



# Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

**2021-2027**

# LIFE 2021-2027

- Commission **Proposal adopted on 1 June, 2018**
- **Budget increases** of almost €2 billion from €3.46 bn. to €5.45 bn.
- **Two main fields of action** encompassing four sub-programmes



Fields:

Environment  
(€3,5 bn)

Climate  
Action  
(€1,95 bn)

Sub-Programmes:

Nature &  
Biodiversity

Circular  
Economy  
& Quality  
of Life

Change  
Mitigation  
&  
Adaptation

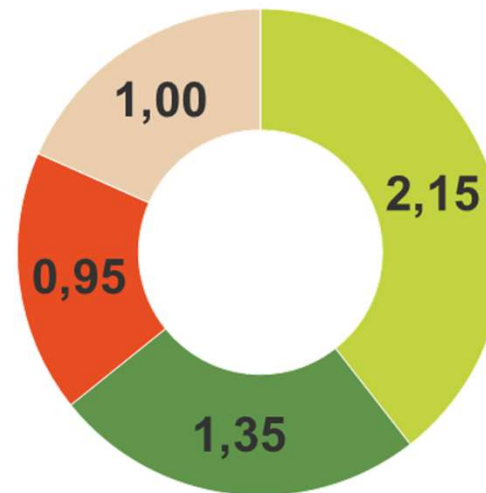
Clean  
Energy  
Transition



# PROGRAMME FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION (LIFE)

## Building on 25 years of success:

- Reinforcing the programme's strengths
- Improving coherence, efficiency and effectiveness



- Nature & Biodiversity
- Circular Economy & Quality of Life
- Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation
- Clean Energy Transition

## Proven Elements of LIFE:

### Bottom-up approach to generating high quality applications for Standard Action Projects to:

- develop, demonstrate and exchange innovative methods for meeting environmental and climate objectives
- implement best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity
- contribute to better environment and climate governance

**(Strategic) Integrated Projects as compliance support tools for catalysing implementation of key environmental and climate plans and strategies**

**NGO Operating Grants for improving involvement of civil society**

## New / Enhanced Elements:

- New Clean Energy Transition subprogramme
- Dedicated sub-programme for Nature and Biodiversity including new Strategic Nature Projects to support mainstreaming of nature and biodiversity into other policies and programmes
- Expanded use of Strategic Integrated Projects
- Greater flexibility to target key and emerging issues
- Increased support to LIFE National Focal Points to build capacity for programme access across all MS

**NEW**

## 1. Clean Energy actions

- Incorporation of elements of the Intelligent Energy Europe programme, from H2020
- Contribution to climate mitigation, with environmental co-benefits
- Suitability of LIFE delivery mechanisms

# Expanded

## 2. Strategic Integrated Projects

- Successfully piloted under LIFE 2014-2020 as compliance support tools.
- Expanded budget will enable:
  - **targeting expanded range of plans** (eg – marine environment plans, noise plans.... In addition to water, air, waste, climate)
  - **meeting demand across M.S.** beyond limits of present programme (only 3 per M.S. over 7 years)
- **Success is dependent on availability of finance for complementary actions in other programmes.**

**NEW**

## 3. Strategic Nature Projects

- **Mainstreaming of nature and biodiversity into other policies and programmes**
- Particular focus on Priority action Frameworks for developing the Natura 2000 Network
- **Support for coherent programmes of actions** in each Member State
- Mobilise complementary actions (like SIPs)



# Expanded

## 4. Enhanced Replication

- Support for measures to upscale or replicate successful approaches
- Preparation for accessing other financing instruments
- Blending operations

**NEW**

## 5. Strategic Flexibility

- Streamlining of the Regulation – no definition of fixed priority areas
- **Targeting of key and emerging issues** through the multiannual work programmes and calls

# IMPROVED

## 6. Better Implementation

- **Commitment to continued simplification** of programme administration
- Two-step application procedure to be introduced if present pilot is positive
- **Clear set of programme indicators**, to be complemented by aggregation of specific project level indicators
- **Support to LIFE Focal Points in MSs** to build capacity for programme access