LIFE Call 2024

Application process and selection of proposals

Standard Action Projects (SAP)

Bernd Decker, 23 Apr 2024
A dream is just a dream.
A goal is a dream with a plan and a deadline.
(Harvey MacKay)
Access to the EC Funding & Tenders portal

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home
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Opening date: 18 April 2024 | Next deadline: 17 September 2024 | Single-stage

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General information
Programme: Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Call
LIFE Subprogramme Climate Action (LIFE-2024-SAP-CLIMA)

Type of action
LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants

Type of MGA
LIFE Action Grant Budget-Based [LIFE-AG]

Deadline model
single-stage

Opening date
18 April 2024

Deadline date
17 September 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

Topic description
Expected Outcome:
Efficient delivery of the quantified objectives by end of the project

Objective:

Topic conditions and documents

Conditions

1. Admissibility conditions: described in Section 5 of the call document.
3. 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

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
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
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 (*.rft)
  - 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 points)

- 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.
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 points)

- 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.
4. Resources

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

Award criterion 4: Resources (0-20 points)

- 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
Evaluation process
Selection of LIFE SAP projects

Per year 470-580 proposals:
NAT: ~ 120-150
CEQL: ~ 150-250
CLIMA: ~140-180

Selected:
~ 85-105 projects;
NAT: ~ 20-30
CEQL: ~ 35-40
CLIMA: ~ 25-35

Indicative budgets 2024
NAT: 158.50 Mio
CEQL: 79.50 Mio
CLIMA: 61.98 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 Standard Action Projects

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

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LIFE SAP Call 2024: tentative evaluation phase

- Proposal Submission: 17/19 Sep 2024
- Independent Evaluation
- Notification of applicants
- GAP
- Grant Agreement: Jun 25
- Start of the project: Jul 25

Oct 24 – Jan 25, Mar 25
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**

• Submit multiple times and final polish
Thank you