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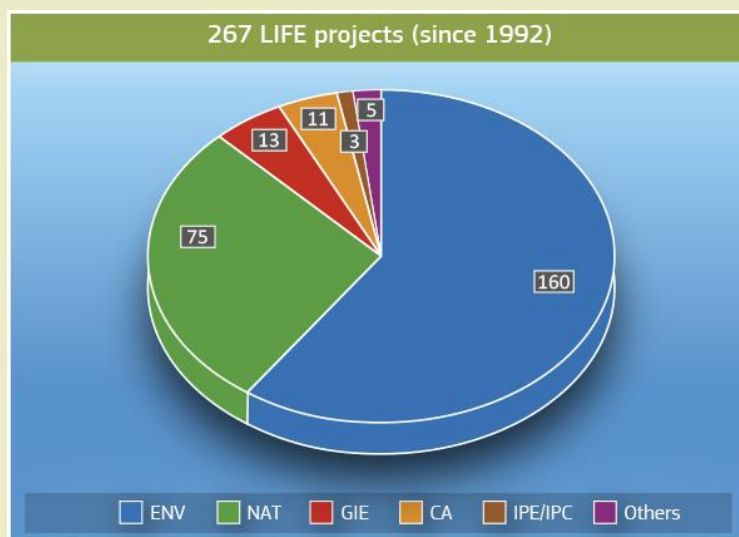
Overview



This document provides an overview of LIFE in Greece. It showcases key data and some of the latest LIFE projects.

You will also find contact details and other useful resources and a full list of current and recently-finished LIFE projects.

Every year calls for project proposals are launched covering the LIFE programme's priority areas.



Investment in LIFE projects in Greece (€ million)

	Total investment	EU contribution
ALL LIFE projects	432	237
Environment and Resource Efficiency (ENV)	226.5	106.5
Nature and Biodiversity (NAT)	112	76
Environmental Governance and Information (GIE)	14	7.5
Climate Action (CA)	28	16.5
Integrated (IPE/IPC)	47	28
Others	4.5	2.5

ABOUT LIFE

The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. It has been running since 1992 and has co-financed more than 4 500 projects across the EU and in third countries, mobilising over €9 billion and contributing more than €4 billion to the protection of the environment and climate. The budget for the LIFE programme for 2014–2020 is set at €3.4 billion in current prices, with a sub-programme for environment and a sub-programme for climate action.

Types of LIFE project:

- Traditional (Environment and Resource Efficiency; Nature and Biodiversity; Environmental Governance and Information; Climate Change Mitigation; Climate Change Adaptation; Climate Governance and Information).
- Integrated (Environment, Nature or Climate Action)
- Preparatory
- Capacity-building

Other types of LIFE funding:

- NGO operating grants
- Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCF)
- Private Finance for Energy Efficiency (PF4EE)

NCF and PF4EE are joint initiatives with the European Investment Bank, which manages the two funds. For more information visit: <http://ec.europa.eu/life>

LIFE Environment and Resource Efficiency

This LIFE priority area is aimed at developing, testing and demonstrating best practices, solutions and integrated approaches to environmental challenges, as well as improving the related knowledge base.

To date, the LIFE Environment and Resource Efficiency strand (formerly the LIFE Environment Policy and Governance component) has co-financed 160 projects in Greece, representing a total investment of €226.5 million, of which €106.5 million has been provided by the EU.

Completed projects mainly targeted integrated environmental management; the management of vulnerable coastal areas; industrial and municipal waste, as well as biowaste; waste reduction; green financial products; air quality management and monitoring; the environmental impact of economic activities; water management at the scale of the river basin; sustainable tourism; forest fire safety; hazardous waste (waste oils and petroleum residues); reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (creation of a co-modal journey planning platform); renewable energies; protection of water resources; climate change adaptation (adaptation of the market to the risks and financial impacts of climate change and carbon sequestration in the olive growing sector); integrated management plans for the environmentally-friendly control of invasive mosquito species, preventing their entry, spread and establishment across Europe); air quality management and monitoring; forest management; prevention of natural risks (forest fires and floods); reduction of the carbon footprint in the food industry sector; decontamination and pollution control; implementation of an innovative, patented, environment-friendly and low-cost food attractant (Biodelear) for the control of med fly on a full scale; risk assessment in health protection; water supply; soil protection and agricultural waste. Almost a third of the projects were implemented by local authorities. The other beneficiaries were mainly development agencies, universities and public enterprises. The projects had average durations of 24 to 48 months.

There are 12 ongoing projects in Greece, covering a wide range of issues, including: waste management and recycling (e.g. transformation of food waste from hotels into animal feed, prevention of WEEE, and specific recycling schemes for remote areas); wastewater treatment (building of a new water purifier to clean effluents from the fruit industry); chemicals (development of a technology and online tools to monitor exposure to engineered nanomaterials in indoor workplaces and urban areas); land-use and planning (promotion of an energy-efficient urban freight transport through the introduction of green routing); environmental management (smart exploitation of petroleum sludge produced by the Corinth Refineries of Motor Oil Hellas); demonstration of an innovative, adaptable and affordable smart farming system; air pollution (bringing older heavy-duty vehicles up to Euro VI standard); and energy saving (development of a holistic solution to achieve healthy indoor environments, and to induce energy savings in the building sector, by using new environmentally-friendly technologies).

