



# LIFE Call 2023



**Standard Action Projects**


**Application process and selection of proposals**

Bernd Decker, 25 Apr 2023

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| <b>Projects to support Bauhaus, the Phoenix initiative and the Emerald Network</b><br>LIFE-2023-PLP-Bauhaus-Phoenix-Emerald <div>Call for proposalGrant</div>   |   |                |  |
| Programme   | Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) | Status         | Open for submission                      |
| Type of action  | LIFE Project Grants                                     | Deadline model | single-stage                             |
| Opening date  | 18 April 2023   | Deadline date  | 07 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time |
| <b>Nature &amp; Biodiversity and Circular Economy &amp; Quality of Life</b><br>LIFE-2023-PLP-NAT-ENV <div>Call for proposalGrant</div>  |   |                |  |
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| <b>Climate Governance and Information</b><br>LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-GOV <div>Call for proposalGrant</div>  |   |                |  |
| Programme   | Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) | Status         | Open for submission                      |
| Type of action  | LIFE Project Grants                                     | Deadline model | single-stage                             |
| Opening date  | 18 April 2023   | Deadline date  | 21 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time |
| <b>Implementation of the Ecodesign, Energy labelling and Tyre labelling policy</b><br>LIFE-2023-PLP-ENER <div>Call for proposalGrant</div>  |   |                |  |
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| Opening date  | 18 April 2023   | Deadline date  | 07 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time |
| <b>Vehicle-to-grid (V2G) integration – Development of national incentivising framework for the integration of Electric Vehicles as home / building energy storage, in energy communities and in national grids</b><br>LIFE-2023-PLP-CLIMA <div>Call for proposalGrant</div> |   |                |  |
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# Climate Change Mitigation

TOPIC ID: LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-CCM

Grant

## General information

Topic description

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## General information

Programme

**Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)**

Call

**[LIFE Subprogramme Climate Action \(LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA\)](#)**

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Type of action

**LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants**

Type of MGA

**LIFE Action Grant Budget-Based [LIFE-AG]**

[Open for submission](#)

Deadline model

**single-stage**

Opening date

**18 April 2023**

Deadline date

**21 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time**

## Topic description

ExpectedOutcome:

Efficient delivery of the quantified objectives by end of the project

Objective:

Projects under the Climate Change Mitigation Priority Area should contribute to the socially just and sustainable transition towards a climate neutral economy by 2050 and to reaching the EU emission reduction target for 2030 to at least 55% compared with 1990 levels

Scope:

Areas of intervention:

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## Topic conditions and documents

### Conditions

1. **Admissibility conditions:** described in section 5 of the [call document](#)

**Proposal page limits and layout:** described in Part B of the Application Form available in the Submission System

2. **Eligible countries:** described in section 6 of the [call document](#)



# Call document

One Call document per LIFE subprogramme

# Call document structure

0. Introduction

1. Background

What is the LIFE Programme?

Nature and Biodiversity

Circular Economy and Quality of Life

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Clean Energy Transition

**2. Type of action — Objectives — Themes and priorities — Activities that can be funded — Expected impact**

Objectives

Areas of intervention

Scope — Activities that can be funded

Expected impact

Funding rate

## topics and priorities

3. Available budget

4. Timetable and deadlines

5. Admissibility and documents

6. Eligibility

Eligible participants (eligible countries)

Consortium composition

Eligible activities

Geographic location (target countries)

7. Financial and operational capacity and exclusion

Financial capacity

Operational capacity

Exclusion

8. Evaluation and award procedure

9. Award criteria



# Call document structure (2)

## 10. Legal and financial set-up of the Grant Agreements

- Starting date and project duration

- Milestones and deliverables

- Form of grant, funding rate and maximum grant amount

- Budget categories and cost eligibility rules

- Reporting and payment arrangements

- Prefinancing guarantees

- Certificates

- Liability regime for recoveries

- Provisions concerning the project implementation

- Other specificities

- Non-compliance and breach of contract

## 11. How to submit an application

## 12. Help

## 13. Important



# Application Forms





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Topic selection



Create proposal



Participants



Proposal forms



Submit

## Create proposal



## Deadline

21 September 2023 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

153 days left until closure

## Call data

Call: LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA

Topic: LIFE-2023-SAP-CLIMA-CCA

Type of action: LIFE-PJG

Type of MGA: LIFE-AG



Topic and type of action can only be changed by creating a new proposal.

## Download Part B templates



Download part B templates

## Support &amp; Helpdesk

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## Service Desk:



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Please submit your proposal at the latest **48 hours before the deadline** (to avoid system congestion or system incompatibility issues). Late proposals will not be accepted. Don't wait until the end to be worried about confidentiality – we will not open the proposals before the deadline.

You can submit the proposal as many times as you wish up until the deadline. Each new submitted version will replace the previous one.

## Find your organisation

PIC \*

Short name \*

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Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)

PIC: 956444445

Baird Consulting SCS

Vieille rue du Moulin-Rouge 20  
Uccle, BE

## Your role

Please indicate your role in this proposal \*



Main contact



Contact person

## Your proposal

It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym \*

Short Summary \*

# Structure of the proposal

## Structure

- **Part A:** Administrative Forms > generated from your information in the Portal Submission System
- **Part B:** Technical Description > uploaded as pdf (+annexes) in Submission System
- **Part C:** Key Performance Indicators



# Application form - Part A

Part A: Administrative Forms > generated from your information in the Portal Submission System

1. General information
  - Acronym, title, keywords, priority
  - **Abstract (project summary)**
2. Participants
  - List of participants, organisation data,
  - Staff effort
  - List of critical risks
3. Budget



# Application form - Part B

- **Structure of Part B (\*.docx)**

Cover page

Table of contents

Project Summary (from Part A)

## **Watch out:**

- **character and page limits!**
- **DO NOT REMOVE INSTRUCTIONS!**



# Proposal Part B (2)

## 1. Relevance

- Background and general objectives
- Specific objectives
- Compliance LIFE and call topic
- Concept and methodology
- Upscaling of other EU projects
- Complementarity with other actions
- Synergies and co-benefits with other LIFE; and other policies

### Award criterion 1: Relevance (0-20)

- Relevance of the contribution to one or several of the specific objectives of the LIFE programme and the targeted sub-programme;
- Extent to which the project is in line with the description included in the call for proposals, including, where relevant, its specific priorities;
- Soundness of the overall intervention logic;
- Extent to which the project offers co-benefits and promotes synergies with other policy areas relevant for achieving environment and climate policy objectives.



