



LIFE+

## Beneficiaries

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Public and/or private bodies and institutions may receive financing through LIFE+. Only expenditure in the EU countries is eligible at present, although the future participation of

certain other countries is possible.

## Further information

The full text of the LIFE+ Regulation and information for each LIFE+ component – including details of how to apply for funding, project selection criteria and application forms – can be found at:

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

The LIFE homepage (<http://europa.eu.int/life>) also contains information on the LIFE III programme and projects, including a user-friendly database of all LIFE projects funded since 1992.

## Contacts

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

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## Environment



# LIFE+ 2007-2013

## EU Funding for the Environment

Information available online

<http://ec.europa.eu/life>



## The three Components of LIFE+

### 1 LIFE+ Nature & Biodiversity

The Nature & Biodiversity component continues and extends the former LIFE Nature programme. It will co-finance best practice or demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives and the Natura 2000 network.

In addition, it will co-finance innovative or demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Commission Communication on "Halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010 – and beyond". At least 50% of the LIFE+ budget for project co-financing will be dedicated to projects concerning the conservation of nature and biodiversity.



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### 2 LIFE+ Environment Policy & Governance

The Environment Policy & Governance component continues and extends the former LIFE Environment programme. It will co-finance innovative or pilot projects that contribute to the implementation of European environmental policy and the development



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of innovative policy ideas, technologies, methods and instruments. It will also help monitor pressures (including the long-term monitoring of forests and environmental interactions) on our environment.

### 3 LIFE+ Information & Communication

This new component will co-finance projects relating to communication and awareness raising campaigns on environmental, nature protection or biodiversity conservation issues, as well as projects related to forest fire prevention (awareness raising, special training).

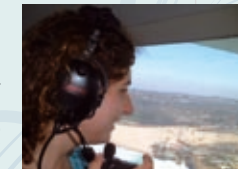


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## €1.7 billion for environment projects

LIFE+ is the European Union's means to provide money for environmental projects.

Covering the period 2007-2013, LIFE+ will provide some €1.7 billion for projects linked to nature conservation, environmental technology and the communication of environmental matters.

LIFE+ has three components: LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity, LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance, and LIFE+ Information and Communication.



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## Project selection

The European Commission organises annual calls for proposals for projects and, with the help of external experts, will select, revise and monitor the projects and be responsible for



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making the appropriate payments. Member States forward project proposals to the Commission, may set national priorities and may prepare comments on proposals, in particular in relation to national annual priorities.

The Commission aims to ensure a sound geographic distribution of projects by establishing indicative annual allocations for each Member State. These are based on population and the area of Natura 2000 sites.



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