



LIFE Integrated Projects 2019

Environment and Climate Action sub-programmes

Executive Agency for SMEs (EASME)

Integrated Projects (IPs) are designed...

... to implement certain plans and strategies

... at a large territorial scale

... with full engagement of all the concerned stakeholders

... to aim at mobilising significant additional sources of funding to further support the implementation of the ambitious EU environmental/climate policy framework

IPs should target the full implementation of...

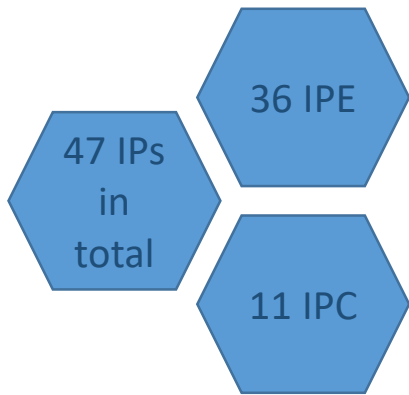
- the following strategic environmental plans/strategies

NATURE	WATER	WASTE	AIR
Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAF) for Natura 2000	River Basin Management Plans (RBMP)	Waste Management Plans (WMP) and Waste Prevention Programmes	Air Quality Plans (AQPs)

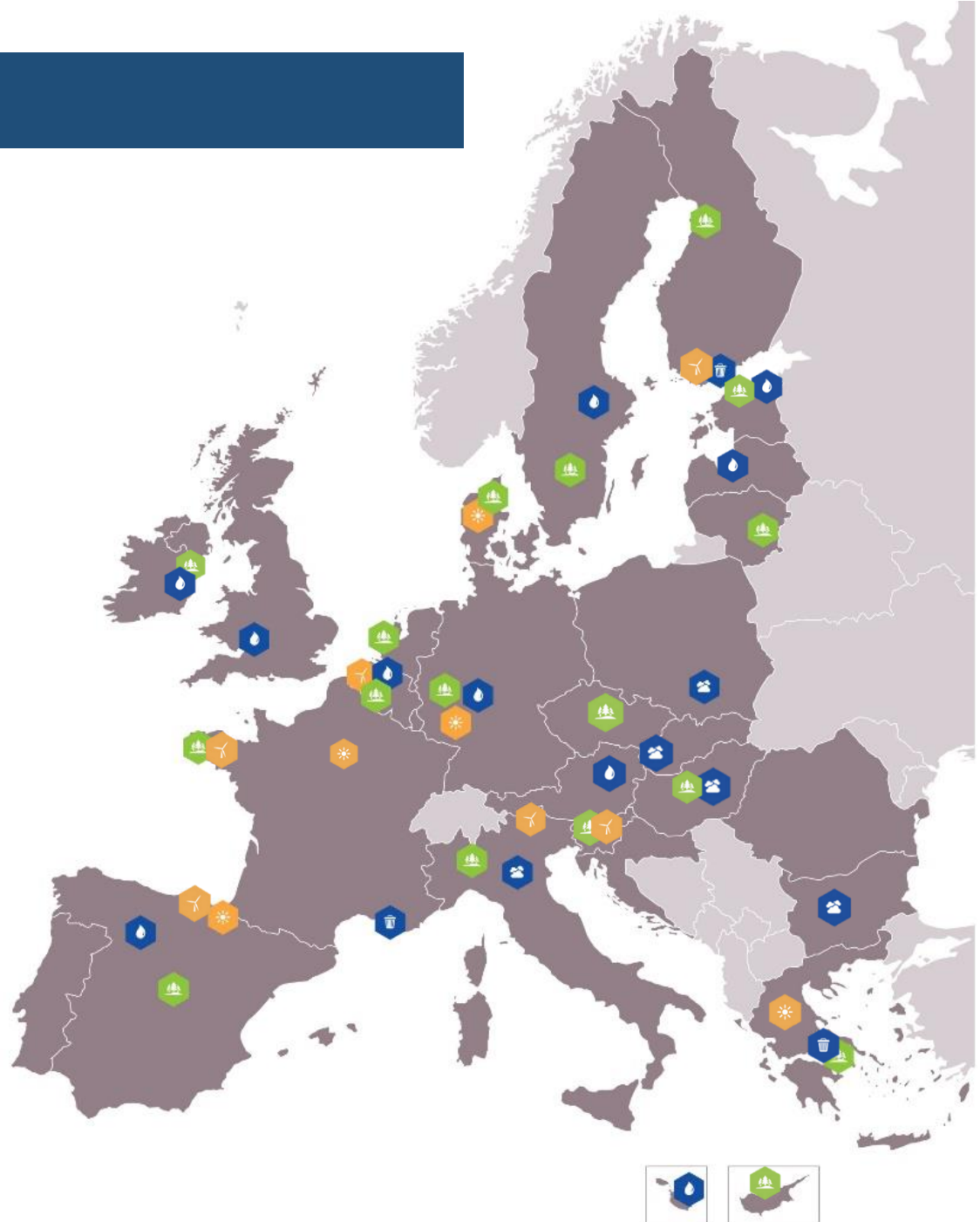
- the following strategic climate plans/strategies

CC ADAPTATION	URBAN CC MITIGATION/ADAPTATION	CC MITIGATION
National, regional or local adaptation strategy/action plan	Urban or community-based action plan towards a low-carbon/ or climate resilient society	National, regional or industry-specific GHG mitigation strategy or low carbon economy roadmap

IP status 2019



- Nature
- Water
- Air
- Waste
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate Change Adaptation



Application & Evaluation Procedure

Stage 1

1. Call for proposals.
2. Submission of Concept Note - outlining the project contents, and the plan/strategy intended to be implemented.
3. Concept Note evaluation – applicants with proposals that comply with the eligibility criteria are invited to Stage 2.

