**EU LIFE programme**

*L’Instrument Financier pour l’Environnement (LIFE)*

LIFE is the European Union’s financial instrument supporting environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout the EU. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed more than 4300 projects. For the 2014-2020 funding period, LIFE will contribute approximately €3.4 billion to the protection of the environment and climate, by funding innovative, pilot, demonstration, best practice and awareness-raising projects which contribute to the general objectives of the environment and climate policy and represent an EU added value. The overall grant under Climate Action Subprogramme is €63,6 million in 2016.

**Who does LIFE support?**

Within the framework of LIFE programme there is a wide range of beneficiaries from all sectors, among all stakeholders:

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| **Public sector** | e.g. local, regional and national authorities, national parks |
| **Private sector** | e.g. national, transnational companies, small and medium entreprises, research and development institutes, universities, foundations, educational institutions |

**Priority areas of LIFE Climate Action Subprogramme**

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| **Climate Change Mitigation (15,92 million EUR in 2016)** | **Climate Change Adaptation (24,52 million EUR in 2016)** | **Climate Governance and Information (7 million EUR in 2016)** |
| Thematic Priorities (2016) | Thematic Priorities (2016) | Thematic Priorities (2016) |
| * **Energy intensive industries;** * **Fluorinated greenhouse gases;** * **Land-use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF).** | * **Vulnerable areas**: cross-border management of floods, trans-boundary coastal management, mainstreaming adaptation into urban land-use planning, mountain and island areas, sustainable management of water – combating desertification and forest fires; * **Green infrastructure and ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation**; * **Vulnerability assessments and adaptation strategies**; * **Urban adaptaion**. | * **Building national 2030 climate and energy strategies and/or mid-century strategies**;   + **Enhanced implementation and development of the network of (ex-post) emission-trading system experts**;   + **Training for service personnel of equipment using climate-friendly alternatives (ammonia, CO2, hydrocarbons, HFOs) in relation to (EU) 517/2014;**   + **Building coordination platform on climate policy monitoring;**   + **Exchange of best practices and awareness raising on climate change vulnerabilities and climate change adaptation options.** |

**Types of supported projects:**

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| **Pilot project** | aims to assess the effectiveness of new techniques and methods to inform other stakeholders of the results |
| **Demonstration project** | designed to demonstrate whether or not the target techniques and methods work in the project's (geographical, ecological, socio-economical) context |
| **Best practice project** | applies coherent, cost-effective and innovative techniques, methods and approaches |
| **Integrated project** | implements environment and climate plans and strategies on a national or transnational level |
| **Information, awareness and dissemination project** | aims to support dissemination and awareness raising to environment and climate topics |

**EU added value**

While evualiting a LIFE project’s EU added value the following criteria are considered:

* Extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE subprogramme for Climate Action;
* Quality of multipurpose, synergies, and integration;
* Replicability and transferability;
* Transnational, green procurement, uptake

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**LIFE Climate Action**

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