The project beneficiaries are mainly universities, local, regional and national authorities, research institutes, development agencies, large enterprises, NGOs and SMEs. The projects' expected durations are between 42 and 76 months.

Presented in the box below is an example of a successful LIFE Environment project in Greece.



Development & demonstration of management plans against the climate change-enhanced invasive mosquitoes in S. Europe (LIFE CONOPS) LIFE12 ENV/GR/000466

The LIFE CONOPS project established systematic mosquito surveillance for the first time in Greece, developed and pilot-operated innovative monitoring devices, and implemented innovative mosquito control and management methods in both Greece and Italy.

The project beneficiaries established and operated 12 prototype Invasive Mosquito Species Monitoring Devices (IMS MDs): 8 in Greece and 4 in Italy. The first systematic mosquito surveillance system in Greece was created through the deployment of the IMS MDs in combination with an extensive network of ovitraps in 17 locations/ports of entry (e.g. Athens International Airport, Piraeus Containers Terminal). Ovitrap were also deployed in 3 locations in Italy (e.g. Ravenna port) in addition to the IMS MDs. Ovitrap attract pregnant female mosquitoes and enable their eggs to be collected for monitoring purposes. BG sentinel traps were also deployed to catch adult mosquitoes.

The project team developed, compiled and implemented IMS Management Plans. These included the successful pilot implementation of a door-to-door strategy in both Greece and Italy. A pilot implementation of the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) was successful against the invasive mosquito species *Aedes albopictus*, in an area of Attica, for the first time in Greece. The SIT, implemented in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency, serves as a demonstration of the technique's effectiveness and it may be incorporated in relevant national, European or International Action Plans.

A comprehensive economic analysis was elaborated for an IMS epidemic scenario in Athens. The project team also elaborated an Environmental Impact Assessment for the impacts of the implementation of the IMS Management Plans in the pilot monitoring areas. The project led to the identification and production of oregano (*Origanum vulgare*) essential oils with larvicidal and mosquito repellent activities, and their testing under field conditions.

The project team concluded that there is potential for further development and commercialisation of the IMS MD. Relevant contacts were made with companies towards the project's end. There is also potential for the commercial development and use of the essential oils that the project produced as mosquito repellents or larvicidal products. The potential for early detection of IMS, especially in the face of climate change that is expected to increase the risk of IMS establishment, brings high societal benefits with respect to the protection of public health, and the design of cost-effective mosquito prevention and control strategies.

For further information:
<http://www.conops.gr/>

LIFE Nature and Biodiversity

This LIFE priority area is aimed at developing, testing and demonstrating best practices, solutions and integrated approaches to contribute to the development and implementation of nature and biodiversity policy and legislation, as well as improving the related knowledge base.

To date, the LIFE Nature and Biodiversity component has co-financed 75 projects in Greece. These represent a total investment of €112 million, of which €76 million was contributed by the EU.

Completed LIFE Nature projects in Greece have supported actions aimed at stabilising or increasing populations of endangered species (*Gypaetus barbatus*, *Caretta caretta*, *Falco eleonora*, *Monachus monachus*, *Ursus arctos*, Mediterranean shag and Audouin's gull, Fennoscandian population of lesser white-fronted goose, lesser kestrel, Eleonora's falcon and its adaptation to climate change, and the monk seal in the Northern Cyclades), as well as conserving/rehabilitating habitats (e.g. Drana lagoon, Northern Pindos National Park, Agras wetlands, Mediterranean temporary ponds, black pine forests, coastal lagoons, and Juniper wood habitats in Crete, the South Aegean, Prespa National Park). One project aimed at the establishment of a sustainable management and financing system for an important but degraded wetland ecosystem (the Natura 2000 site "Limni Stymfalia"). Another addressed the improvement of human-bear coexistence in four National Parks in southern Europe. The AmiBio Biodiversity project developed a particularly innovative integrated technological system to enable remote, quick and non-obtrusive monitoring of biodiversity. One Biodiversity project aimed to establish integrated planning and management for enhancing biodiversity, whilst also facilitating sustainable economic and social development. Another sought to enhance biodiversity during the restoration of fire-disturbed ecosystems by introducing a new technology, based on pre-cultivation in mini-plugs using a wide range of species. The last Biodiversity project aimed to develop a methodology that can be used to harmonise the needs of wind farm developers with the conservation of EU biodiversity. Project beneficiaries were mostly NGOs, local and national authorities, research institutions and development agencies. Durations ranged from 24 to 60 months.

