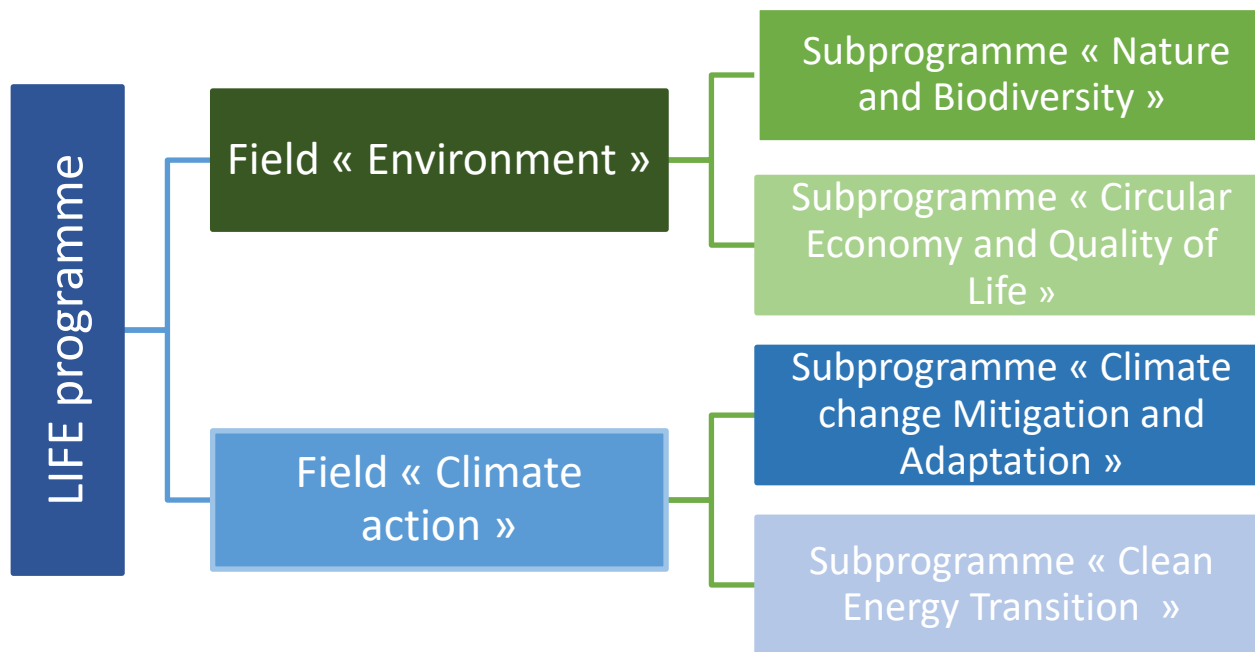
The LIFE programme

- The LIFE programme as a whole, contributes to the objectives and targets of the **European Green Deal**.
- The only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action.
- It is over 30 years 'young'



The LIFE programme

- For the years 2021-2027: budget of 5.43 billion €
 - 3.4 billion € for LIFE 2014-2020
 - Call 2023 budget: 611 million €
- The multiannual work programme for 2021-2027 was adopted in July 2021.



Type of projects funded under LIFE

Grants

- **Action grants:**
 - **Standard Action projects (SAPs)**
 - Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)
 - **Strategic Nature Projects (SNaPs)**
 - **Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)**
 - Preparatory projects addressing ad hoc Legislative and Policy Priorities (PLP)
 - **Technical Assistance (TA-PP and TA-RR)**
- **Operating grants** (*call restricted to entities that signed a LIFE Framework Partnership Agreement*)



Source : <https://getpolite.eu/category/grant-agreement/>

Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

There were three calls for LIFE SAPs in 2023:

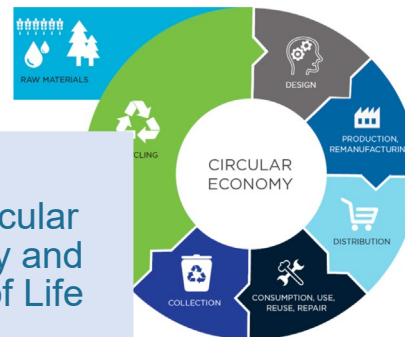
LIFE Nature and Biodiversity



LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation



LIFE Circular Economy and Quality of Life



One stage application procedure

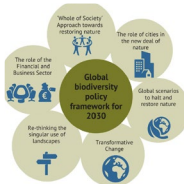
Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

- ‘Traditional’ LIFE projects aiming 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.**



Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

- **Co-financing rate**
 - **75%** for projects **targeting exclusively priority habitats and/or species**
 - **67%** for project **targeting both priority and non-priority habitats and/or species**
 - **60%** all **other projects**

⇒ Maximum 10-year duration

Best practice, demonstration, innovation...