# Proposal Part B (3)

## 2. Impact

- Ambition of the impacts
- Credibility of the impacts
- Sustainability of results
- Exploitation of results
- Catalytic potential – replication and upscaling

### Award criterion 2: Impact (0-20, weighting factor 1.5)

- Ambition and credibility of impacts expected during and/or after the project due to the proposed activities, including potential negative impacts on the other specific objectives of the LIFE programme, including ensuring that no substantial harm is done to those objectives.
- Sustainability of the project results after the end of the project.
- Potential for the project results to be replicated in the same or other sectors or places, or to be up-scaled by public or private actors or through mobilising larger investments or financial resources (catalytic potential).
- Quality of the measures for the exploitation of project results.



# Proposal Part B (4)

## 3. Implementation

- Workplan
- Work packages and activities
  - Objectives and results
  - Activities and tasks
  - Milestones and deliverables
- Stakeholder engagement
- Impact monitoring and reporting
- Communication, dissemination and visibility

### Award criterion 3: Quality (0-20)

- Clarity, relevance and feasibility of the work plan;
- Appropriate geographic focus of the activities;
- Quality of the plan to monitor and report impacts;
- Identification and mobilisation of the relevant stakeholders;
- Appropriateness and quality of the proposed measures to communicate and disseminate the project and its results to different target groups.



# Proposal Part B (5)

## 4. Resources

- Consortium set-up
- Project management
- Green management
- Budget
- Risk management

### Award criterion 4: Resources (0-20)

- Composition of the project team - of a consortium or of a sole beneficiary - in terms of expertise, skills and responsibilities and appropriateness of the management structure.
- Appropriateness of the budget and resources and their consistency with the proposed work plan.
- Transparency of the budget, i.e. the cost items should be sufficiently described.
- Extent to which the project environmental impact is considered and mitigated, including through the use of green procurement.. The use of recognised methods for the calculation of the project environmental footprint (e.g. PEF or OEF methods or similar ones) or environmental management systems (e.g. EMAS) would be an asset;
- Value-for-money of the proposed project.





# Proposal Part B (6)

## 5. Other

- Ethics
- Security

## 6. **Declarations** (funding rate, double funding, third parties)

## Annexes

- Detailed budget table
- Annual activity reports (optional for some calls)
- List of previous projects
- other



# Annex: Detailed budget table

1. Staff costs
2. Subcontracting
3. Other direct costs
  - Travel & subsistence
  - Equipment (incl. infrastructure)
  - Other goods, works and services
  - Support to third parties
  - Land purchase



|    | A  | B                       | C  | D                           | E   | F   | G   | H   | I                     | J | K | L | M | N | O | P |
|----|--|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1  | Detailed Budget Table  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2  |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3  | [proposal acronym]   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4  |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5  |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6  | <b>Staff effort allocation</b>   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7  | Fill in the effort per work package and Beneficiary/Affiliated Entity.<br>Please indicate the number of person-months over the whole duration of the planned work.<br>Adapt the columns to the number of work packages in your proposal.<br>Identify the work-package leader for each work package by showing the relevant person-month figure in bold.                                      |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8  |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9  | Participant Number/Short Name  | WP1                     | WP2  | WP3                         | WP4   | WP5   | WP6   | WPx...  | Total                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10 | 1.   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   | 0                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 11 | 2.   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   | 0                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 12 | Total person-months  | 0                       | 0  | 0                           | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 13 |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 14 | <b>Personnel costs</b>   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 15 | Present your estimated "Personnel costs" split into 3 categories as per the table below. If you do not have any personnel costs falling under "A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries" or "A.5 Volunteers", all personnel costs should be budgeted under "A1. Employees (or equivalent); A2. Natural persons under direct contract and A3. Seconded Persons".                       |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 16 |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 17 | Participant Number/Short Name  | Country                 | Number of person months (staff effort per beneficiary) | Average monthly salary rate | A1. Employees (or equivalent); A2. Natural persons under direct contract and A3. Seconded Persons (costs) | A.4 SME owners and natural person (sole trader) beneficiaries (Unit costs in €) | Subtotal personnel costs without volunteers (A1+A2+A3+A4) must be the same as in part A section 3 | A.5 Volunteers (Unit costs) must be the same as in part A section 3 | Total Personnel costs |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 18 | 1.   |                         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 19 | 2.   |                         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 20 | Total  |                         | 0 €  |                             | 0 €   | 0 €   | 0 €   | 0 €   | 0 €                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 21 |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 22 | <b>Subcontracting</b>  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 23 | Give details on subcontracted action tasks (if any) and explain the reasons why (as opposed to direct implementation by the participants).<br>Subcontracting — Subcontracting means the implementation of action tasks, i.e. specific tasks which are part of the action and are described in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 24 |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 25 | Participant Number/Short Name  | Subcontract Description |  |                             | Cost (€)  | WP  | Justification (Why is subcontracting necessary?)  |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 26 |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 27 |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 28 |  | Total estimated costs   |  |                             | 0 €   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 29 | If subcontracting for the entire project goes beyond 30% of the total eligible costs, give specific reasons.   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 30 | Insert text  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 31 | <b>Other direct costs</b>  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 32 | Please complete the table below for each participant. If required add further tables at the end of this work sheet (one per participant).<br>Please ensure that the information provided is sufficient to assess the relevance of the costs in relation to the activities proposed. For major cost items add lines below, in order to provide a detailed breakdown within one cost category. |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 33 |  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 34 | Participant Number/Short Name (1)  | Cost (€)                | Justification  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 35 | Travel & subsistence   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 36 | Equipment (incl. infrastructure)   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 37 | Other goods, works and services  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 38 | Financial support to third parties   |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 39 | Land purchase  |                         |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 40 | Total  | 0 €                     |  |                             |   |   |   |   |                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Resources

# Evaluation process

# Selection of LIFE SAP projects

Per year 470-580 proposals:

