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## LIFE

# Nature and Biodiversity

## Nordic LIFE Platform

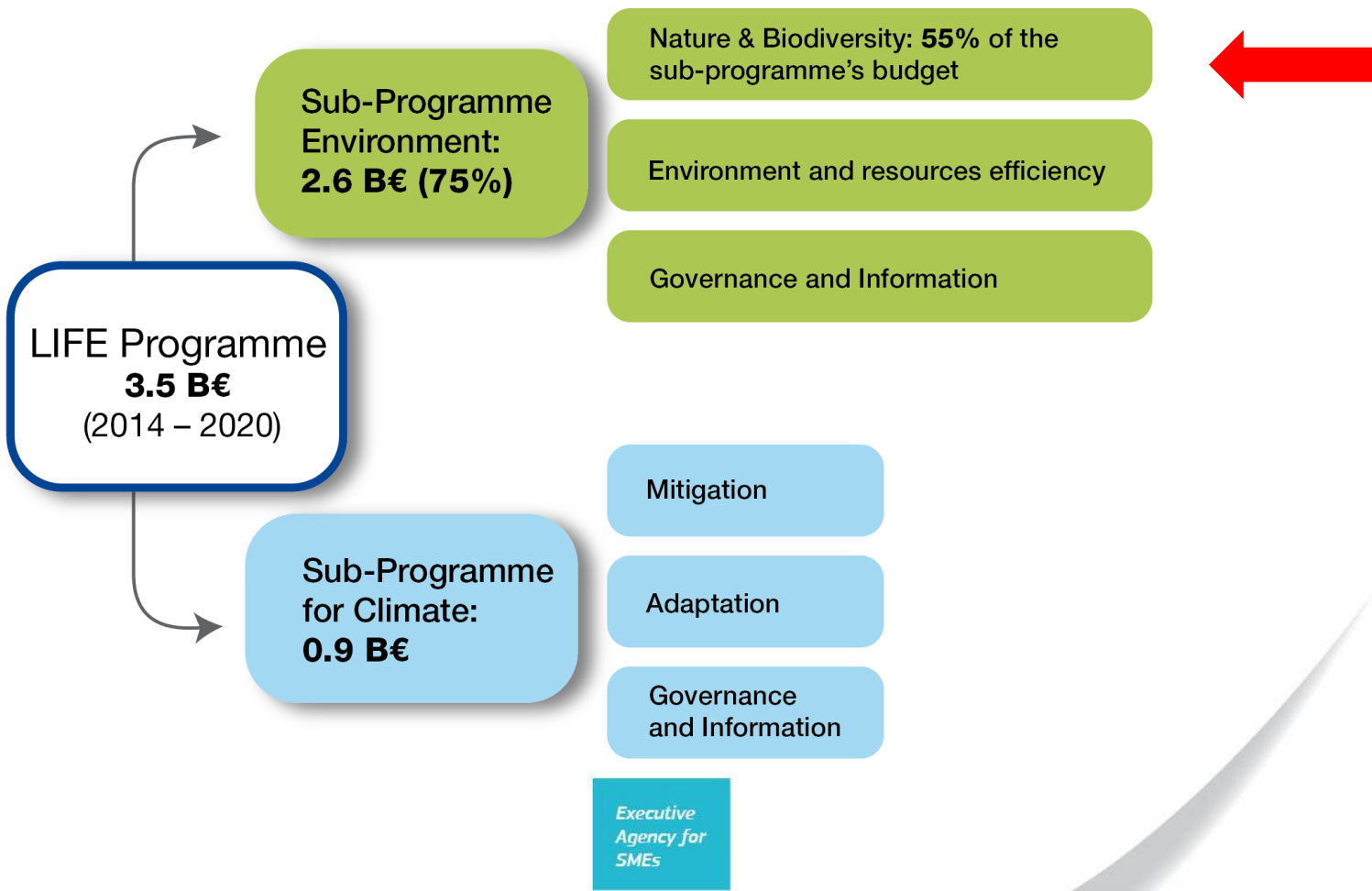
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# LIFE 2014-2020 : PRIORITY AREAS & BUDGET





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# WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF NAT&BIO?

LIFE Nature & Biodiversity aims specifically at contributing to the development and implementation of EU policy and legislation in the area of nature and biodiversity (see LIFE Regulation Art. 11).

