



*Strengthening the synergies and complementarities among the
ESIF and directly managed EU funds*

LIFE Programme

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25 years of EU supporting Nature,
Environment and Climate Action through **LIFE**



LIFE PROGRAMME

- European Union's financial instrument supporting **environmental and climate protection** measures under European Commission competence, founded on additionality principle to other financing sources
- **The only** EU programme targeted to protecting the quality of **nature**, halting and reversing the **biodiversity** loss, supporting the implementation of the **7th Environment Action Programme**, and focusing intensively on the **Natura 2000** network

The general objective:

- to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation by co-financing projects with European added value



LIFE 2014–2020 – legal framework

- ❑ Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013
 - ❑ LIFE multiannual work programme for 2014-2017
(Commission Implementing Decision 2014/203/EU of 19 March 2014)
 - ❑ LIFE multiannual work programme for 2018 – 2020
(Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/210 of 12 February 2018)
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- Grant agreement of the coordinating beneficiary with the European Commission
 - Partnership agreements of the coordinating beneficiary with the other partners - so called associated beneficiaries



LIFE PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

Under EC competence:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm>

- **Directorate General Environment**
- **Directorate General Climate Action**
- European Commission has delegated the implementation of many components of the LIFE programme to the **Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises** (EASME).
- External monitoring team of LIFE programme – **NEEMO**
- **The European Investment Bank** - managing the two new financial instruments of the programme (NCFF and PF₄EE)



YEAR 2017 – 25th ANNIVERSARY of LIFE PROGRAMME

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LIFE 2014 – 2020 – priority areas



☐ Sub-programme **Environment**

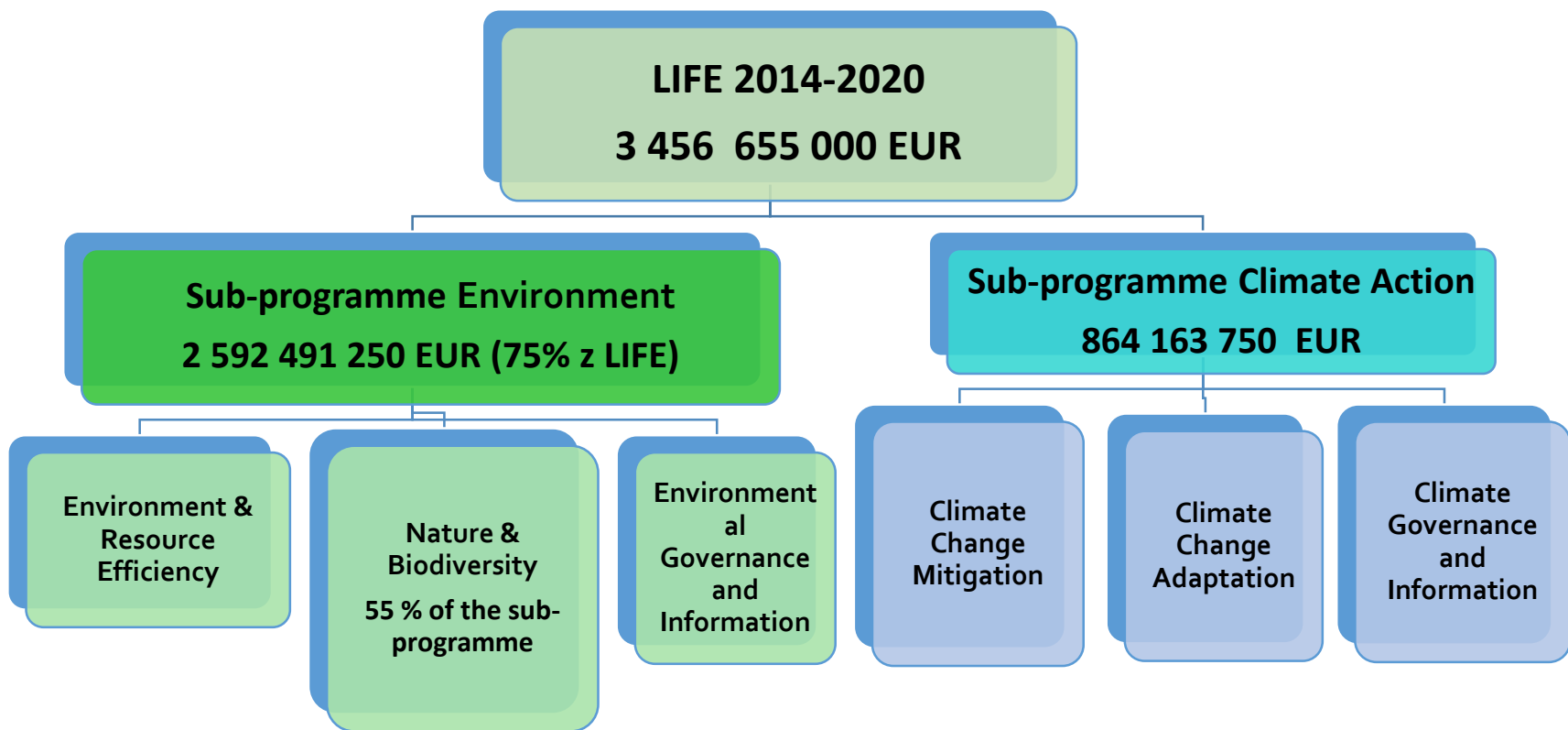
- **Environment & Resource Efficiency**
- **Nature & Biodiversity**
- **Environmental Governance and Information**

