



The EU Life Programme  
Opportunities for the WG on Climate Change

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# Two Sub Programmes

## ▶ Environment

- ▶ **priority areas;** Environment and Resource Efficiency, Nature and Biodiversity, and Environmental Governance and Information

## ▶ Climate Action

- ▶ **Priority areas;** Climate Change Mitigation, Climate Change Adaptation and Climate Governance and Information

A recent report analysing the extent to which climate change projects have been funded by Life revealed that the vast majority of the project is focused on climate mitigation ( 355 in the period 2000-2012) and only 59 on climate change adaptation. Therefore the report recommends to focus more on climate change adaptation projects. Social aspects have been totally neglected in the period for which projects were analysed.



## Coordination with other EU and National Programmes

The LIFE Programme should be complementary to other Union funding programmes, including the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund , the European Agriculture Guarantee Fund , the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Horizon 2020.

Projects that can be supported are either “pilot projects”, “demonstration projects”, “best practice projects”, “integrated projects”, “capacity building projects” or “technical assistance projects”.

## Priorities Climate Adaptation

- ▶ to 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;
- ▶ to improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective climate change adaptation actions and measures,;
- ▶ to 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;
- ▶ to 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.

## Priorities for Climate Governance and Information

- ▶ to 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;
- ▶ to 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;
- ▶ to 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;
- ▶ to promote better climate governance by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGOs, in consultation on and implementation of policy.

# Integrated Plans

The IP must aim at implementing one of the following climate plans or strategies required by specific climate Union legislation, developed pursuant to other Union acts or developed by Member States' authorities in one of the following areas:

- ▶ **National, regional or local specific adaptation strategy or action plan**
- ▶ Urban or community-based action plan pioneering the transition to a low carbon and/or climate resilient society
- ▶ National, regional or industry/sector specific greenhouse gas mitigation strategy or low carbon economy roadmap.

# Two stage approach to IP's

## Stage 1

- ▶ — Call for proposals
- ▶ — Submission of a concept note

The applicant submits a short concept note outlining the project contents, and the plan or strategy it is intended to implement and a financial plan for the overall implementation of the plan or strategy.

- ▶ — Concept note evaluation and question answer phase

## Stage 2

- ▶ — Submission of the full proposal:

Applicants of eligible concept notes are invited to submit a full proposal.

# Specific evaluation criteria for IP's

The IP is designed to implement climate change adaptation strategies, plans or address specific climate change vulnerabilities (e.g. coastal areas, drought-prone areas and other priority areas as identified under Action 2 of the EU Adaptation Strategy)

Synergies with other environmental and climate policies should be a central theme of adaptation projects, e.g. climate change adaptation and biodiversity should be promoted, wherever relevant. EU value added will also be assessed with regard to the contribution of the IP to meeting the EU Adaptation Strategy's objectives ( 3 ), the level of mainstreaming into different sectors and the involvement of a broad range of stakeholders.

EU added value: Extent and quality of the mobilisation of other funds, in particular Union funds:.



# Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ *Large territorial coverage:* Implementation of the targeted Union plan or strategy will cover a large territorial area, in particular, regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national.
- ▶ *Mobilisation of other funds:* Complementary to the IP itself and to the specific co-funding required for it under the LIFE Regulation (Article 20(1)(a) and (c)), at least one other relevant Union, national or private funding source will be mobilised for the implementation of the targeted Union plan or strategy.
- ▶ *Involvement of key stakeholders:* The key stakeholders will be involved in the implementation of the targeted Union plan or strategy