There are 9 ongoing LIFE Nature projects in Greece. These focus on the conservation of habitats (e.g. forest/forest openings in continental Greece Natura 2000 sites on Andros Island, priority habitats in Mediterranean coastal areas) and on the protection of species (e.g. Lake Prespa waterbirds, Bonelli's eagle populations in Greece and Cyprus). Some of the projects have very specific objectives, including: the improvement of conditions for the coexistence of bears and humans in Amyntaio municipality, the management and change of attitude towards Greek caves and bats, improvement of green infrastructure in agroecosystems, and the response to threats of invasive species in northern Greece. The projects have average durations of 49 to 87 months and are being coordinated by universities, NGOs and a consultancy company.

Presented in the box below is an example of a successful LIFE Nature project in Greece, which is nominated for a LIFE Award in June 2021.



Conservation measures to assist the adaptation of *Falco eleonora** to climate change (LIFE ElClimA) LIFE13 NAT/GR/000909

LIFE ElClimA improved the breeding and foraging habitat of Eleonora's falcon (*Falco eleonora*) in Greece, which hosts more than 85% of the species' global breeding population. The project therefore had a significant impact on the species at the global level.

The project team eradicated rats in a series of operations to improve the falcons' breeding success, by reducing predation of eggs and chicks. This was done in two island complexes on a total area of over 700 ha, hosting 6% of the species' national breeding population. These were the largest-ever rat eradication attempts in Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean, and used methods with minimal risk to non-target species. Following rat eradication, there were indications of recovery of native plant species and also Chukar partridge populations. By constructing and maintaining more than 1 000 artificial nests for Eleonora's falcon, the project improved the availability and quality of nesting sites on 12 islets at 5 sites, hosting 19% of the species' national breeding population. This large-scale operation focused primarily on colonies in the southern parts of the Aegean Sea, an area most likely to be affected by climate change.

The project partners purchased 1 ha of land on Antikythira Island, where an innovative refuelling oasis for migratory passerines, the main prey of the falcon during the breeding season, was created and maintained. This oasis was established in one of the key bird colony sites in Greece and in the Mediterranean. The type of vegetation (e.g. fruit trees) planted in the oasis was determined by a systematic assessment of the requirements of migratory passerines on the island.

An update of baseline information for Eleonora's falcon (population size and breeding performance), at 8 project sites in the Aegean Sea, followed-up the first national census conducted during the previous LIFE project Conservation measures for Falco eleonora* in Greece (2003-2007).

The project team conducted identification and quality assessment of Eleonora's falcon foraging grounds during the breeding, wintering and pre-breeding period in Greece and in southeast Africa, which involved a series of advanced methods and state-of-the-art technologies, including satellite telemetry, visual observations, insect surveys, radar surveys, on-site wintering habitat assessment on Madagascar, and toxicological analysis for testing the presence of heavy metals and investigating the exposure of the species to pesticides.

For further information:
<http://www.lifefalcoeleonora.gr>

LIFE Environmental Governance and Information

This priority area is aimed at raising awareness of environmental matters, supporting the communication, management and dissemination of environmental information, and promoting better environmental governance by broadening stakeholder involvement.

This strand (formerly the LIFE+ Information and Communication component) has co-financed 13 projects in Greece so far. This represents a total investment of €14 million, of which the EU is contributing €7.5 million. The projects are being carried out by universities, NGOs, a national authority (Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy) and a regional authority (Peloponnese). They will have durations of between 21 and 60 months.

To date, eight of these projects have been completed. One conducted a widespread awareness-raising campaign to inform fishermen and local inhabitants about the issues of endemic fish, water quality and sustainable fishing practices in the transboundary Prespa Basin. Another helped to change attitudes and behaviour regarding the marine environment and 14 marine mammal species. One project promoted sustainable production and consumption of olive oil. Another developed a series of tools for addressing the issue of coastal litter in Greece. One closed project's overall objective was to minimise the impacts caused by the improper management of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) in the regions of Thessaly and Epirus, as defined by current Greek and European legislation. Another completed project supported conservation efforts targeting Natura 2000 sites in Crete, by motivating the public to participate in relevant decision-making processes and by highlighting the socio-economic damage that will result from biodiversity loss. The last one developed and implemented an integrated information and awareness-raising campaign for the prevention and reduction of plastic bag pollution in marine waters (detailed information and results can be found in the box below).

There are five ongoing projects, focused on the following issues: promoting awareness of wildlife crime prosecution and liability for biodiversity damage in Natura 2000 areas in Crete; building cooperation, developing skills and sharing knowledge for Natura 2000 forests in Greece; supporting the harmonisation of knowledge in order to help enforce EU regulations on the sustainable use of chemicals and expanding the added value of environmental prevention in handling hazardous chemicals; setting up a waste crime prevention mechanism via intelligence-based inspections; and improving financial security provisions for Environment Liability Directive Annex III activities in Greece, through the implementation of environmental risk assessment.