☐ Sub-programme **Climate Action**

- **Climate Change Mitigation**
- **Climate Change Adaptation**
- **Climate Governance and Information**



FINANCING





CO-FINANCING RATES

The total programme budget for the two sub-programmes: **3,46 billion €**

Project financing from **LIFE programme** :

- 60% for years 2014-2017
- **55% for years 2018-2020**
- Projects related to the priority habitats or species (Directive 92/43/EEC) or priority birds species (Directive 2009/147/EEC) under the priority area Nature and Biodiversity – are financed by **75%** during the whole 2014-2020 period
- Note: **obligatory own co-financing by the beneficiary**



FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

1. Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCFF)

– a new financial instrument; pilot implementation under both of the sub-programmes with aim to test and demonstrate innovative approaches to financing the projects of preservation of natural capital in priority areas

Nature and Biodiversity, and Climate Change Adaptation

– combination of direct and indirect project financing in the form of loans or equity investments

2. Private Finance for Energy Efficiency instruments (PF₄EE)

– a pilot financial instrument under **Climate Action** sub-programme which will test a new approach of commercial financing for investments in energy efficiency projects contributing to national prioritised

The **European Investment Bank** will implement the two new financial instruments by indirect management.



LIFE Call for Proposals 2018

The Call is published by European Commission annually.

The LIFE programme has launched its 2018 call for project proposals on **18 April 2018**.

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2018/index.htm>

Depending on the project type and priority area, the deadlines for submission of project proposals were:

A banner for the LIFE Call for Proposals 2018. The top half shows a landscape with a blue sky, white clouds, and a green tree. The bottom half shows a paved path leading through a field of tall grass. The text "CALL FOR PROPOSALS" is centered in the middle. Below it, there are two sections: "TRADITIONAL PROJECT" and "INTEGRATED PROJECT". Each section lists three priority areas and their respective deadlines.

- TRADITIONAL PROJECT -			- INTEGRATED PROJECT -
Environment & Resource Efficiency	Nature & Biodiversity	Climate Action	Environment & Climate
12 June 2018	14 June 2018	12 September 2018	5 September 2018



LIFE Call- eligibility of the beneficiaries

→ Applicant/Beneficiary

All legal persons (entities) registered in the EU are eligible to apply:

- public bodies
- commercial organisations
- non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)

→ Responsibilities of project partners (according to the type of beneficiary):

- **Coordinating beneficiary – based in EU** (grant agreement with EC)
- **Associated beneficiaries** (partnership agreements with coordinating beneficiary)
 - in specific cases based outside of EU



LIFE Call – project types

- ➔ **So-called „traditional" projects**
 - Pilot projects
 - Demonstration projects
 - Best Practice projects
 - Information, awareness and dissemination projects
- ➔ **Integrated projects**
- ➔ **Technical Assistance projects**
- ➔ **Preparatory projects**

National Contact Point

- Informing about the programme and opportunities for projects co-financing
- Programme promotion, information events, conferences, and workshops in SR
- Advisory for projects preparation and implementation
- Providing co-financing from the state budget for approved projects
- Preparation and realization of co-financing agreements, monitoring of project implementation, financial control and verification of public procurement processes
- Representation of SR at the working groups and at the LIFE Programme Committee on EU level