⇒ Projects focusing on best-practice are perfectly eligible.

Eligible and suitable for the implementation of pledges



Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)

Strategic Nature Projects (SNaPs)

- SNaPs:



LIFE Nature and Biodiversity –
no SNaPs call in
LIFE23 but in
2024

- SIPs:



LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation



LIFE Circular Economy and Quality of Life

Two-stage application procedure

Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) Strategic Nature Projects (SNaPs)

70
Integrated
Projects
so far



2014 ▶ 2020

Click on the map icons to see
the corresponding project summaries



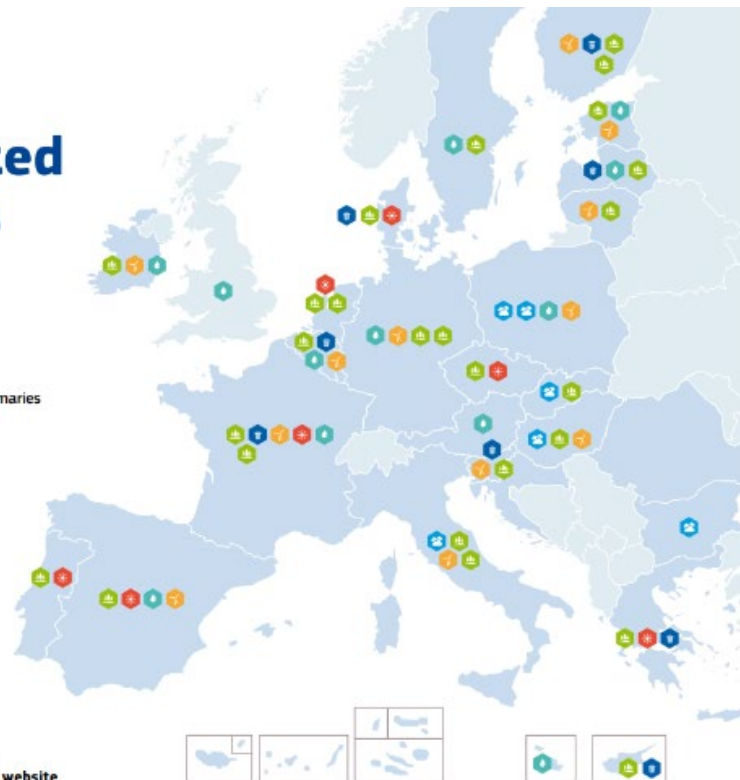
You can see a complete list of
LIFE Integrated Projects **on our website**

Learn more

ec.europa.eu/life  LIFE programme
[@LIFEprogramme](https://twitter.com/LIFEprogramme)  LIFE programme

How to apply for LIFE funding

The European Commission organises annual calls for proposals.
Full details are available at ec.europa.eu/life



- **Eight new SIPs and SNaPs** from Belgium, Estonia, Spain, Italy, Poland (2), Slovakia and Finland will get EU funding.
- They will enhance rivers and wetlands, boost biodiversity, cut emissions, improve climate adaptation, and tackle plastic waste.

Strategic Nature Projects (SNaPs)

- **Focussing on the implementation of**

The Prioritised
Action Frameworks
(PAFs) under the
Habitats Directive

Other plans or strategies that
implement EU nature and/or
biodiversity policy or
legislation on international,
national, regional or
multiregional level

Eligible and suitable
for the
implementation of
pledges

- Require integrated approaches and complementary funds mobilisation
- Require mainstreaming of biodiversity objectives into other policies and instruments
- Co-financing rate of **60%** maximum, max. **14-year** duration



Strategic Nature Projects (SNaPs)

Further requirements to be
considered

- **The national (regional) authorities competent for nature and biodiversity and responsible for PAF implementation, shall participate in the SNaP proposals, either as applicant (coordinating beneficiary) or, in duly justified cases, as associated beneficiaries.**
- To ensure the **highest possible geographical coverage** of SNAPs by 2027, regional authorities are strongly encouraged to team up with other regions when preparing their proposal.
- **Transboundary SNaPs:** A coordinated implementation of SNAPs between Member States is strongly encouraged.



Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)

- Focussing on the implementation of



Circular Economy and Quality of Life (ENV)

- **Circular Economy:** national or Regional Circular Economy Action Plans, Strategies, Roadmaps or similar
- **Waste:** national and regional Waste Management Plans and/or 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 Programme



Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (CLIMA)

- **National Energy and Climate Plans;** National Energy Efficiency Action Plans;
- **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

- **Co-financing rate of 60% maximum**
- **Maximum 14-year duration**

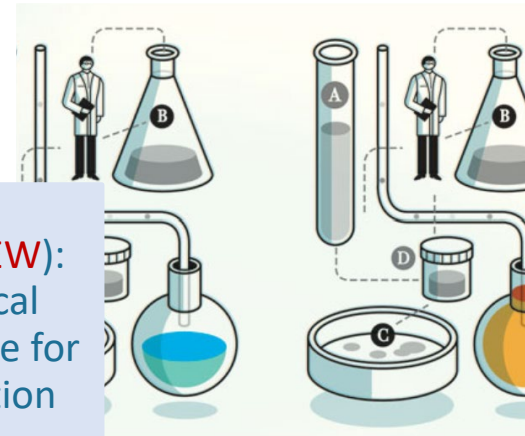
Technical Assistance Projects (TAs)

- There were **two TA calls in 2023:**



TA-PP:
Support to the
Preparation of
SNAPs and
SIPs

- Co-financing rate of maximum **60%**
- Maximum LIFE contribution of **EUR 70,000**



TA-R (**NEW**):
Technical
Assistance for
Replication

- **Preparation for facilitating the up-scaling and replication of results from other projects funded by the LIFE Programme, its predecessor programmes or other EU funding programmes**
- LIFE23: Call only proposals in the field of 'Environment' (i.e. 'Nature and Biodiversity' and 'Circular Economy and Quality of Life')
- **60%** co-funding
- Call budget **6.5 M€**

One stage application procedure

Lessons learned

Overall common mistakes (award criteria)



Relevance:

Problem analysis is **too general and only partially demonstrates the need for the STRAT**

Main gaps identified in the plan, e.g. the low stakeholders' awareness, is **insufficiently addressed**

Impact:

Impacts are general, e.g., "improved adaptation capacity"

Indicators for monitoring and evaluation of project actions is limited

Project sustainability uncertain

Quality:

Risk analysis insufficient, risks underestimated

Stakeholders missing. Their mobilisation and commitment uncertain

Project sites not defined

Resources:

Costs are not sufficiently justified and detailed

Poor reference to green project management measures

Complementary funding:

Complementary actions links to the project vague

No clear explanation on how sectors not covered by the STRAT will be addressed to fully implement the plan/strategy

Type your Keywords...

Match whole words only

GRANTS TENDERS

Submission status

Forthcoming Open for submission Closed (3)

Programming period

Select a Programme period...

Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Filter by call

LIFE-2021-SAP-CLIMA (3)

Type of grants calls

Funding and tenders (3)

Sort by: Submission status

Climate Change Mitigation Call for proposal

LIFE-2021-SAP-CLIMA-CCM

Programme	Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	Status	Closed
Type of action	LIFE Project Grants	Deadline model	single-stage
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Climate Change Adaptation Call for proposal

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Climate Governance and Information Call for proposal

LIFE-2021-SAP-CLIMA-GOV

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LIFE in the Macaronesia context



LIFE in the macaronesian context



Since 1992 LIFE has provided funding and possibilities for the implementation of nature projects

85 ongoing or closed LIFE projects in the Macaronesia region

70 Nature projects striving to maintain and improve **biodiversity**, ecosystems and, in particular, **the Natura 2000 network**