Integrated information and awareness campaign for the reduction of plastic bags in the marine environment (LIFE DEBAG) LIFE14 GIE/GR/001127

LIFE DEBAG developed and implemented an integrated information and awareness-raising campaign for the reduction of plastic bag pollution in the marine environment on a national (Greece) and a local level (Syros Island). The project reached out to the local community and informed 41 020 visitors and 16 762 inhabitants of Syros regarding the problems created by plastic bags in the marine environment, as well as measures that can be taken to address the issue - including using cotton reusable bags, 12 000 of which were produced by the project and given for free to the local population. Local voluntary agreements to reduce the consumption of plastic bags were signed with 215 local shops in Syros, while public events and educational events at all of its schools were held.

The project conducted a simultaneous rigorous assessment of the marine litter load on the island's beaches and seafloor. Results showed that, at the end of the project, the accumulation of plastic bags had decreased by 85% on the surveyed beaches and by 60% on the seafloor. This strongly indicates that an intensive awareness-raising campaign can have a tangible impact on the environment. At the national level, the project performed an intensive information campaign through TV, Radio, print and electronic press, and social media, reaching approximately 600 000 people, while a national voluntary agreement with five supermarket chains (representing more than 50% of Greece's market share), with a variety of measures to reduce plastic bag consumption, was reached.

The project also organised seven stakeholder consultation forums that brought together for the first time all pertinent stakeholders in Greece; through the forums, it contributed with a significant set of recommendations to the integration of Directive (EU) 2015/720 in the Greek legislation, which were largely incorporated in Joint Ministerial Decision 180036/952/10.8.2017 that imposed a fee on single-use plastic bags from 1 January 2018. After the fee was implemented, a 60%-80% plastic bag use reduction was noted in Greece, after one year, according to the Hellenic Recycling Agency. Networking activities with 95 groups in Greece and six other EU countries took place. The project developed a Replication Handbook which summarised steps interested parties can take for reducing consumption of plastic bags and other single-use plastic items as well.

For further information:
<http://www.lifedebag.eu/>

Sub-programme for Climate Action (LIFE 2014-2020)

LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and LIFE Climate Change Adaptation

The Climate Change Mitigation priority area is helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, notably by contributing to the implementation and development of related policy and legislation, improving the knowledge base, developing integrated approaches, and developing and demonstrating innovative technologies, systems, methods and instruments.

To date, the Climate Change Mitigation strand has co-financed four projects in Greece.

One project aims to contribute to the development of a new methodology and provide policymakers with an innovative tool for the quantification of carbon storage in permanent tree crops. The second project aims to demonstrate improvements in climate change mitigation strategies through the production of sustainable biofuel, obtained through an innovative green technology, Green Floating Filters. Another project aims to develop and deliver innovative, reliable, rapid and cost-effective technologies of Tier 3 level for the on-site measurement of carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions and soil organic matter from agricultural fields in real time. The most recently-funded project aims to achieve high greenhouse gas emission savings from the substitution of fossil fuels with advanced biofuels, as well as to promote the implementation of a circular economy concept for biomass. The total investment for these projects amounts to nearly €9.5 million, of which the EU will provide €5.5 million. The projects will be carried out by a university and two research institutes, and will have durations of 42 to 54 months.

The Climate Change Adaptation priority area is supporting efforts to increase resilience to climate change, in particular by contributing to the implementation and development of related policy and legislation, improving the knowledge base, developing integrated approaches, and developing and demonstrating innovative technologies, systems, methods and instruments.

To date, the Climate Change Adaptation strand has co-financed five projects in Greece.

Two of them are closed. One aimed to develop an adaptation strategy for agriculture and prepare the sector for climate change by introducing water management adaptation strategies in selected farmer organisations. The second aimed to facilitate the development of adaptation strategies for agriculture by deploying and demonstrating an innovative decision support tool.

The ongoing projects aim: to demonstrate, on the Aegean island of Andros, the use of drystone wall terraces as green infrastructures resilient to climate change impacts; to design, implement, pilot and validate a set of Urban Heat Island forecasting systems in Thessaloniki and Rome based on state-of-the-art numerical models; to contribute to the development of strategic and integrated environmental management in Mount Athos. The total investment for these projects amounts to €13 million, of which the EU will provide €8 million. The projects will, respectively, be carried out by an SME, universities, the Holy Community of Mount Athos and a research institute, and will have durations of 36 to 63 months.

Presented in the box below is an example of a successful LIFE Climate Change Adaptation project in Greece.



Adaptation to Climate change Impacts on the Mediterranean islands' Agriculture (LIFE ADAPT2CLIMA) LIFE14 CCA/GR/000928

The LIFE ADAPT2CLIMA project developed a decision support system (DSS), the ADAPT2CLIMA tool, for demonstrating the impact of climate change on agriculture, in a way that is easy for non-experts to understand. The tool was used, in consultation with policymakers and stakeholders, in the development of the first sectoral strategies for adaptation of agriculture to climate change in Sicily, Crete and Cyprus. Firstly, the project partners explored climate change impacts on the agricultural sectors of each island to 2060, based on two greenhouse gas emission scenarios. It was found that for the three islands, summer crops (olives, grapes and tomatoes in open-field conditions) are more negatively impacted than winter crops, as they grow during peak periods of drought and heat stress. For example, for grapes in Crete and Sicily yield decreases of 11% and 13%, respectively, were predicted; while olive yields were reduced by 5-6% in Crete and Cyprus. Although winter crops overall were less impacted, in some cases, such as barley in Cyprus (12% yield reduction), significant impacts were estimated. Following these estimated reductions in yield, the project team conducted a total impact assessment taking into account socio-economic aspects for each region. This enables farmers and government authorities to target action to increase the resilience of the agricultural sector, for which the project proposed a clear set of adaptation measures to reduce the intensity of impacts.