Stage 2

1. Question and Answer Phase
2. Submission of the full proposal.
3. Full proposal evaluation – ‘Preliminary long-list’ of proposals.
4. Preparation of the final lists of projects to be funded and of the reserve list – funding is proposed after the revision phase.
5. Revision of successful full proposals.
6. Signature of the grant agreement.

IP proposals need to comply with...

- a large territorial coverage– regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national. A multi-city approach may be acceptable when dealing with air quality management.
 - However, under the sub-programme for Climate Actions national, regional, local or industry-/sector-specific adaption or mitigation strategies are eligible.
 - In any case population covered should be representative as compared to total population of the country.
- the mobilisation of other funds – at least one other relevant Union, national or private funding source must be mobilised*
- key stakeholder involvement is a key element for IPs – stakeholder involvement should contribute to the project implementation
- the aim to design conditions for the full implementation of an environmental or climate action plan or strategy.

*See guidelines for applicants for further definition and explanations on fund mobilisation.

Plan implementation

- an IP does not need to cover all actions foreseen in the environmental/climate plan BUT it is clearly designed with the aim of creating the conditions for the full implementation of the plan.
- The actions included in the IP are clearly linked and identifiable in the plan which it targets.
- The application is submitted by an entity with responsibility for the implementation of all or a significant part of the targeted plan
- The plan/strategy must have been formally adopted by the time of the submission of the full proposal OR the applicant should demonstrate that the plan has completed all procedural steps in the legal base for it to be considered final.

Complementary funding and actions

- The applicant is required to mobilise at least one complementary fund at the time of full proposal submission.
- The amount of complementary funds (those going beyond the 40% cofinancing) as well as their likelihood and functional link to the plan shows the project maturity.
- Complementary funds and actions should target the areas of the plan or strategy that the IP is not able to address.
- Combination of the IP activities and complementary actions should implement the targeted plan or strategy in concert as most likely the actions of the IP alone are not enough to fully implement the plan or strategy.

Complementary actions

- ...should implement the same large scale plan or strategy that the IP is targeting.
 - ...can be similar to those financed by the LIFE IP but implemented on a different geographical area – replication at a larger scale.
 - ...can be different to those implemented under the IP but implemented in the same geographical area as the IP – implementation of a broader range of actions.
- ...can be a combination of the two above

Differences LIFE Traditional Projects and IPs (1)

	TRADITIONAL PROJECTS	INTEGRATED PROJECTS
Scope	Target one or several thematic priorities for the sub-programme environment / climate action	Limited to specific areas of intervention related to certain strategic plans in nature, air, water, waste, climate change adaptation and mitigation
Co-financing rates (%) and amounts (EUR) of LIFE contribution	Up to 60% (or up to 75%) Historical average of €1-2 million	Up to 60% Expected average of €10 million
Geographical scale	Shall be implemented on a local, regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national scale.	Shall be implemented on a regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national scale . For IPs in the air sector, a scale of minimum 5 cities is required.
Required link to a plan or strategy developed pursuant to EU/national legislation	No. Link to plans/strategies is optional (may get extra points).	Yes. Must contribute to and catalyse the full implementation of specific plans or strategies developed pursuant to EU/national legislation

Differences Traditional Projects and IP (2)

	TRADITIONAL PROJECTS	INTEGRATED PROJECTS
Mobilisation of complementarity funds outside of the project itself	Not required. No double funding or overlaps with other EU funds.	Yes. Compulsory mobilisation of at least one other relevant Union, national or private funding source for the implementation of complementary activities, within the same plan or strategy. No double funding or overlaps with other EU funds for the LIFE IP per se. The implementation of IPs may result in better access to other EU funding.
Stakeholder involvement	Expected	Compulsory
Project period (average)	Historically, 1 to 5 years	Expected, 6 years or more

Differences Traditional Projects and IP (3)

	TRADITIONAL PROJECTS	INTEGRATED PROJECTS
Type of projects	Pilot, demonstration, best practice or information, awareness and dissemination projects.	IPs are a combination of elements of "traditional" project types: they should include mainly best practice elements that can be combined with pilot, demonstration and information, awareness raising and dissemination elements. A capacity building element is mandatory.
Implementing mechanism	Full detailed project plan from beginning	Revolving programming and reporting in phases
Sustainability	Required for most projects.	Required for all Integrated Projects , including long term commitment and capacity building .

EASME staff can help you develop a good IP proposal & solve doubts

We can:

- Provide feedback on the ideas for IPs (all year round)
- Respond to general questions on IPs (all year round)
- Respond to specific questions related to IP Application and Evaluation Guides, application forms, concerned provisions of the Multiannual Work Programme (during open calls, typically between April - September and November - February)
- Facilitate networking with successful running IPs (all year round)
- Schedule meetings with us in person in Brussels, respond by e-mail, phone or videoconference

We cannot:

- Meet with the applicants that have been invited to submit their proposal for stage 2
- Read or consult on draft applications to be submitted for stage 2

This presentation provides an overview of what an IP project is. It does not contain all information. It is highly recommended to read the evaluation and application guidelines for a successful application!

For further information and support:

- Contact us at EASME-LIFE-ENQUIRIES@ec.europa.eu
- Please see in section “Calls for proposals” of the LIFE website (<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/life>) the calls for integrated environment/climate projects, and read in detail:
 - The Guidelines for applicants of LIFE Integrated Projects
 - The Guide for evaluation of LIFE Integrated Project proposals