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LIFE CLIMATE ACTION Sub-programme
2014-2017

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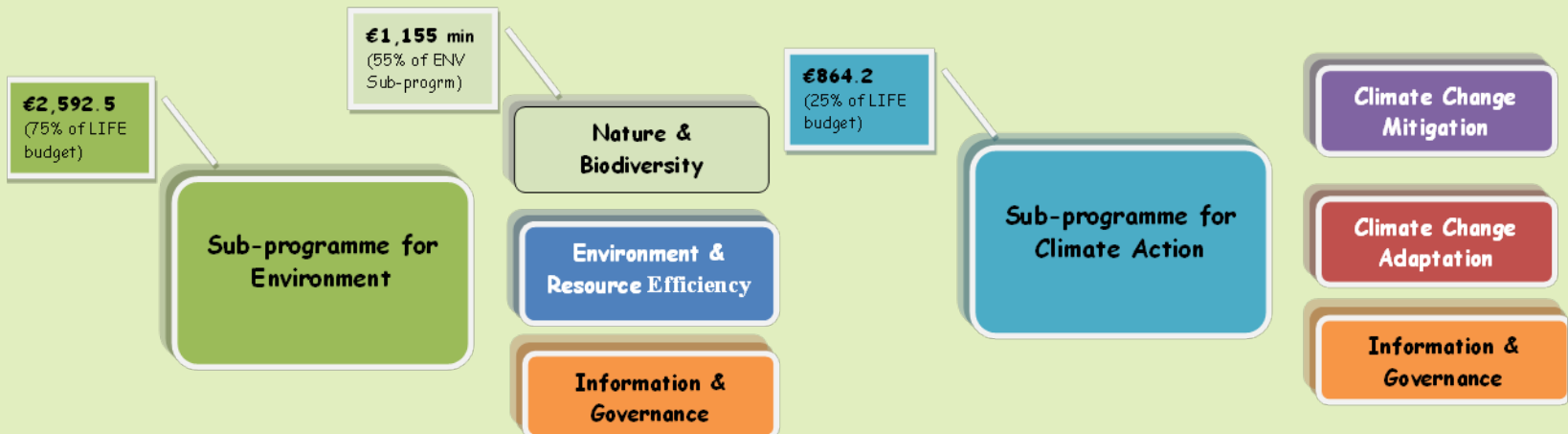
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LIFE 2014/2020 Programme Structure and Budget

LIFE Programme
€3,456.7 (2014-2020)





LIFE Climate Action: New elements

- **Specific Climate Action sub-programme**
- **Multiannual Work Programmes** (for 4+3 years)
- **Geographical Scope:** Exceptionally outside Union territory or in Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT's), emphasis on transnational projects.
- **Funding types:** Innovative financial instruments
- **Actors:**
 - Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME): All grants management
 - European Investment Bank and local banks
 - National Contact Points (NCP) for counselling and guidance
 - DG Climate Action



LIFE Sub-programme for Climate Action

- ➔ **Three priority areas:**
 - ➔ **Climate Change Mitigation - CCM**
 - ➔ **Climate Change Adaptation - CCA**
 - ➔ **Climate Governance and Information – GIC (not INP)**

- ➔ **Demonstration, pilot projects, best practice projects as well as governance and information projects**





LIFE 2014-2017 – New Priorities & Focus

→ Focus:

- Preferred **climate policy priorities** for **action grant projects**

→ Projects Types:

- In **2014** only **action grant projects** and **capacity building projects** plus **operating grants**
- In **2015** also **integrated projects** and **technical assistance**

→ Funding rate:

- **Up to 60% of eligible cost** in the first 4 years; **100%** for **capacity building**

→ No national allocations:

- Projects selected based on **merit only**



The new actor EASME

Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

- One of the six Executive Agencies of the European Commission
- Responsible for **managing programmes for the Commission** since 2005...
- ... coupled with **policy feedback and communication of results to the "parent" DGs**
- Programmes managed: **LIFE 2014-2017, CIP Eco-innovation, Intelligent Energy Europe, COSME, Horizon 2020 Energy, Environment and Resources and SME instrument, European Maritime and Fisheries Fund**



EASME - Managing the LIFE programme

- **What?** All Climate Action grants will be managed by EASME
- **When?** As of **1 May 2014**. Transitional phase until the call is launched mid-June for action grant projects and capacity building projects. EASME in charge of call for capacity building projects and operating grants
- **Who?** EASME Unit "**LIFE and CIP Eco-innovation**", a team of ~**35** project and financial officers with project management experience and technical background
- **How?** Continue work with an **external monitoring team** and **external evaluation team, technical and financial desk officers; simplify** where possible (e.g. the new Common Provisions set a higher threshold for moves within the project budget)
- **Responsibilities:** technical and financial programme management; policy feedback and communication of results to DG CLIMA