NAT: ~ 120-150

CEQL: ~ 150-250

CLIMA: ~150-180

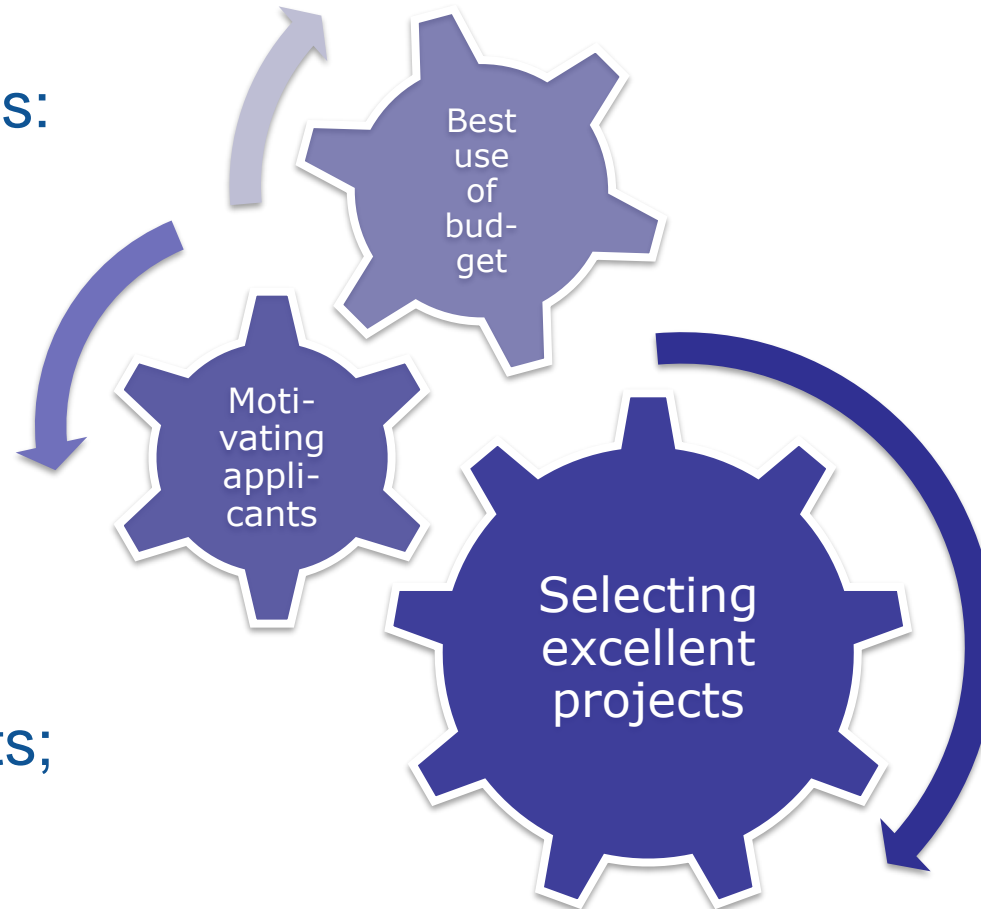
Selected:

~ 85-105 projects;

NAT: ~ 20-30

CEQL: ~ 35-40

CLIMA: ~ 30-35



Indicative budget 2023

NAT: 148 Mio

CEQL: 81 Mio

CLIMA: 66 Mio

EU Co-funding:

60%-75%



# Passing admissibility and eligibility checks

## Admissibility

- ☐ Submitted before deadline & electronically
- ☐ Complete & using the forms/templates provided
- ☐ Readable (no smaller than Arial 10) printable (A4)
- ☐ Max 120 pages (including the instructions)



## Eligibility

- ☐ Eligible participants
- ☐ Consortium composition
- ☐ Eligible activities
- ☐ Geographic location



# Award criteria SAP

## 1. Relevance =

Policy+Project macro approach

## 2. Impact =

Impact+Sustainability, Exploitation & Replication

## 3. Quality =

Clarity+Feasibility+Appropriateness few specific aspects

## 4. Resources =

Project team+Budget+Project env. footprint

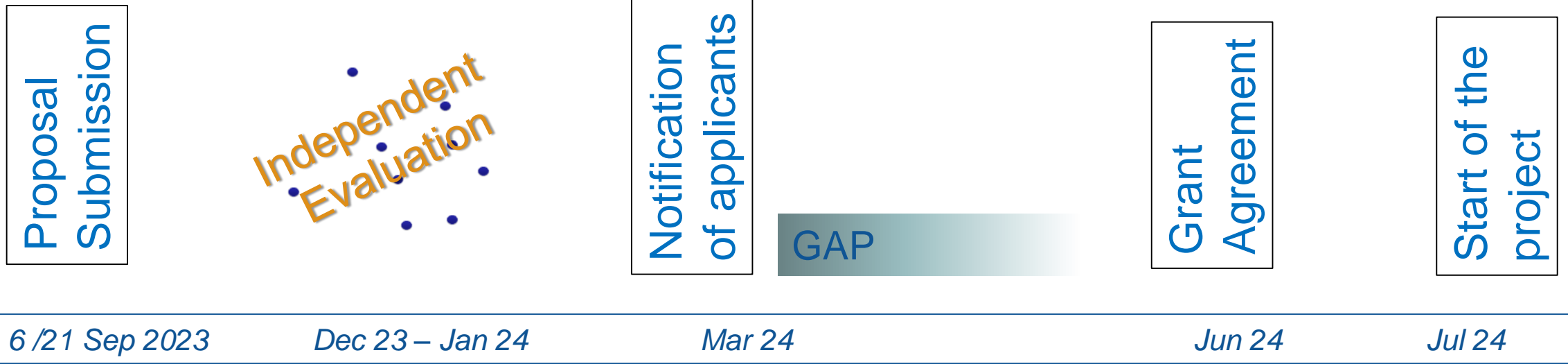
## 5. Bonus points (0 or 2) =

LIFE synergies+Outermost Regions+Result of EU projects+Catalytic potential+Transanationality



| Award criteria                                       | Minimum pass score | Maximum score    | Weighting |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Relevance  | 10                 | 20               | 1         |
| Impact   | 10                 | 20               | 1.5       |
| Quality  | 10                 | 20               | 1         |
| Resources  | 10                 | 20               | 1         |
| <b>Overall weighted (pass) score (without bonus)</b> | <b>55</b>          | <b>90</b>        | N/A       |
| Bonus 1  | N/A                | 2                | 1         |
| Bonus 2  | N/A                | 2                | 1         |
| Bonus 3  | N/A                | 2                | 1         |
| Bonus 4  | N/A                | 2                | 1         |
| Bonus 5  | N/A                | 2                | 1         |
| <b>Overall weighted (pass) scores (with bonus)</b>   | <b>55</b>          | <b>90 to 100</b> | N/A       |

# LIFE SAP Call 2023: tentative evaluation phase



# Recommendations

- Start early ... **start now!**
- Read the relevant **information** and consult your National Contact Point
- Focus your **objectives** and build a credible intervention logic
- Build a relevant **consortium**
- Link the **budget** to activities – check value for money
- Follow the template and instructions when **writing proposal**
- Final polish and **submit multiple times**





# Thank you



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# Applying successfully for LIFE: Financial aspects

**Licínia Pereira**, Sector Operational Finance LIFE



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# Reference documents

## Reference Documents on the EU Funding and Tenders Portal :

- General link : <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=LIFE2027> (legislation, work programme, call documents, grant agreements, guidance, templates etc)
- LIFE MGA (grant agreement) : [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/agr-contr/mga\\_life\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/agr-contr/mga_life_en.pdf)
- LIFE Annotated Grant Agreement : [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf)  
**NB: new version of 1 April 2023**
- Rules for legal entity validation and financial capacity assessment : [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/rules-lev-lear-fca\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/rules-lev-lear-fca_en.pdf)