Three adaptation strategies of agriculture to climate change were developed as a first policy outcome of ADAPT2CLIMA: a national strategy in Cyprus with some of its adaptation measures incorporated in the new Rural Development Programme and Climate Adaptation Action Plan; Guidelines for the regional adaptation strategy of agriculture to climate change impacts in Sicily; and the Regional Adaptation Action Plan in Crete.

For further information:
<http://www.adapt2clima.eu>

LIFE Climate Governance and Information

The Climate Governance and Information priority area is promoting awareness-raising on climate matters, supporting the communication, management and dissemination of climate information, promoting more effective compliance with climate legislation, and encouraging better climate governance by broadening stakeholder involvement.

To date, the Climate Governance and Information strand has co-financed two projects in Greece. One project aims to promote urban integration of green infrastructure to improve climate governance in cities. It is coordinated by the Hellenic Agricultural Organization "DEMETER". The goal of the second project is to enable consumers to make informed decisions regarding the purchase of low emission and low fuel-consumption vehicles. It is implemented by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The total investment amounts to €5.5 million, of which the EU will contribute €3 million. The projects are running over an average period of 40 months.

More details about the LIFE GrIn project can be found in the box below; its results will be added in due course.



Promoting urban integration of Green Infrastructure to improve climate governance in cities (LIFE GrIn) **LIFE17 GIC/GR/000029**

The LIFE GrIn project's objectives are to:

- Establish an integrated policy framework for the management, monitoring and evaluation of UGAs based on cooperative planning and best practices in urban forestry, satisfying public values and promoting urban adaptation to climate change;
- Quantify and multiply the impact of UGAs on urban climate problems, such as heat waves and the heat island effect, increased runoff during heavy rainfalls and increased energy consumption for heating and cooling buildings;
- Integrate and promote European climate change adaptation and mitigation policies, as well as sustainable urban planning and design;
- Promote the incorporation of sustainable urban forest management for climate change adaptation and mitigation in the Covenant of Mayors and other EU policies;
- Improve quality of life through the mitigation of the effects of climate change and the multifunctional planning of UGAs;
- Raise awareness among decision-makers regarding the necessity and benefits of taking climate action municipal level and of the public in order to promote their participation; and
- Conserve nature and biodiversity and improve habitats for fauna and flora species in cities.

For further information:

<http://lifegrin.gr/>

LIFE Integrated Projects for the Environment and Climate

This LIFE priority area is aimed at implementing on a large territorial scale (regional, multi-regional, national, trans-national) environmental or climate plans or strategies required by specific EU environmental or climate legislation, primarily in the areas of nature, water, waste, air and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Integrated Projects ensure the involvement of stakeholders and promote the coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other relevant EU, national or private funding source.

To date, three Integrated Projects has been co-financed in Greece (two for environment, IPE, and one for climate, IPC). This represents a total budget of €47 million, of which the EU will contribute €28 million.

The first IPE project will demonstrate integrated actions for the conservation and management of Natura 2000 sites, species, habitats and ecosystems in Greece. The project is coordinated by the Ministry of Environment and Energy. Detailed actions of this project can be found in the box below. The objective of the second project is to reduce the amount of municipal waste sent to landfill and to promote waste prevention and re-use, based on circular economy principles. The IPC project will support the implementation of the national adaptation strategy in Greece. To this end it will build national and regional capacity for coordinating, prioritising, monitoring and mainstreaming adaptation policy actions. The three projects are coordinated by the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy and have durations of 96 to 100 months.



Integrated actions for the conservation and management of Natura 2000 sites, species, habitats and ecosystems in Greece (LIFE IP 4Natura) LIFE16 IPE/GR/000002





The main objectives of the LIFE-IP 4 NATURA project are to:

- Implement concrete conservation measures and apply legal instruments for habitats and species of Community interest that are threatened at the national and multiregional scale;
- Formulate, legally approve and implement at least 10 Action Plans for selected habitats and species;
- Implement at least 12 Management Plans in the four participating administrative regions, covering Natura 2000 network sites in marine and terrestrial areas;
- Enhance the effectiveness of all local, regional and national nature conservation authorities, and develop the necessary means and conditions that will improve their work and results;
- Study and acquire the necessary knowledge on ecosystem services and their provisions at national, regional and local level;
- Strengthen the coherence between Natura 2000 network sites and improve their connectivity;
- Provide a geospatially-oriented database system for the Natura 2000 network and a web-based GIS tool for ecosystem services for governmental, professional and public use;
- Improve capacity, knowledge and awareness of key stakeholders (organisations, authorities and the general public) with respect to the implementation of the Birds the Habitats directives, and the Natura 2000 network, as well as their responsibilities and involvement in its conservation; and
- Actively disseminate the results of the project and ensure their implementation, transfer and replication by other stakeholders, nationally and at EU level.