National co-financing

Mechanism for using the state budget financial sources for co-financing the LIFE projects in 2014-2020 programming period

- ➔ <http://www.minzp.sk/sluzby/moznosti-financovania-projektov/projekty-so-zahranicnou-pomocou/life-programovom-obdobi-2014-2020/vseobecne-informacie-spolufinancovani-projektov-life-zo-statneho-rozpoctu/>
- ➔ Submitting the application for co-financing from the state budget as per the call of the MoE SR published on the website:

<http://www.minzp.sk/sluzby/moznosti-financovania-projektov/projekty-so-zahranicnou-pomocou/life-programovom-obdobi-2014-2020/vyzva-predkladanie-ziadosti-spolufinancovanie-projektov-life/>



National co-financing

Co-financing rates – depending on the type of applicant

1. Budget and contribution organisations of the MoE SR – 100% co-financing of the approved eligible costs of the total project budget that will not be financed by EC
2. Other applicants – condition of 5% own co-financing ; state budget co-financing:
 - max. 35% during the 1st LIFE multiannual work programme (2014 – 2017)
 - max. 40% during the 2nd LIFE multiannual work programme (2018 – 2020)(resp. up to 20 % of the total eligible project costs for projects that protect the priority types of habitats and species within priority area Nature and Biodiversity)



LIFE projects co-financing

Financial contribution for the project	EU	State Budget	Own sources	Organisations of MoE SR (state budget)
1st LIFE multiannual work programme (2014 – 2017)	60 %	35 %	5 %	40 %
2nd LIFE multiannual work programme (2018 – 2020)	55 %	40 %	5 %	45 %
2014-2020 Nature and biodiversity(Directive of Council 92/43/EEC)	75 %	20 %	5 %	25 %



The call

The call for submission of applications for co-financing of the LIFE projects from the state budget

- Open call published by the MoE SR on 30. 12. 2016
- Indicative amount of the financial sources: **10 500 000 EUR**
- **3 rounds of the call:**
 - 1. round: for submission of applications for co-financing of LIFE14 and LIFE15 projects; application deadline **31.1.2017**
 - 2. round: for submission of applications for co-financing of LIFE16 projects; application deadline **31.10.2017**
 - 3. round: for submission of applications for co-financing of LIFE17 projects; application deadline **31.10.2018**



The call for submission of applications for co-financing of the LIFE projects from the state budget

- The application shall be submitted to MoE SR within the deadline specified in the call
- Successful applicants → signing the co-financing agreement
- MoE SR shall sign a separate co-financing agreement with each beneficiary
- Pre-condition for the co-financing agreement: **project is approved by EC and fulfils the criteria of the call and of the Mechanism for using the state budget financial sources for co-financing the LIFE projects in 2014-2020 programming period**
- <http://www.minzp.sk/sluzby/moznosti-financovania-projektov/projekty-so-zahranicnou-pomocou/life-programovom-obdobi-2014-2020/vyzva-predkladanie-ziadosti-spolufinancovanie-projektov-life/>



Success of the LIFE Programme in Slovak republic

- Slovak republic participates in the LIFE programme since 2002
- Successful participation of SR in the LIFE programme

LIFE III Programme

- Approved: **13 projects** (with beneficiaries from SR) with total budget of **18 mil. EUR**, where LIFE programme contribution represents more than 8 mil. EUR





Success of the LIFE Programme in Slovak republic

LIFE+ Programme (2007-2013)

Approved:

- **18 projects** (with coordinating beneficiary from SR) in total amount of **32,8 mil. EUR**, where the LIFE programme contribution represents 19,8 mil. EUR, and the state budget contribution 11,6 mil. EUR
- **5 projects** (with participation of associated beneficiaries from SR) in total amount of **5 mil. EUR**, where the LIFE programme contribution represents 2,7 mil. EUR, and the state budget contribution 2,2 mil. EUR





Success of the LIFE Programme in Slovak republic

LIFE Programme (2014-2020)

Approved until now:

- **2 projects** (with coordinating beneficiary from SR) in total amount of **8,3 mil. EUR**, where the LIFE programme contribution represents 4,9 mil. EUR
- **2 projects** (with participation of associated beneficiaries from SR) in total amount of **1,2 mil. EUR**, where the LIFE programme contribution represents 886 000 EUR





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