# Roles in the Grant Agreement (GA)

- **Coordinator (CB)** : contact point towards granting authority + signs the GA
- **Beneficiaries** : other entities that participate as beneficiaries + sign the GA (accession form)
- **Affiliated entities** : similar conditions as Beneficiaries + do not sign GA. Legal/capital link (beyond implementation of the action) BUT respective beneficiary remains responsible
- **Associated partners** : implement certain tasks but do not have the right to charge costs nor claim contributions, do not sign GA
- **Subcontractors** : outsourcing of specific action task(s)
- **Recipients of financial support to third parties**
- **In-kind contributors** : providing a service for free (cost/income not eligible– not counted in terms of budget)



# Roles in the Grant Agreement (GA)

| TYPE   | Works on 'action tasks'?                  | What is eligible for the beneficiary/ affiliated entity?         | Must be indicated in Annex 1 GA? | Conditions for participation  | GA article |
|--|---|--|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| Beneficiaries  | YES                                       | Costs  | YES                              | Must be eligible for funding  | art 7      |
| Affiliated entities                                    | YES                                       | Costs  | YES                              | Must be affiliated or have a legal link and be eligible for funding | art 8      |
| Associated partners                                    | YES                                       | n/a  | YES                              | No specific conditions (APs do not receive funding).                | art 9.1    |
| Third parties contributing to the project              | Participate in the action as contributors | Costs<br>if eligible under the specific Programme (only for HE ) | YES                              |   | art 9.2    |
| Subcontractors   | YES                                       | Invoiced price   | YES                              | Must be best value for money, avoid conflict of interest            | art 9.3    |
| Third parties receiving financial support <sup>2</sup> | Participate in the action as recipients.  | Amount of support given  | YES                              | According to the conditions in Annex 1 GA                           | art 9.4    |





# Establishing your Project Budget (1)

- **Part A** – summarised budget table to be filled online
  - Overall budget per cost category & per beneficiary/ affiliated entity/ associated partner\*
- **Annex** - Detailed budget table to be uploaded
  - Detailed budget per cost category (excel)/per beneficiary/ affiliated entity
  - Further description/ justification/ explanation and breakdown of major costs should be provided to allow evaluation and verification of eligibility
  - NB: Don't forget staff effort for Associated partners
- **Be realistic !**
- **Check the applicability of cost categories in the call document !**



\* APs: Do not claim costs

# Establishing your Project Budget (2) – Part A

| No. | Name of beneficiary | Country | Role | Personnel costs - without volunteers / EUR | Personnel costs – volunteers / EUR | Subcontracting costs/ EUR | Purchase costs - Travel and subsistence/ EUR | Purchase costs - Equipment/ EUR | Purchase costs - Other goods, works and services/ EUR | Indirect costs/ EUR | Total eligible costs/ EUR | Estimated eligible contributions/ EUR | Ineligible costs/ EUR | Total estimated project costs and contributions/ EUR | Maximum EU contribution to eligible costs/ EUR | Requested EU contribution to eligible costs/ EUR | Max grant amount/ EUR | Income generated by the project/ EUR | In kind contributions/ EUR | Financial contributions/ EUR | Own resources/ EUR | Total estimated project income/ EUR |
|-----|---------------------|---------|------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1   |                     |         |      | 0  | 0                                  | 0                         | 0  | 0                               | 0   |                     |                           | 0                                     | 0                     | 0  |  | 0.00   | 0.00                  | 0                                    | 0                          | 0                            | 0                  | 0.00                                |
|     | Total               |         |      |  |                                    |                           |  |                                 |   |                     |                           |                                       |                       |  |  |  |                       |                                      |                            |                              |                    |                                     |



# Establishing your Project Budget (3) – Annex

## Detailed Budget Table

[proposal acronym]

### Important:

You may add rows but no additional tabs. This may result in your proposal being considered inadmissible.

Please ensure that the file can be printed on a format of 1 page wide (number of pages depending on the number of participants).

Please make sure that the figures in this table are consistent with the total budget provided in part A section 3 of the application.

In case of inconsistencies, part A will prevail.

### Staff effort allocation

Fill in the effort per work package and Beneficiary/Affiliated Entity.

Please indicate the number of person-months over the whole duration of the planned work.

Adapt the columns to the number of work packages in your proposal.

Identify the work-package leader for each work package by showing the relevant person-month figure in bold.

| Participant Number/Short Name | WP1 | WP2 | WP3 | WP4 | WP5 | WP6 | WPx... | Total |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|
| 1.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 2.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 3.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 4.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 5.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 6.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 7.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 8.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 9.                            |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| 10.                           |     |     |     |     |     |     |        | 0     |
| Total person-months           | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     |





# Establishing your Project Budget (4) – Annex

## Personnel costs

Present your estimated "Personnel costs" split into 3 categories as per the table below. If you do not have any personnel costs falling under "A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries" or "A.5 Volunteers", all personnel costs should be budgeted under "A1. Employees (or equivalent); A2. Natural persons under direct contract and A3. Seconded Persons".

For A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries: please note that as per Annex 2a of the LIFE General Model Grant Agreement (MGA), a unit cost is applied to this cost category. The units are the days spent working on the action (rounded up to the nearest half-day) and the amount per unit (daily rate) is calculated according to the following formula:

{EUR 5 080 / 18 days = EUR 282,22 per day} multiplied by {country-specific correction coefficient of the country where the beneficiary is established}

Note that the country specific correction coefficient to use is the one applied for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA). Yearly rates are published in the Horizon Europe Work Programme – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions under the funding and tender portal Reference Documents (work programme and call documents section), available at <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=HORIZON>.

| Participant Number/Short Name | Country | Number of person months (staff effort per beneficiary) | Average monthly salary rate | A1. Employees (or equivalent); A2. Natural persons under direct contract and A3. Seconded Persons (costs) | A.4 SME owners and natural person (sole trader) beneficiaries (Unit costs in €) | Subtotal personnel costs without volunteers (A1+A2+A3+A4) - must be the same as in part A section 3 | A.5 Volunteers (Unit costs) must be the same as in part A section 3 | Total Personnel costs |
|-------------------------------|---------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| 1.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 2.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 3.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 4.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 5.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 6.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 7.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 8.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 9.                            |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| 10.                           |         | 0  | #DIV/0!                     |   |   | 0 €   |   | 0 €                   |
| <b>Total</b>                  |         | <b>0 €</b>   |                             | <b>0 €</b>  | <b>0 €</b>  | <b>0 €</b>  | <b>0 €</b>  | <b>0 €</b>            |



# Establishing your Project Budget (5) – Annex

## Subcontracting

Give details on subcontracted action tasks (if any) and explain the reasons why (as opposed to direct implementation by the participants).