LIFE Climate Action

2014 (joint publication with ENV)

- ➔ Call for proposals for action grants specific for Climate Action
- ➔ Call for capacity building grants for up to 15 Member States lagging behind in the use of LIFE+ (only 2014)
- ➔ Call for operating grants to NGOs in September

2015 (in addition)

- ➔ Integrated projects on climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and action plans
- ➔ Technical assistance to prepare for integrated projects



Climate Action: Climate Change Mitigation (CCM)

- **Integrated climate change mitigation projects** implementing established Union, national or regional climate change mitigation plans (see LIFE Regulation and MAWP 2014-2017)
- **Small scale pilot** (=innovative, but not research!), **demonstration and best practice** projects
- Projects funded by the **financial instrument Private Finance for Energy Efficiency (PF4EE)**
- **Emphasis** for 2014 on **land use management and agriculture**



CCM – topics of interest

- **Land use sector:**
 - e.g. landscape and land management strategies and practices which limit emissions, particularly organic soils,
 - conservation of natural carbon sinks
- Greenhouse gas **monitoring and accounting** of land use
 - e.g. projects which improve monitoring and accounting of carbon stocks, effects of loss of grasslands or peatlands,
 - Contribution to LULUCF accounting rules



CCM – topics of interest

- Sustainable use of solid **biomass**
 - e.g. new approaches for production, consumption of biomass, in a sustainable way.
 - transformation into long term carbon stores.
- **Agriculture:**
 - e.g. implementation of low carbon farming practices with a transformational impact, or which increase carbon storage / levels of organic soil matter.
 - analysis and development of improvements for existing climate measures under the CAP.



Climate Action: Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)

- **Integrated climate change adaptation projects**, e.g. implementing Union, national or regional climate change adaptation plans (see LIFE Regulation and MAWP 2014-2017)
- **Small scale pilot** (=innovative, but not research!), **demonstration and best practice** projects
- Projects funded by the **financial instrument Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCFF)**



Climate change adaptation (CCA)

Areas of particular interest:

- Cross-border management of **floods**, fostering collaborative agreements based on the EU Floods Directive
- Trans-boundary **coastal management**, with emphasis on densely populated deltas and coastal cities
- Mainstreaming adaptation into **urban** land use planning, building layouts and natural resources management
- **Mountain and island areas**, with emphasis on sustainable and resilient agricultural, forestry and tourism sectors
- Sustainable management of water; combating desertification and forest fires in **drought-prone areas**.



Climate change adaptation (CCA)

Moreover:

- **Green infrastructure** and ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation.
- **Innovative** adaptation technologies.
- **Vulnerability** assessments and adaptation strategies, including those with a cross-border nature.
- **Awareness** raising and exchange of good practice actions on adaptation indicators, options, risk communication and management



CCA in the Urban Environment

- Developing and implementing local adaptation strategies in the framework of "Mayors Adapt";
- Developing and deploying innovative adaptation technologies in urban areas, including in the water, energy and construction sectors;
- Promoting and developing green infrastructure in cities, including combating the urban heat island effect;
- Low carbon projects contributing at the same time to climate mitigation and adaptation as well as nature conservation and biodiversity objectives in urban areas.



Climate Action: Climate Governance & Information(GIC):

- ➔ **"Traditional": information and awareness raising** projects and projects facilitating knowledge sharing;
- ➔ Support for **cooperation networks** and best practices for the **application of climate regulation and enforcement**
- ➔ Promotion of a **better governance** and support for **climate NGOs**.



GIC – Information and Awareness

- Knowledge of **global emission reduction strategies** and the consequences on the agricultural and land use sectors locally
- Awareness of **sustainable biomass production** in an integrated perspective (biodiversity, forest, other land)
- **Dialogue with business** on future energy and low carbon, climate resilient investments
- **Evaluation of functioning of EU ETS** and its impact on policy tools



GIC – Information and Awareness

- **Awareness on best practice** in the field of **climate policy evaluation** to support development of cost-effective climate action.
- **Exchange of best practice** on enabling mechanisms and innovative solutions for industrial processes and production methods to **facilitate low carbon transition of industry, transport and building sectors.**
- Facilitate developing a common understanding of challenges and opportunities related to the **2030 climate and energy objectives.**



GIC – Better governance by broadening stakeholder involvement

- Assessment of the potential in the Member States for further mainstreaming climate and energy into macro-economic policies and deployment
- Inclusion of monitoring of potentials for carbon storage, emission saving or adaptation policies and measures into e.g. **public spatial planning**



Approximate Dates

- Call for Proposals: 16 June 2014
- Deadline for submission by applicants:
16 October 2014, at 16:00
- Earliest project start date: July 2015



Thank you for your attention!

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