Read more: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/index.cfm>

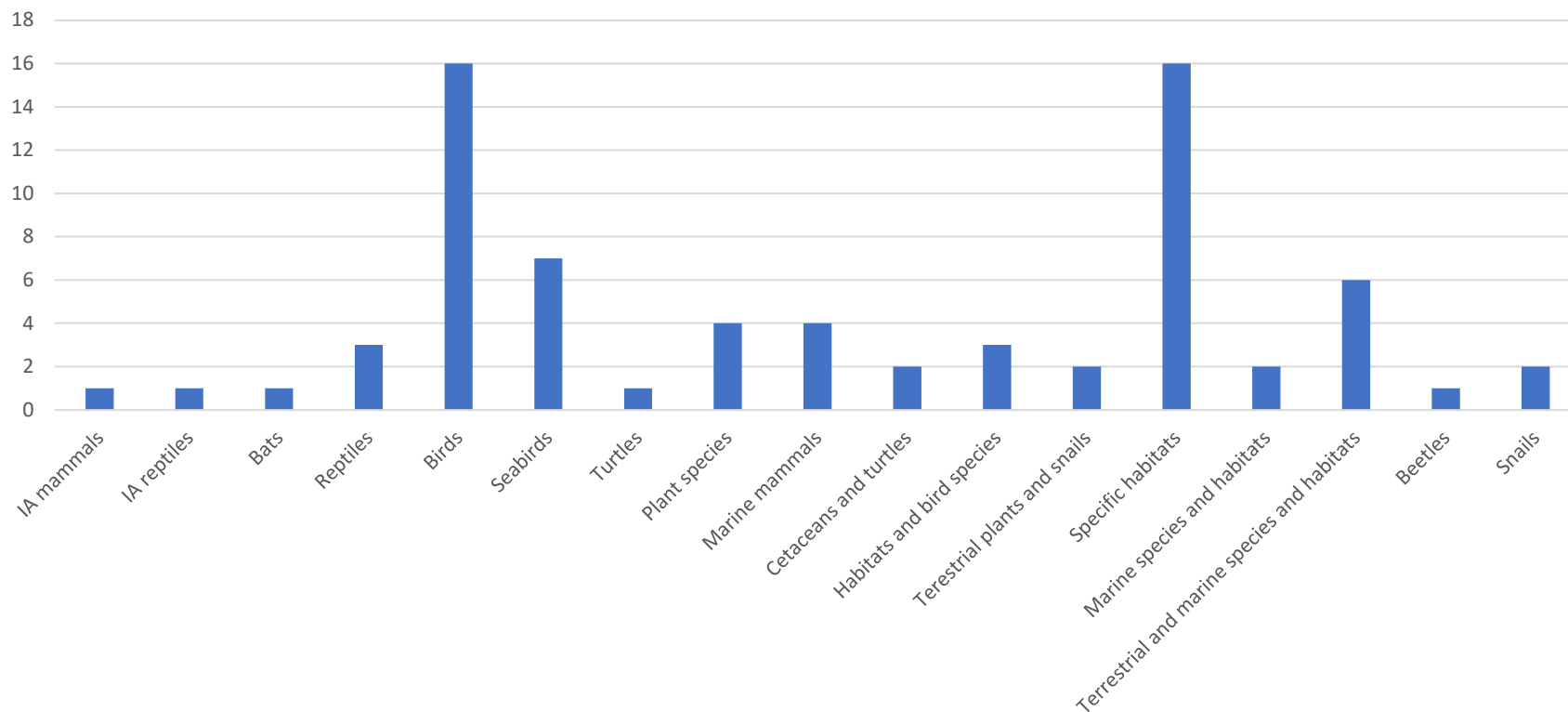
LIFE in the Macaronesia context

- Many projects in the region can be linked to one or more themes of the seminar :





Biological groups targeted by LIFE projects in Macaronesia





Must read:

- LIFE Web site https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en – LIFE project database
- Call documents (Funding & tender opportunities portal)
- LIFE Regulation and Multi-annual work-programme
- As relevant, specific information, guidelines designed by your National Contact Point



Thank you for your attention !


CHECK OUT THE *Life* PROGRAMME PUBLIC DASHBOARD!



EU contribution: 51,89B16.76M
Number of projects: 4,824100%
Number of participations: 43,3858.67

#OpenData

LIFE Project Portfolio | Aperçu de l'application - Qlik Sense (europa.eu)



https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en



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