**Subcontracting** — Subcontracting means the implementation of action tasks, i.e. specific tasks which are part of the action and are described in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

*Note: Subcontracting concerns the outsourcing of a part of the action to a party outside the Consortium. It is not simply about purchasing goods or services. We normally expect the participants to have sufficient operational capacity to implement the project activities themselves. Sub-contracting should therefore be exceptional.*

*Include only subcontracts that comply with the rules (i.e. best value for money and no conflict of interest; coordinator tasks can normally not be subcontracted).*

| Participant Number/Short Name  | Subcontract Description      | Cost (€)   | WP | Justification<br>(Why is subcontracting necessary?) |
|--|------------------------------|------------|----|---|
|  |                              |            |    |   |
|  |                              |            |    |   |
|  |                              |            |    |   |
|  |                              |            |    |   |
|  |                              |            |    |   |
|  | <b>Total estimated costs</b> | <b>0 €</b> |    |   |
| If subcontracting for the entire project goes beyond 30% of the total eligible costs, give specific reasons. | Insert text                  |            |    |   |

## Other direct costs

Please complete the table below for each participant. If required add further tables at the end of this work sheet (one per participant).

Please ensure that the information provided is sufficient to assess the relevance of the costs in relation to the activities proposed. For major cost items add lines below, in order to provide a detailed breakdown within one cost category.

For major items listed in the justification column, indicate the work package / task to which they belong.

For equipment and infrastructure, please explain if the cost represents the full cost or the depreciation.

| Participant Number/Short Name (1)  | Cost (€)   | Justification |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Travel & subsistence               |            |               |
| Equipment (incl. infrastructure)   |            |               |
| Other goods, works and services    |            |               |
| Financial support to third parties |            |               |
| Land purchase                      |            |               |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>0 €</b> |               |





# Establishing your Project Budget (6)

- Check your **call document** and Art. 6 MGA : **Eligible and ineligible costs**
- Only amounts in **EUR**
- **Indirect costs = flat rate of 7%** on direct costs (except Volunteer/ Land Purchase costs)  
except for calls where indirect costs are not eligible
- **Indirect costs covered by an operating grant are not eligible UNLESS** it is demonstrate in the accounting system that the operating grant does not cover any costs of the action grant.
- **Unit costs for daily rates can be found in Annex 2a of the MGA**  
([https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/agr-contr/mga\\_life\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/agr-contr/mga_life_en.pdf))
  - SME Owner Unit costs – Coefficients to be used can be found in the Horizon Europe Work Programme (section Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions) **in force at the time of the call** : [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-2-msca-actions\\_horizon-2023-2024\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-2-msca-actions_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf) (page 112)
  - Volunteer Costs – daily rates per country



# Maximum EU Funding of Eligible Costs (1)

## **ACTION GRANTS:** Different % depending on the type of action

- Standard Action Projects : 60%
  - except Nature & Biodiversity => 75 % (exclusively priority habitats/species) & 67% (priority & non-priority habitats/species).
- Strategic Nature & Integrated Projects : 60%
- Technical Assistance Projects (**TA-PP** and **TA-R** 60%, **TA-CAP** 95%)
- Other Actions : 60%-90%-95%-100%

## **OPERATING GRANTS:** 70%



# Maximum EU Funding of Eligible Costs (2)

- The system will calculate for each beneficiary the **theoretical max. amount of EU Funding** that can be requested
- Each beneficiary will have to **enter manually the EU Funding requested** → can be lower than the maximum in case of funding from other co-financers, income of the project, higher own funding...
- The 'maximum grant amount' is the **maximum grant amount decided by the EU**. It normally corresponds to the requested EU Funding but may be lower.
- The amount at interim/final payment stage shall not be higher than the amount of EU funding fixed in the grant agreement.





# Payment conditions

- For most actions:
  - further pre-financing(s) and final payment
- For some actions:
  - Interim payment(s) and final payment (e.g. Strategic Nature & Integrated Projects and PLP)
  - Final payment (e.g. TA-PPs)



# Eligible Costs – Art 6 MGA – Actual Costs

- **Actually incurred by beneficiary/ affiliated entity AND during duration of the project** (Art 4) - except final reporting (Art 21)
- **Belong to budget categories of the call (foreseen in GA)**
- **Directly related** to the action and **necessary** for the implementation (costs indirectly related via cost drivers are not to be included under the direct actual costs)
- **Identifiable and verifiable**, in the **accounts of the beneficiary**
- Compliant with applicable **national law on taxes, labour and social security**
- **reasonable, justified** and must comply with the principle of **sound financial management**



# Eligible Costs – Art 6 MGA – Unit Costs & Flat Rate

- Declared under the **correct budget category**
- Costs to which the flat rate is applied need to be eligible
- Related to the **period of the action** (Art 4) except for final reporting (Art 21)
- Unit costs should be **necessary** for the implementation
- Number of units must be **identifiable and verifiable**, in particular supported by records and documentation (Art 20) -> proof of units used





# Direct Costs (Art. 6.2)

- **Direct costs** are costs directly related to the action and necessary for its implementation (costs indirectly related via cost drivers are not to be included under the direct actual costs)
  - **A. Personnel costs**  
(A.1 Employees, A.2 Natural persons under direct contract, A.3 Seconded persons, A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries, A.5 Volunteers)
  - **B. Subcontracting costs**
  - **C. Purchase costs**  
(C.1 Travel and subsistence, C.2 Equipment, C.3 Other goods, works and services)
  - **D. Other cost categories**  
(D.1 Financial support to third parties, D.2 Land purchase)





# Direct Eligible Costs – A. Personnel

- **A1 Costs for employees or equivalent** limited to salaries, social security contributions, taxes and other costs linked to the remuneration, if they arise from national law or the employment contract (or equivalent appointing act)
- **A2 Natural persons** working under a direct contract other than employment contract & **A3 Seconded persons** by a third party against payment IF
  - work under conditions similar to those of an employee (i.e. the way the work is organised, the tasks that are performed and the premises where they are performed)
  - result of the work belongs to the beneficiary (unless agreed otherwise)
- **A4 SME Owners or natural persons (Sole Traders)** (*owners/sole traders not receiving a salary – unit cost*)
- **A5 Volunteers** (persons who freely work for an organisation, on a *non-compulsory basis and without being paid – unit cost*)





# Direct Eligible Costs – A. Personnel

## **A1 Costs for employees or equivalent** – Calculation is as follows :

- For the budget :

Project cost employee = (average annual salary cost of employee / 12) \* person-months on project

Nr of day equivalents to be budgeted per person per year **cannot be higher than 215 !!!**

## **A2 & A3 Costs for natural persons/seconded personnel**

- calculated on the basis of the actual contract/secondment rate which must not be significantly different from those for personnel performing similar tasks under an employment contract with the beneficiary





# Direct Eligible Costs – A. Personnel

## A4 SME Owners and natural persons not receiving a salary and A5 Volunteers

- **Unit costs** as in Annex 2a
- For SME owners/natural persons :  $\{\text{EUR } 5\,080 / 18 \text{ days} = 282,22\} \times \{\text{country-specific correction coefficient of the country where the beneficiary is established}\}$

