LIFE Strategic Projects

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Overview

• Introduction to the Strategic Projects 2024 call (María-José Aramburu & Fabio Dalan)

• How can Strategic Projects help implementation of environment and climate policy priorities – SNAP example (Przemyslaw OGINSKI – DG ENV)

• Experienced STRAT project presentation: C-MARTLIFE

• Q&A
The LIFE Programme 2021-2027

- Field “Environment”
  - Subprogramme “Nature and Biodiversity”
  - Subprogramme “Circular Economy and Quality of Life”
- Field “Climate Action”
  - Subprogramme “Climate change Mitigation and Adaptation”
  - Subprogramme “Clean Energy Transition”

The SNAP/SIP call covers 3 topics under 3 subprogrammes.
It represents 4% of the total projects’ number.
26% of total LIFE funding.
Strategic Projects (SIPs/SNAPs) – Key features

1. Designed to implement certain **plans and strategies**
2. Implemented at a **large territorial scale**
3. Managed by the **competent authority** or entity responsible for the implementation of the plan / strategy targeted
4. Full engagement of all the concerned **stakeholders**
5. Mobilise, engage & coordinate **complementary funding sources** to further support the implementation of the ambitious EU environmental/climate policy framework
6. **Duration** not fixed but limited (maximum 14 years). Usually between 8-10 years.

SIPs/SNAPs are defined in Article 2 of the **LIFE Regulation** and are further specified in the Multiannual Work Programme 2021-2024 (section 4.1.2)
### Strategic Projects - Targeted plans

#### SNAP

1. Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAFs) under the Habitats Directive
2. Other plans or strategies adopted at international, national, multiregional or regional level by the authorities, that implement EU nature and/or biodiversity policy or legislation e.g.:
   - EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030
   - EU Forest Strategy 2030
   - EU Pollinators Initiative
   - Nature Restauration Law
   - EU Green Infrastructure Strategy
   - EU Regulation on Invasive Alien Species

#### SIP – Environment

1. **Circular Economy**: National or Regional Circular Economy Action Plans, Strategies, Roadmaps or similar
3. **Waste**: Waste Management Plans and/or Waste Prevention Programmes under the Waste FD
4. **Air**: Local/ regional Air Quality Plans, and National Air Pollution Control Programmes

#### SIP – Climate Action

1. **CCA**: National or regional adaptation strategies or action plans;
2. Urban or community-based action plans pioneering the transition to a climate neutral and/or climate resilient society including climate-neutral cities plans and actions and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans;
3. **CCM**: National Energy and Climate Plans;
4. **CCM**: National, regional or industry/sector-specific greenhouse gas mitigation strategies or economy roadmaps contributing to climate neutrality.
The rationale behind the design of a Strategic Project

Elements to consider:

• Full implementation of the selected Strategy/ Plan
• Scale of the project - Strategy/ Plan selected
• Complementary Funding/actions Mobilisation of other funds
• Stakeholder involvement
• Lead applicant/ Competent Body + Associated beneficiaries (at least 1) + key stakeholders
• LIFE funding (for catalytic function, demonstration of best practice)
• Coordination mechanism
• Capacity development
Strategic Projects (SIPs/SNAPs) – Funding

Plan/strategy implemented by the SNAP/SIP:

Complementary actions/measures (X, Y, Z...) financed by other funds (EU/national/private)...at least 1 non-LIFE fund mobilised

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<td>LIFE co-financing:</td>
<td>Own contribution:</td>
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<td>Up to 60%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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Stage 1: Concept note - evaluation criteria

Concept Note stage – Yes/No criteria

1. Implementation of plans or strategies
2. Territorial coverage
3. Coordination of complementary funds
4. Involvement of key stakeholders

The Concept note must meet all four criteria for the applicant to be invited to present a full proposal.
Stage 2: Full proposal - evaluation criteria

1. **Relevance**
   Policy + Project macro approach

2. **Impact**
   Performance, Ambition and Credibility of Impacts + KPI + Sustainability (Exploitation & Replication)

3. **Quality**
   Clarity + Feasibility + Appropriateness of few specific aspects

4. **Resources**
   Project team + Budget + Project env. Footprint

5. **Complementary funding**
   Level and likelihood of mobilization of other funds + functional link to strategy + quality of coordination mechanism + complementary actions
Call 2024: LIFE-2024-STRAT-two-stage

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Strategic Project Calls & funding in 2024

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<td>LIFE-2024-STRAT-CLIMA-SIP</td>
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Support available to prepare a proposal

- NCPs to organise meetings with potential beneficiaries
- Info in LIFE Calls for proposals web, including FAQs
- Integrated projects factsheet and infographic available on the CINEA LIFE website.
- Technical Assistance projects

Technical Assistance call for proposals
- To support preparation of Strategic Projects (SIPs & SNaPs)
- Main objective: prepare & submit a full proposal
- Co-financing rate: 60%
- Maximum grant: 70,000 €
- Maximum duration: 2 yrs
- New Call: LIFE-2024-TA-PP
Support available to prepare a proposal - CINEA

• CINEA can:
  ✓ Respond to general questions on STRATs
  ✓ Respond to specific questions related to STRATs Call documents, application forms, concerned provisions of the Multiannual Work Programme
  ✓ Facilitate networking with successful running SIPs/SNAPs

• CINEA cannot:
  ✓ Read or advise on draft applications
Thanks and…
Good proposal writing!