PROGRAMMES DEPARTMENT

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The LIFE Programme is the only financial instrument in the European Union dedicated exclusively to the environment. Its general objective for the period 2004-2020 is to contribute to sustainable development and the achievement of the objectives and goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy and of the relevant Union strategies and plans in the field of environment and climate. It must also support the application of the General Union Environment Action Programme to 2020 "Living well, within the limits of our planet".

To do this, it is based on catalysing changes in the development and application of policies by providing solutions and best practices to achieve environmental and climate objectives, as well as by promoting innovative technologies in the field of environment and climate change.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The LIFE Programme has in particular the following general objectives:

a) contribute to the transition towards a resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, and to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment, as well as to curb and reverse the loss of biodiversity, including support to the Natura 2000 network and addressing the degradation of ecosystems;

b) improve the development, application and enforcement of Union environmental and climate policy and legislation, and catalyze and promote the incorporation and integration of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies and in the practice of public and private sectors, even increasing their capacity;

c) support better environmental and climate governance at all levels, including greater participation of civil society, NGOs and local actors;

d) support the implementation of the VII Environment Action Programme.

BUDGET

The financial allocation for the 2014-2020 period will amount to € 3.457 million in current prices.

The budget breakdown of the subprogrammes is as follows:

a) € 2.592 M for the Environment subprogramme;

b) € 864 M for the Climate Action subprogramme.

FUNDING ENTITY

European Commission

Contact in Spain
Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge
https://www.miteco.gob.es/es/ministerio/servicios/ayudas-subvenciones/programa-life/ (in Spanish)
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STRUCTURE

This financial instrument of the European Union is divided into 2 sub-programmes: Environment and Climate Action. At the same time, these subprogrammes are made up of 3 priority areas each:

Subprogrammes	Priority Areas		
Environment	Environment and efficient use of **resources**	Nature and **biodiversity**	Environmental **Gobernance and information**
Climate Action	Climate change **Mitigation**	Climate Change **Adaptation**	Climate **Gobernance and information**

TYPES OF PROJECTS

- **Pilot**: First time application of a technique or method.
- **Demonstration**: Implement new methodologies or approaches in the specific context of the project.
- **Best practices**: Apply novel, profitable and appropriate techniques, methods or approaches, taking into account the specific context of the project.
- **Information, awareness and dissemination**.
- **Integrated**: Implement on a large territorial scale the specific environmental or climatic regulations of the EU or MMEE while promoting coordination with at least one other source of financing.
- **Technical assistance**: Grants to help prepare integrated projects.
- **Capacity building**: PNC or PRC.
- **Preparatory**: Support the needs in the development and application of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation. (Identified by the EC).

BENEFICIARIES

Public and private organizations of the European Union, not requiring a **minimum number of partners or countries**.
* As an exception: You can finance activities outside the EU and in OCTs (third countries) whenever they are necessary to achieve the objectives of the EU and to guarantee the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the territories of the Member States and that the coordinator is from the Union.

FINANCING

They are co-financed projects and for traditional instruments this financing will be as follows:
• ≤ 60% of the budget during the first work programme (2014-2017).
• ≤ 55% of the budget during the second work programme (2018-2020).

The total costs of the projects financed vary according to the type of project, from large projects and long € 5m to small projects below € 500,000 in total costs.

DURATION

Depending on the project and its size, from 2 to 5 years.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

For traditional projects
(pilot, demonstration, best practices or information projects).

Eligibility Criteria (GENERAL)

Contributes to the fulfillment of the general and specific objectives of LIFE
Fits within the focus of the priority area
Matches the definition of these project types

Award Criteria (ENVIRONMENT)	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2. Financial coherence and quality (including value for money)	10	20
3. Extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme for Environment	10	20
4. Sustainability (continuation, replication, transfer potential)	8	15
Overall (pass) score	50	
Bonus		
5. Contribution to the project topics	-	0 or 5 or 10

6. Synergies (including multipurpose and integration/complementarity (max. 8 points), Green Public Procurement (max. 1 point), Ecolabel (max. 1 point), and uptake EU-research results (max. 1 point)) **- Transnational (max. 4 points)**	**-**	**15**
Maximum score		**100**

MORE INFORMATION

More information about the **programme**:
https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/life

More information about the **calls**:
https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/section/life/calls-proposals