## A5 Volunteers

- **Unit costs** as in Annex 2a
- Maximum **50% of the total project costs** and contributions estimated in the proposal
- Maximum EU contribution cannot be higher than the **total eligible costs without volunteers**.
- **At reporting** : May not exceed the maximum amount for volunteers for each beneficiary set out in Annex 2





# Direct Eligible Costs – B. Subcontracting

- Fulfil the **general eligibility conditions**
- awarded using the beneficiary's **usual purchasing practices** — provided these ensure ***best value for money*** (or if appropriate the lowest price) and ***no conflict of interests***
- may cover only a **limited part of the action** UNLESS properly justified for some calls
- Beneficiaries that are '**contracting authorities/entities**' within the meaning of the EU Directives on public procurement must also comply with the applicable national law on **public procurement**





# Direct Eligible Costs – B. Subcontracting

Main differences between subcontracting and purchase costs:

| Subcontracts  | Contracts/Purchases  |
|---|--|
| Subcontracts concern the implementation of 'action tasks', i.e. parts of the project/project tasks that have been outsourced. | Purchases concern travel, equipment and goods and services that are necessary for the beneficiaries to implement the work (can range from big equipment to petty goods). |
| The price for the subcontracts will be declared as 'Subcontracting costs' in the financial statement.                         | The price for these contracts will be declared in one of the 'Purchase costs' columns in the financial statement.  |

Examples :

- contract for an audit certificate on the financial statements, translation of documents, publication of brochures = **purchase costs**
- contract for transportation = **purchase cost** unless it is part of a bigger package like the de-commissioning/transportation/re-installation of equipment = subcontracting)
- contract for meeting rooms, catering for a meeting = **purchase costs** unless it is the full organisation of a meeting (i.e. 'action task') then it is subcontracting
- contract for hiring IPR consultants/legal expert/IT consultant (i.e. just hiring expertise) = **purchase costs**
- contract for the carrying out of energy audits in the frame of the project (i.e. 'action task') = **subcontracting**



In case of doubt = subcontracting

# Direct Eligible Costs – C. Purchase Costs

## C1 Travel and Subsistence (travel/accommodation/subsistence) :

- actual incurred and in line with usual practices

## C2 Equipment (Equipment/Infrastructure/Other assets) => check call document !

- **OPTION 1 : depreciation of costs :**
  - **Actually incurred** costs and written off in accordance with international accounting standards and the beneficiary's usual accounting practices
  - Only **portion of the costs that corresponds to the rate of actual use** for the action
  - **Costs for renting or leasing** if they do not exceed the depreciation costs of similar equipment (excl financing fees)



# Direct Eligible Costs – C. Purchase Costs

## C2 Equipment (Equipment/Infrastructure/Other assets):

- **OPTION 2: Full cost** (Annex 5 – Durability) + depreciation for listed equipment
  - Standard Action Projects, Strategic Nature Projects and Strategic Integrated Projects
  - Purchased/developed **specifically for the action**
  - Commitment to use and maintain it after the end of the action, for activities pursuing the action's objectives. For **at least five years after the end of the action or until the end of its economic lifespan** (i.e. fully depreciated) — whichever is earlier.'
  - Cost is **recorded under a fixed asset account** of the beneficiary in compliance with **international accounting standards** and the beneficiary's **usual cost accounting practices**.







# Direct Eligible Costs – C. Purchase Costs

## C3 Other goods, works and services:

- Costs actually incurred
- can include e.g. consumables and supplies, promotion, dissemination, protection of results, translations, publications, certificates and financial guarantees, if required under the Agreement
- NB: CFS required when threshold of requested EU contribution to costs  $\geq$  EUR 500 000 per beneficiary and affiliated entity is reached\*

\* EUR 100 000 for operating grants





# Direct Eligible Costs – D. Other Cost Categories

## D1 Financial Support to third parties :

- in the form of grants, prizes or similar forms of support; if any
- are eligible if
  - in line with the call conditions (max amount per action/third party)
  - they fulfil the general eligibility conditions
  - calculated on the basis of the costs actually incurred
  - the support is implemented in accordance with the **conditions set out in Annex I** which must ensure objective and transparent selection procedures





# Direct Eligible Costs – D. Other Cost Categories

## D1 Financial Support to third parties :

- conditions in Annex I must ensure objective and transparent selection procedures and include at least the following:
  - Grants :
    - Amount per third party & criteria for calculating the amount
    - Different types of activity that qualify for financial support (closed list) + the persons or categories of persons that will be supported
    - the criteria and procedures for giving financial support
  - Prizes :
    - Eligibility & Award Criteria
    - Amount of the prize
    - payment arrangements





# Direct Eligible Costs – D. Other Cost Categories

## D2 Land Purchase :

- from private entities
- incl long-term lease of land or one-off compensations for land use rights
- are eligible if
  - in line with the call conditions
  - they fulfil the general eligibility conditions
  - calculated on the basis of the costs actually incurred
  - they are compliant with the land purchase criteria



# Direct Eligible Costs – D. Other Cost Categories

## D2 Land Purchase criteria :

- contributes to **improving, maintaining and restoring** the integrity of the **Natura 2000** network
- is the **only or most cost-effective way** of achieving the desired conservation outcome
- is reserved in the long term for **uses consistent with the specific objectives of the LIFE Programme**
- the Member State concerned ensures the **long-term assignment** of such land to **nature conservation purposes** and the beneficiary documents this by ensuring that
  - the **entry into the land register** includes a condition that the land will be assigned definitively to **nature conservation**
  - or, if there is no land register or such a condition is not possible under national law, that such a **condition is either included in the land sale contract or guaranteed by equivalent means.**



# Direct Eligible Costs – D. Other Cost Categories

## D2 Land Purchase :

- **private beneficiaries should** ensure the **long-term conservation** by making sure that :
  - the entry into the land register includes a condition that, in case of their dissolution or incapacity to manage the land according to nature conservation requirements, the **property will be transferred to an entity primarily active in the field of nature protection**
  - or, if there is no land register or such a condition is not possible under national law, that such a condition is either **included in the land sale contract or guaranteed by equivalent means**
- for **purchases of partial rights**: the entry into the land register duly reflects the long-term nature conservation objectives and the requirements set out in this Article in the MGA
- for **land purchased to be exchanged at a later date for another parcel on which the action will be undertaken**: the exchange is carried out before the end of the action and the land exchanged complies with the requirements set out in this Article in the MGA
- for **long-term leases**: the lease is of at least 20 years and includes provisions and commitments that ensure the achievement of its objectives in terms of habitat and species protection





# Direct Eligible Costs – E. Indirect Costs

## E Indirect costs :

- If foreseen under the related call, will be reimbursed at the flat rate of **7%** of the eligible direct costs (categories A-D, except volunteers' costs and land purchase costs).
- **ATTENTION** : No flat rate in case costs are covered by an operating grant (grant financing the functioning costs of the entity)