The complementary actions are to develop (draft and legally adopt) a coherent national action-based plan for the conservation of the whole Greek Natura 2000 network for five years, and to draft the application for measures foreseen in the PAF for Natura 2000 under all seven priority categories.

For further information:
<https://edozoume.gr>

Find out more about LIFE and LIFE projects



<p>LIFE website</p> <p>The LIFE website provides a wealth of information on the LIFE programme: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en</p>	
<p>LIFE project database</p> <p>For further information on LIFE projects in Greece or LIFE projects in general, please consult the online LIFE projects' database: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/project/Projects/index.cfm</p> <p>This easy-to-use database is the authoritative source of information on all ongoing and completed LIFE projects. It also provides information on the beneficiaries, their contact details, and the projects' websites.</p>	
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Recently closed and ongoing LIFE Environment and Resource Efficiency projects				
Project Title	Project Number	Website	Click on the icon to read the project summary	Project duration
Landfill mining pilot application for recovery of invaluable metals, materials, land and energy (LIFE RECLAIM)	LIFE12 ENV/GR/000427	http://www.reclaim.gr/		07/2013--> 06/2016
Development & demonstration of management plans against -the climate change enhanced- invasive mosquitoes in S. Europe (LIFE CONOPS)	LIFE12 ENV/GR/000466	http://www.conops.gr/		07/2013--> 12/2017
Cross-Mediterranean Environment and Health Network (CROME- LIFE)	LIFE12 ENV/GR/001040	http://www.crome-life.eu		07/2013--> 12/2016
Addressing Med fly with an innovative and environment friendly attractant through an Integrated Pest Management Strategy (LIFE BIODELEAR)	LIFE13 ENV/GR/000414	http://www.biodelear.gr		06/2014--> 06/2019
Development of an integrated strategy for reducing the carbon footprint in the food industry sector (LIFE FOODPRINT)	LIFE13 ENV/GR/000958	http://www.foodprint.gr		09/2014--> 10/2017
Life GreenYourMove: Development and promotion of a co-modal journey planning platform to minimize GHG emission in Europe (LIFE GYM)	LIFE14 ENV/GR/000611	http://www.greenyourmove.org/		09/2015--> 08/2018
Demonstrating resource efficiency through innovative, integrated waste recycling schemes for remote areas (LIFE: PAVetheWAYSTE)	LIFE14 ENV/GR/000722	http://pavethewayste.eu		09/2015--> 12/2018
Development and Demonstration of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Prevention and Reuse Paradigms (LIFE RE-WEEE)	LIFE14 ENV/GR/000858	http://www.reweee.gr/el		01/2016--> 06/2019
Food for Feed: An Innovative Process for Transforming Hotels' Food Wastes into Animal Feed (LIFE-F4F (Food for Feed))	LIFE15 ENV/GR/000257	https://life-f4f.gr		09/2016--> 02/2020
New desulfurization technology for SOx reduction with positive net environmental impact based on MgO reagents (LIFEPOSITIVEMgOFGD)	LIFE15 ENV/GR/000338	http://www.betterlife-withmqo.eu		07/2016--> 12/2019
New concept for energy self-sustainable wastewater treatment process and biosolids management (LIFE B2E4sustainable-WWTP)	LIFE16 ENV/GR/000298	http://www.biosolids2energy.eu		09/2017--> 08/2020




Development of a pilot unit for the valorisation of PRS (Petroleum Refinery Sludges) to new added-value raw materials (LIFE DIANA)	LIFE16 ENV/GR/000461	http://www.lifediana.eu/		07/2017-> 06/2020
LIFE GreenYourRoute: A European innovative logistic platform for last mile delivery of goods in urban environment (LIFE GYR)	LIFE17 ENV/GR/000215	https://www.greenyourroute.com		09/2018-> 08/2022
Innovative Smart Farming services supporting Circular Economy in Agriculture (LIFE GAIA Sense)	LIFE17 ENV/GR/000220	http://lifegaiasense.eu/index.php		07/2018-> 06/2022
Integrated approach for exposure and health effects monitoring of engineered nanomaterials in workplaces and urban areas (LIFE NanoEXPLORE)	LIFE17 ENV/GR/000285	https://www.lifefnanoeexplo.re.eu/		09/2018-> 02/2022
Nano-CATalysts for HEAVY Duty Applications (LIFE CAT4HEAVY)	LIFE17 ENV/GR/000352	https://www.lifecat4heavy.eu/		07/2018-> 01/2022
Pollutant Photo-NF remediation of Agro-Water (LIFE PureAgroH2O)	LIFE17 ENV/GR/000387	https://lifepureagroh2o.com		07/2018-> 12/2021
Demonstration of an advanced technique for eliminating coal mine wastewater (brines) combined with resource recovery (LIFE BRINE-MINING)	LIFE18 ENV/GR/000019	https://brinemining.eu		09/2019-> 08/2023
InnoVative photocatalytic paintS for healthy enviroNment and eNergy Saving (LIFE VISIONS)	LIFE19 ENV/GR/000100	https://lifevisions.gr/		09/2020-> 09/2023







