



1st Living Lakes Webinar



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LIFE+ 2014-2020

Funding opportunities for water
related projects



What`s new in LIFE+ 2014 – 2020?

- Climate action projects (DG Climate)
- Integrated projects (e.g. with ELER and EFRE)
- Financial Instruments (business development)
- 60% financing for ENV-projects
- Prioritised Action Framework (PAF) for each MS
- Geogr. Frame: Eastern Europe, Turkey
- Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017

LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017

Where the money goes to I

Overall allocation by priority area

Priority areas	<i>Environment and Resource efficiency</i>	<i>Nature and Biodiversity</i>	<i>Environmental Governance and Information</i>	<i>Climate Change Mitigation</i>	<i>Climate Change Adaptation</i>	<i>Climate Governance and Information</i>
Total per area (in million EUR)	495.85	610.07	163.00	193.56	190.39	47.59
Sub-total						1700.45
Support expenditure (ATA)						95.79
Overall total						<u>1796.3</u>

LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017

Where the money goes to II

Indicative national allocations for 2014-2017 for projects other than integrated projects under the sub-programme environment

Member State	% of the budget	Member State	% of the budget	Member State	% of the budget	Member State	% of the budget
BE	2.05	EL	3.27	LT	1.02	PT	2.51
BG	3.04	ES	9.33	LU	1.05	RO	4.29
CZ	2.03	FR	9.80	HU	2.42	SI	1.85
DE	10.82	HR	2.52	MT	0.90	SK	2.15
DK	1.61	IT	8.44	NL	2.94	FI	2.45
EE	1.20	CY	1.32	AT	1.85	SE	3.10
IE	1.43	LV	0.96	PL	6.37	UK	9.27

Projects in

3.1 PRIORITY AREA ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

shall

“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,
- in support of resource efficiency-related policy and legislation,
- including the **Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe”**

→ projects that put into practice, test, evaluate and disseminate actions, methodologies or approaches that are **new or unknown Union wide**

(a) Thematic priorities for Water, including the marine environment:

Water, floods and drought

Planning and establishment in urban and rural areas of **natural water retention** measures that increase infiltration, storage of water and remove pollutants through natural, or "natural-like" processes.

1. Projects promoting **flood and drought risk management** through
3. Projects to allow the achievement of WFD objectives by addressing **hydro morphological pressures** identified in River Basin Management Plans

(a) Thematic priorities for Water, including the marine environment:

Water Industry

1. Projects aiming at developing technologies for **drinking water** and **urban waste water treatment systems**, through the use of resource efficient processes
2. Projects implementing tools to ensure the efficient **provision of water services in areas of low population density**.
3. Projects aiming at more efficient and effective, innovative solutions and/or treatment options regarding **recycled/reclaimed water**

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4. Projects that address **integrated management of nutrients** and organic pollution of human and agricultural origin in a way that **clarifies the measures needed on a river basin or catchment scale**.
5. **Projects re-naturalising river, lake, estuary and coastal morphology** and/or **re-creating associated habitats** including flood- and marsh plains, to allow the achievement of WFD and FD objectives.
6. Projects that implement **water saving measures** to reduce the quantitative and qualitative pressures on water bodies in water stressed basins **on the basis of hydro-economic models**.

→ **Areas of low population density one main objective**

Funny animal in between:



3.2. PRIORITY AREA NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

(a) Thematic priorities for Nature:

1. Projects aimed at improving the conservation status of **habitat types (e.g. fresh-water-habitats FFH Annex I)** or species of Community Interest.
2. Projects implementing one or several actions foreseen in the relevant **Prioritised Action Framework (PAF) of each MS.**

(b) Thematic priorities for Biodiversity

1. Projects to maintain and enhance ecosystems and their services into the activities of the public or private sectors, by **establishing Green as well as Blue Infrastructure and restoring degraded ecosystems**. These projects should test and apply approaches aimed at:

a. mapping and assessing of ecosystems including marine ecosystems and their services to contribute to a priority setting for restoration, Green or **Blue Infrastructure** or No Net Loss;

b. **restoring ecosystems** including coastal and marine ecosystems and their services by applying the

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d. innovative management schemes addressing, in particular, **water related ecosystem services**, which could provide potential funding mechanisms to achieve the Biodiversity Strategy targets.

3.3. PRIORITY AREA ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION

Priority area Environmental Governance and Information:

Water

1. Awareness-raising on **WFD obligations and opportunities**, targeting authorities and other actors who can contribute to identifying cost effective solutions to be included in River Basin Management Plans and regarding flood protection, sediment management, hydropower, navigation, transport, spatial planning, chemical industry, and agriculture.

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5. Projects where stakeholders and authorities collaborate **transnationally** across borders of national jurisdictions on implementing **Sea Basin Strategies**.

4. LINKING THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES TO ACTION GRANTS UNDER THE SUB-PROGRAMME FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Support for implementation of adaptation strategies.

This would include specific vulnerability assessments at regional or cross-border levels focusing on highly vulnerable areas as identified in the EU Adaptation Strategy such as ...

drought-prone areas or river-basins

... as well as implementing innovative adaptation approaches, preparation of specific investment plans.

Funny animal at the almost end:



Always mind EU added value!

Always mind EU Directives

(Water Framework Directive, Floods Directive, Biodiv-Strategy, Nature2000, Birds Directive, Restoration Priority Framework, etc.)

Award criteria (example for ENV-projects)	Minimum pass score*	Maximum score
1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2. Financial coherence and quality	10	20
3. EU added value: extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme for Environment	10	20
4. Contribution to the project topics	-	10
5. EU added value: multipurpose, synergies, and integration	7	15
6. EU added value: replicability and transferability	5	10
7. EU added value: transnational, green procurement, uptake	-	5
Overall (pass) scores	55	100

Thanks for your attention!