# Ineligible costs (1)

- **Costs not complying with the definition of an eligible cost, e.g. :**
  - **dividends**
  - debt & debt service charges, provisions for future losses and debts
  - interest owed, currency exchange losses
  - bank costs charged by the beneficiary's bank for transfers from the granting authority
  - excessive or reckless expenditure
  - **deductible or refundable VAT** (including VAT paid by public bodies acting as public authority)
  - costs incurred or contributions for activities implemented during grant agreement suspension
  - **in-kind contributions** by third parties





# Ineligible costs (2)

- **Costs or contributions declared under other EU grants (or grants awarded by an EU Member State, non-EU country or other body implementing the EU budget** unless exception as stated in the MGA e.g. if the action grant is combined with an operating grant running during the same period and the beneficiary can demonstrate that the operating grant does not cover any (direct or indirect) costs of the action grant
- **costs or contributions for staff of a national (or regional/local) administration, for activities that are part of the administration's normal activities** (i.e. not undertaken only because of the grant)
- **costs or contributions (especially travel and subsistence) for staff or representatives of EU institutions, bodies or agencies**
- costs specifically declared ineligible in the related call



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# LIFE Calls 2023

## Sub-programmes and types of projects funded



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# The LIFE programme

- The LIFE programme as a whole constitutes a 100% contribution to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal.
- The only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action.
- LIFE is over 30 years 'young'
- For the years 2021-2027, a budget of 5.43 billion €.
- The multiannual work programme for 2021-2024 was adopted in July 2021.
- Call 2023 budget: 611 million €



# The LIFE Programme 2021-2027

To contribute to the shift to a circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy based- and climate resilient economy

To protect and improve the quality of the environment

To halt and reverse biodiversity loss



**Nature and Biodiversity**



**Circular Economy and Quality of Life**



**Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**



**Clean Energy Transition**

## Projects

- Develop and demonstrate innovative techniques and approaches to solving environmental challenges
- Help to implement plans and strategies, required by EU legislation.
- Promote best practices and behavioral changes
- Catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful solutions

## Impact

- Support the development, monitoring and implementation of EU environment & climate policy
- Provide models to copy and upscale

## Project beneficiaries are:

- 1/3 private enterprises
- 1/3 NGOs and civil society organisations
- 1/3 public authorities



# Sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity



**Nature and  
Biodiversity**

## Contribution to:

- Halting and reversing biodiversity loss.
- Supporting Natura 2000 network and Prioritised Action Frameworks.
- Mainstreaming nature and biodiversity objectives into other policies and financing programmes.

## Typical actions

Projects supporting nature conservation and restoration in the Natura 2000 network.

Species protection.

Invasive Alien Species

Ecosystem restoration and much more ...

Integrated implementation of PAF or other plans under the Biodiversity Strategy; mainstreaming biodiversity

Financing of small-scale grants, particularly in Overseas Countries and Territories and Outermost Regions



# Sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of life



Circular Economy  
and Quality of Life

## Contribution in the areas of:

- circular economy, noise, air, chemicals, green and circular economy, industrial accidents, marine and coastal management, noise, soil, waste, water, and the urban environment.

## Typical actions

Support to public authorities and other stakeholders to implement EU environment legislation.

Support to technologies and solutions that are ready to be implemented in close-to-market conditions, at industrial or commercial scale, during the project duration.

Integrated projects beyond air, water, waste to other areas such as circular economy.

Promote upscale and access to finance.





# Sub-programme Climate Mitigation and Adaptation



Climate Change  
Mitigation and  
Adaptation

## Contribution to:

- The transformation of the European Union into a climate-neutral and -resilient society, especially through:
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate Change Adaptation & Related Governance



On **climate mitigation**, projects that contribute significantly to the implementation of:

- the 2030 energy and climate policy
- the EU Member States' National Energy and Climate Plans
- European Union's mid-century and long-term climate and energy strategy

On **climate adaptation**:

- projects that support the implementation of the new EU adaptation strategy and related national implementation



# The sub-programme Clean Energy Transition

predecessors: Intelligent Energy Europe continued under H2020- SC3- market uptake



Clean Energy  
Transition



Type of activities: developing and spreading best practice, mobilising investments, improving skills, removing market barriers, raising awareness, educating, empowering.



# Clean Energy Transition: areas of intervention



Clean Energy  
Transition

- Building a national, regional and local **policy framework** supporting the clean energy transition
- Accelerating **technology roll-out, digitalisation, new services and business models** and enhancement of the related **professional skills** on the market
- Attracting private **finance** for sustainable energy

- Supporting the development of local and regional **investment** projects
- Involving and **empowering citizens** in the clean energy transition

# Types of activities funded under LIFE

## Grants

- **Action grants:**
  - Standard Action projects (SAPs)
  - Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)
  - Strategic Nature Projects (SNaPs)
  - Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)
  - Preparatory projects addressing ad hoc Legislative and Policy Priorities (PLP)
  - Technical Assistance (TA-PP and TA-R)
- **Operating grants** *(call restricted to entities that signed a LIFE Framework Partnership Agreement)*

## Other Forms of Funding

- **Procurement** *(not in this call)*
- **Prizes** *(not in this call)*
- **Blending** *(not in this call)*



# Standard action projects (SAPs)

- **‘Traditional’ LIFE projects aimed to:**
  - develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches;
  - contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practices;
  - support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;
  - catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance
- **Co-financing rate of 60% maximum except:**
  - 67% for project targeting both priority and non-priority habitats and/or species
  - 75% for projects targeting exclusively priority habitats and/or species
- **Maximum 10-year duration**



# Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)

- **Co-financing rate of 60% maximum**
- **Maximum 14-year duration**
- **Circular Economy and Quality of Life:**
  - Circular Economy: national or Regional Circular Economy Action Plans, Strategies, Roadmaps or similar
  - Waste: national and regional Waste Management Plans and/or Waste Prevention Programmes
  - Water: River Basin Management Plans, Flood Risk Management Plans, Marine Strategies
  - Air: Air quality plans pursuant to the Ambient Air Quality Directive, National Air Pollution Control Programmes
- **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:**
  - National Energy and Climate Plans;
  - National Energy Efficiency Action Plans;
  - National or regional adaptation strategies or action plans;
  - Urban or community-based action plans pioneering the transition to a climate neutral and/or climate resilient society;
  - National, regional or industry-/sector-specific greenhouse gas mitigation strategies or economy roadmaps contributing to climate neutrality