Recently closed and ongoing LIFE Nature & Biodiversity projects

Project Title	Project Number	Website	Click on the icon to read the project summary	Project duration
Conservation and Management of the Lesser Kestrel (Falco naumanni*) at three Greek SPA sites (Lesser Kestrel Thessaly)	LIFE11 NAT/GR/001011	http://www.lifelesserkestrel.eu		06/2012 -> 05/2016
Conservation of priority forests and forest openings in "Ethnikos Drymos Oitis" and "Oros Kallidromo" of Sterea Ellada (FOROPENFORESTS)	LIFE11 NAT/GR/001014	http://www.foropenforests.org		09/2012 -> 11/2017
Sustainable management and financing of wetland biodiversity – The case of Lake Stymfalia (LIFE-Stymfalia)	LIFE12 NAT/GR/000275	http://www.lifestymfalia.gr		10/2013 -> 09/2017
Restoration and Conservation of the Priority Habitat Type *9562 Grecian Juniper Woods in Prespa National Park, Greece (LIFE JunEx)	LIFE12 NAT/GR/000539	http://www.junex.gr		07/2013 -> 06/2017

CYCLADES "Integrated monk seal conservation in Northern Cyclades" (CYCLADES Life)	LIFE12 NAT/GR/000688	http://www.cycladeslife.gr/		07/2013 → 06/2017
Conservation actions for improving conditions of human-bear coexistence in Northern Pindos (LIFE ARCPIN)	LIFE12 NAT/GR/000784	http://www.lifearcpin.gr/		10/2013 → 06/2017
Conservation measures to assist the adaptation of Falco eleonorae* to climate change (LIFE EIClimA)	LIFE13 NAT/GR/000909	http://www.lifefalcoeleonorae.gr		10/2013 → 06/2017
Bird conservation in Lesser Prespa Lake: benefiting local communities and building a climate change resilient ecosystem (LIFE Prespa Waterbirds)	LIFE15 NAT/GR/000936	https://www.prespawaterbirds.gr/the-project-weg-11899.html		10/2016 → 09/2021
Improving Human-Bear Coexistence Conditions in Municipality of Amyntaio (LIFE AMYBEAR)	LIFE15 NAT/GR/001108	http://lifeamybear.eu/		10/2016 → 07/2020
Improvement of green infrastructure in agroecosystems: reconnecting natural areas by countering habitat fragmentation (LIFE IGIC)	LIFE16 NAT/GR/000575	https://www.lifeigic.eu		09/2017 → 12/2022
Conservation of priority species and habitats of Andros Island protected area integrating socioeconomic considerations (LIFE Andros Park)	LIFE16 NAT/GR/000606	http://www.androslife.gr		09/2017 → 09/2021
Restoration, management and valorisation of PRiority habitats of MEDiterranean coastal areas (LIFE PRIMED)	LIFE17 NAT/GR/000511	https://www.lifeprimed.eu		07/2018 → 06/2023
Conservation & Management of the Bonelli's eagle population in east Mediterranean (LIFE Bonelli eastMed)	LIFE17 NAT/GR/000514	http://www.lifebonelli.eu		09/2018 → 08/2023
Greek Caves and Bats: Management Actions and Change of Attitude (LIFE GRECABAT)	LIFE17 NAT/GR/000522	https://www.lifegrecabat.eu		09/2018 → 02/2023
Addressing the Threat of Invasive Alien Species in North Greece, using Early Warning and Information systems for mammals (LIFE ATIAS)	LIFE18 NAT/GR/000430	http://lifeatias.gr/		09/2019 → 09/2022
Improving human-bear coexistence in 4 National Parks of South Europe (LIFE ACRPROM)	LIFE18 NAT/GR/000768	https://lifearcprom.uowm.gr/		09/2018 → 09/2024
Demonstration of good practices to minimize impacts of wind farms on biodiversity in Greece (LIFE WINDFARMS & WILDLIFE)	LIFE12 BIO/GR/000554	http://www.windfarms-wildlife.gr/		10/2019 → 09/2017