1. **LIFE Nature** projects: activities for the implementation of the Birds and/or Habitats Directives (e.g. improving the conservation status of habitats and species of Union interest; development of the N2000 network);
2. **LIFE Biodiversity** projects: activities for the implementation of the Union Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 (achieving Targets 2, 3, 4 and 5)

In addition, the LIFE multiannual work programme for 2018-2020 defines project topics for each of the two sector.

## WHAT IS FUNDED?

- ❖ "pilot projects": apply technique or method that has not been applied or tested before, or elsewhere; offer potential environmental or climate advantages compared to current best practice; can be applied on a larger scale to similar situations;
- ❖ "demonstration projects": put into practice, test, evaluate and disseminate actions, methodologies or approaches that are new or unknown in the specific context of the project, such as the geographical, ecological, socio-economic context, and that could be applied elsewhere in similar circumstances;
- ❖ "best practice projects": apply appropriate, cost-effective, state-of-the-art techniques, methods and approaches taking into account the specific context of the project.

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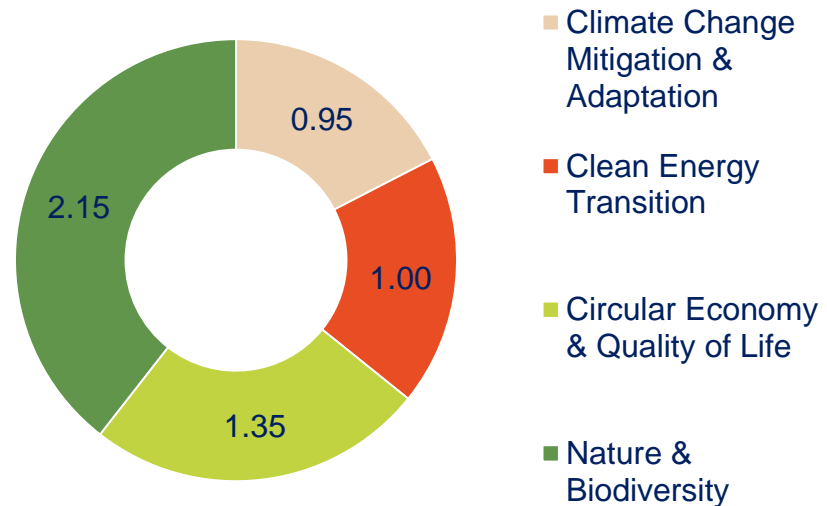


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## PROGRAMME FOR THE ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION (LIFE 2021-2027)

### Building on 25 years of success:

- Total budget of €5.45 billion = an increase of almost €2 billion from the present LIFE
- Reinforcing the programme's strengths
- Improving coherence, efficiency and effectiveness



## Standard Action Projects ('traditional projects'):

- develop, demonstrate and exchange innovative methods for meeting environmental and climate objectives
- implement best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity
- contribute to better environment and climate governance
- Beneficiaries: any legal entity – public, private, NGO.

Mostly granted through a bottom-up approach focussed on generating high quality applications with a focus on EU added value and replicability

Possibility for dedicated calls





## Strategic Integrated Projects (SIP):

Compliance support tools for catalysing implementation of key environmental and climate plans and strategies

- Based on pilot experience under the present programme
- Must mobilise and coordinate finance from other sources for complementary actions
- Present focus: RBMPs, Air Quality plans and plans required by the waste framework directive. Intention to broaden scope to address plans required under additional directives.
- Not for the Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme

Beneficiaries: competent authority for the plan, in partnership with relevant stakeholders