# Strategic Nature Projects (SNaPs)

→ **Not in 2023 call**

- **Focused on the implementation of**
  - the Prioritised Action Frameworks pursuant to the Habitats Directive
  - other plans or strategies adopted at international, national, regional or multiregional level by nature and biodiversity authorities
- **Require mainstreaming of biodiversity objectives into other policies and instruments**
- **Co-financing rate of 60% maximum**
- **Maximum 14-year duration**



# Operating grants for NGOs

- **Two-steps application**
  - Framework partnership agreement (FPA) - successful applicants sign a long-term agreement (3 budget years – 2022-2024) – **NOT in this call ! Next call in 2024.**
  - Specific grant agreement (SGA). **Only organisations that sign an FPA can be considered for SGA**
- **Co-financing rate of 70% maximum**
- **Maximum 1 year duration for SGAs**





# Technical assistance projects (TA-PP)

- **TA-PP: support to the preparation of SNaPs and SIPs (TA-PP)**
  - Co-financing rate of maximum 60%, maximum LIFE contribution of EUR 70 000



# Technical assistance projects (TA-R)

- **TA-R: LIFE Technical Assistance for Replication (i)**

**NOVELTY**

- Preparation for facilitating the up-scaling and replication of results from other projects funded by the LIFE Programme, its predecessor programmes or other EU funding programmes
- For the LIFE23 Call only proposals in the field of 'Environment' (i.e. 'Nature and Biodiversity' and 'Circular Economy and Quality of Life')
- The TA-R projects could co-finance the activities necessary:
  - (1) to prepare or remove impediment to the up-scaling and/or replication of the results of previous LIFE projects or of other Union programmes, as long as they contribute to the objectives of the LIFE programme.
  - (2) to facilitate the access of an action contributing to the LIFE objectives, to other financial instruments.



# Technical assistance projects (TA-R)

- **TA-R: LIFE Technical Assistance for Replication (ii)**

**NOVELTY**

- it should exceed the replication/transfer efforts and objectives foreseen in the preceding LIFE project and/or it should address issues emerging during a LIFE project that could not be solved during its duration, despite being extremely relevant for the success and sustainability of the project's results. In case of proposals based on other EU-funding programmes, similar criteria will be applied.
- Only proposals in the field of 'Environment' (i.e. 'Nature and Biodiversity' and 'Circular Economy and Quality of Life') – for the LIFE23 call
- 60% co-funding ; Call budget 6.5 M€ ; Opening April 2023
- Deadline for submission: 27 July 2023
- Grant Agreement signature: foreseen around February - March 2024



# Other action grants – Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)

- CSAs are the standard type of grant for the CET sub-programme
- Breaking market barriers to the clean energy transition through capacity building, dissemination of information and knowledge, awareness raising
- Policy-driven, prescriptive call topics
  - A tightly pre-defined scope of the proposal;
  - Engagement of multiple stakeholders and large transnational consortiums;
  - EU-widely validated results feeding into EU policy making;
- Co-financing rate of 95% maximum
- Usual duration of projects between 18 and 36 months
- No infrastructure costs, mainly labor costs



# Other action grants – PLP

Projects focused on current policy priorities – one grant per topic;  
3 of the 15 topics focus specifically on Ukraine and/or Moldova



# Calls 2023 – Overview

| Call                                       | Enveloppe indicative (M€) | Opening date | Closing date | Indicative grant signature date |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| SAP – Nature and Biodiversity              | 148,4                     | 18/04/23     | 06/09/23     | June 2024                       |
| SAP – Circular economy and quality of life | 81                        | 18/04/23     | 06/09/23     | June 2024                       |
| SAP –Climate Mitigation and Adpatation     | 66,3                      | 18/04/23     | 21/09/23     | June 2024                       |
| CSA – Clean Energy Transition              | 99                        | 11/05/23     | 16/11/23     | June 2024                       |



| Call   | Enveloppe indicative (M€) | Opening date  | Closing date   | Indicative grant signature date                                       |
|--|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| SNaP – Strategic Nature Projects                 | No call in 2023           |   |  |   |
| SIP - Circular economy and quality of life       | 52,8                      | Phase 1 (CN):<br>18/04/23<br>Phase 2 (FP):<br>November 2023 | Phase 1 (CN):<br>05/09/23<br>Phase 2 (FP):<br>05/03/24 | November 2024   |
| SIP – Climate Mitigation and Adaptation          | 30                        |   |  |   |
| PLP – Policy and Legislative Priorities Projects | 14,9                      | 18/04/23  | 07/09/23   | November 2023<br>(Bauhaus-Phoenix-Emerald)<br>March 2024 (the others) |
| TA-PP  | 0,9                       | 18/04/23  | 07/09/23   | December 2023   |
| TA-R   | 6,5                       | 18/04/23  | 27/07/23   | March 2024  |



# Applying successfully for LIFE: how does it work?



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# Key Challenges



- There is **significant competition** for LIFE funds
- New **IT environment** and **applications forms**
- Proposals that **fail are either poorly prepared** or simply with limited ambition or risk taking
- But: Key to success is always the same!



# Must read

- LIFE Web site [https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life\\_en](https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en) – **LIFE project database**
- **Call documents** ([Funding & tender opportunities portal](#))
- **LIFE Regulation and Multi-annual work-programme**
- As relevant, specific information, guidelines designed by your **National Contact Point**



# Project Design - I

- **Baseline description should be clear** enough as it is essential for evaluating the potential of the project (AW1)
- The **sequence of actions should be logical** and clearly linked to project description (AW1 - AW2)
- Expected results and quantitative **estimations of projects impacts** (during and after project end) (AW3)



# Project Design - II

- **Activities/plans to ensure sustainability** of the project results are absolutely crucial! (AW3)
- **Uptake and Replication** needs to be taken into account and **related project actions** need to be well conceived (AW3)
- Clear **description of beneficiary involved** in specific actions (AW2 - AW4)



# Project Design - III

- Limit the number of **actions to the ones essential** to achieve the project objectives
- Coherence in **description and output in Part B and in the Work Packages**
- **Partnership** structure: look for complementarity and avoid redundancy of expertise (key stakeholders should be involved)
- Project duration should take into account:
  - Sufficient time to **gather information** about the impact of project activities
  - Delays in **obtaining permits and authorisations**
  - **Buffer** to allow for unexpected events
- Make sure you meet the **communication requirements**
  - Think about **platform meetings** and **networking events**



# Project Design Full Proposal

## Good design

Solid analysis of the problem, state of play and solution proposed (baseline)

Key stakeholders involved (incl. users)

Robust assessment of impacts over the life cycle of the solution proposed

Clear strategy on how to sustain and multiply the impacts

## Common problems

Insufficient background information (why, who and how)

Rationale for projects is defined during the project

Objectives too broad, too many

Poor partnership (partners don't fit regarding know-how or insufficient budget)

Over-optimistic / unrealistic or lack of quantification of impacts

Replication confused with networking and dissemination

Vague plans to sustain the project/results after project end



# Thank you