Recently closed and ongoing LIFE Environmental Governance and Information projects				
Project Title	Project Number	Website	Click on the icon to read the project summary	Project duration
"The ecological services, social benefits and economic value of the Ecosystem Services in Natura 2000 sites in Crete" (LIFE Natura2000ValueCrete)	LIFE13 INF/GR/000188	http://www.ecovalue-crete.eu/		07/2014 → 06/2018
Development of a Communication and Training campaign for the recycling of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) (LIFE – INFOCYCLE)	LIFE13 INF/GR/001342	http://www.infocycle.gr/		07/2014 → 06/2016
Promoting awareness on wildlife crime prosecution and EU environmental legislation in NATURA 2000 areas in Crete (LIFE Natura Themis)	LIFE14 GIE/GR/000026	http://www.lifethemis.eu		10/2015 → 09/2020
Building cooperation, developing skills and sharing knowledge for Natura 2000 forests in Greece (LIFE ForestLife)	LIFE14 GIE/GR/000304	http://www.forestlife.gr		07/2015 → 07/2019
Integrated information and awareness campaign for the reduction of plastic bags in the marine environment (LIFE DEBAG)	LIFE14 GIE/GR/001127	http://www.lifedebag.eu/		09/2015 → 03/2018
Chemicals Regulations Enforcement & Inspections - Building Authority Capacity for REACH/CLP and SEVESO III Compliance (LIFE CHEREE)	LIFE15 GIE/GR/000943	https://www.reach-cherree.gr/		10/2016 → 03/2020
Prevention Of Waste crime by Intelligence Based Inspections (LIFE PROWHIBIT)	LIFE18 GIE/GR/000899	https://ypen.gov.gr/perivallon/programmata-life/life-prowhibit-prolipsi-perivallontikou-egklima/		10/2019 → 01/2024
Promote financial instruments for liability on environment (LIFE PROFILE)	LIFE19 GIE/GR/001127	N/A		11/2020 → 11/2023

Ongoing LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and LIFE Climate Adaptation projects				
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Promoting water efficiency and supporting the shift towards a climate resilient agriculture in Mediterranean countries (LIFE AgroClimaWater)	LIFE14 CCA/GR/000389	http://www.lifeagroclimawater.eu/		09/2015 → 08/2020
Adaptation to Climate change Impacts on the Mediterranean islands' Agriculture (LIFE ADAPT2CLIMA)	LIFE14 CCA/GR/000928	http://www.adapt2clima.eu		10/2015 → 04/2019
EMPLOYING LAND STEWARDSHIP TO TRANSFORM TERRACED LANDSCAPES INTO GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES TO	LIFE16 CCA/GR/000050	http://lifeterracescape.aegean.gr		07/2017 → 08/2021


BETTER ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE (LIFE TERRACESCAPE)				
Implementation of a forecAsting System for urban heat Island effect for the development of urban adaptation strategies (LIFE ASTI)	LIFE17 CCA/GR/000108	https://lifeasti.eu/		09/2018 → 08/2021
Strategic Environmental Management in Mount Athos under Climate Change (LIFE STEMMA ATHOS)	LIFE19 CCA/GR/001185	N/A		10/2020 → 12/2025
A novel approach for accounting & monitoring carbon sequestration of tree crops and their potential as carbon sink areas (LIFE CLIMATREE)	LIFE14 CCM/GR/000635	http://www.lifeclimatree.eu/		07/2015 → 06/2019
Low-cost, carbon positive bioethanol production with innovative Green Floating Filters in multiple water bodies (LIFE Biomass C+)	LIFE16 CCM/GR/000044	http://biomasscarbonpositive.eu		09/2017 → 02/2021
Innovative technologies for climate change mitigation by Mediterranean agricultural sector (LIFE ClimaMed)	LIFE17 CCM/GR/000087	https://life-climamed.eu/		09/2017 → 02/2021
A circular economy system for multi-source biomass conversion to added value products (LIFE CIRCforBIO)	LIFE18 CCM/GR/001180	https://circforbio.eu/		10/2019 → 05/2023

Ongoing LIFE Climate Governance and Information projects

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Promoting urban integration of GReen INfrastructure to improve climate governance in cities (LIFE GrIn)	LIFE17 GIC/GR/000029	http://lifegrin.gr/		06/2018 → 12/2021
More Information Less Emissions - Empowering consumers for a greener 21st century (MILE21-LIFE)	LIFE17 GIC/GR/000128	https://www.mile21.eu/		09/2018 → 08/2021

Ongoing LIFE Integrated Projects

Project Title	Project Number	Website	Click on the icon to read the project summary	Project duration
Integrated actions for the conservation and management of Natura 2000 sites, species, habitats and ecosystems in Greece (LIFE IP 4Natura)	LIFE16 IPE/GR/000002	https://edozone.gr		12/2017 → 11/2025
LIFE-IP AdaptInGR - Boosting the implementation of adaptation policy across Greece (LIFE-IP AdaptInGR)	LIFE17 IPC/GR/000006	https://www.adaptivegreece.gr		12/2017 → 11/2025

Circular Economy Implementation in Greece (LIFE-IP CEI-Greece)	LIFE18 IPE/GR/000013	https://ekpa.ypeka.gr/en/projects/european/life-ip-cei-greece-life-ip-circular-economy-implementation-in-greece-2		07/2019 -> 10/2027
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