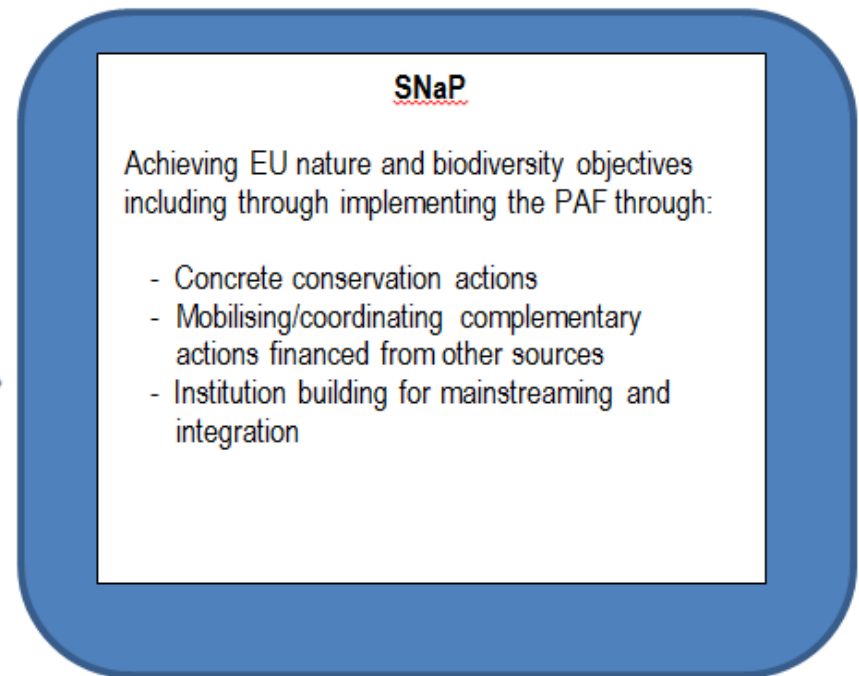
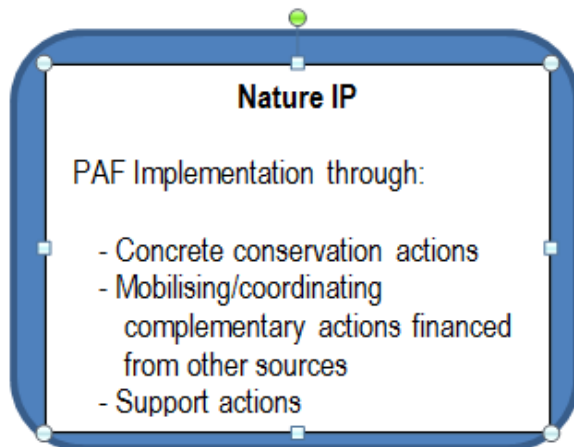


## Strategic Nature Projects (SNaPs):

- Mainstreaming of nature and biodiversity into other policies and programmes through coherent programmes of actions in the Member States, including institutional support
- Particular, but not exclusive, focus on Priority Action Frameworks (PAF)
- Aim to cover all Member States, from the start of Multifinancial Framework

Beneficiaries: competent nature/biodiversity authorities, in partnership with relevant stakeholders (possibly also some transborder SNaPs)

## Components of Strategic Nature Projects (SNaP):





## Technical Assistance Projects:

Support for replication and upscaling of successful methods for addressing environmental and climate objectives:

- Project preparation (including for LIFE SIPs)
- Business Plans
- Targeting diffusion of results

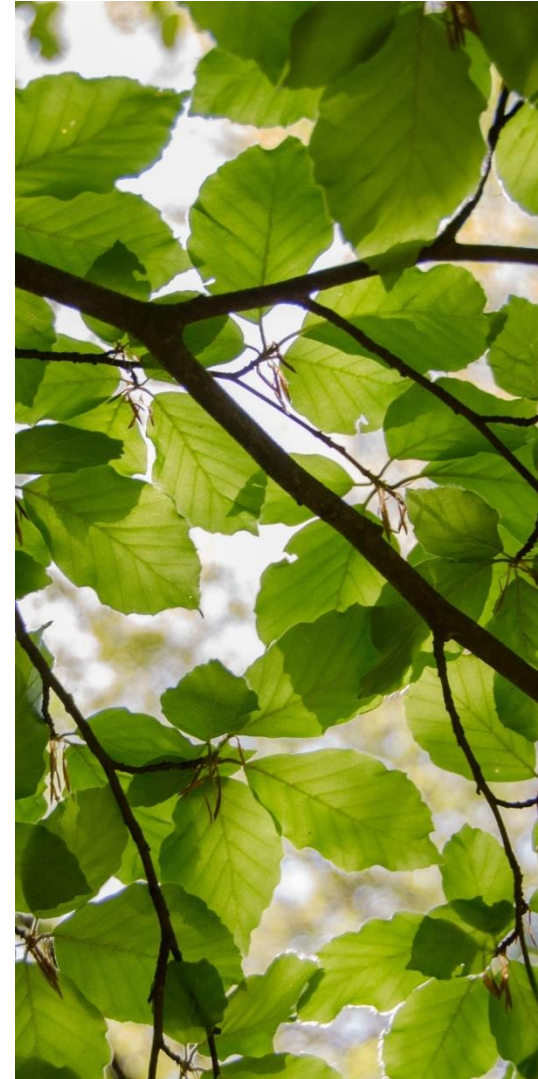
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## NGO Operating Grants:

Support for the work programme of EU level NGOs active in climate and environment.

-> good environmental governance





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