

LIFE Programme in Luxembourg



Facts and figures

The LIFE Programme has funded 24 projects in Luxembourg over 14 coordinating beneficiaries with total project costs of €89.5m, of which the EU contributed €34.8m.

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for environment and climate action. It has been running since 1992 and has co-financed more than 5500 projects across the EU and in third countries, mobilising more over €12 billion and contributing with more than €5 billion to the protection of the environment and climate. The LIFE programme contributes fully to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal.

The budget for the period 2021–2027 is set at €5.4 billion.

The following sub-programmes are covered (*):

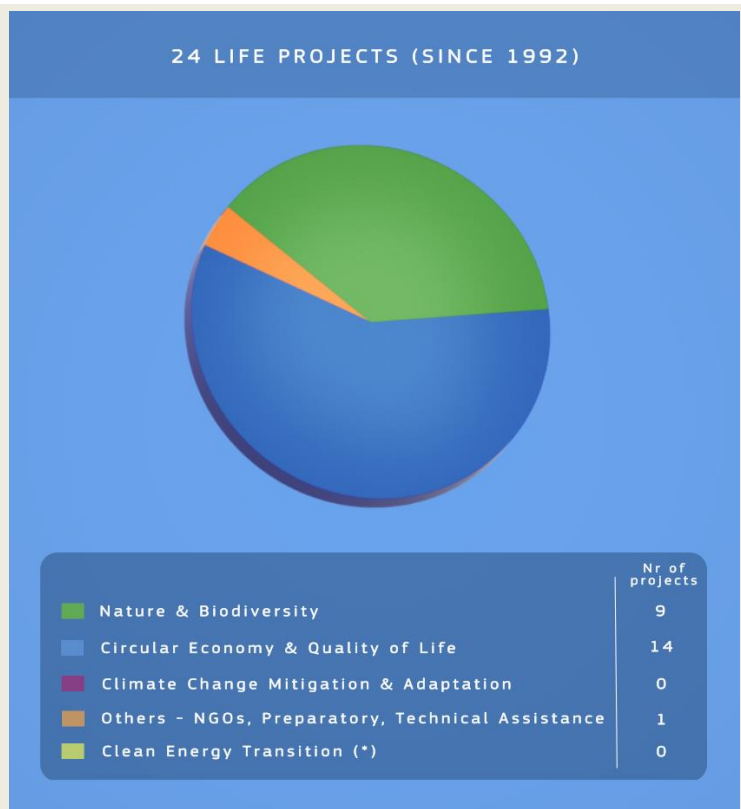
- **Nature and biodiversity**
- **Circular economy and quality of life**
- **Climate change mitigation and adaptation**
- **Clean energy transition** (first call for projects in 2021) (*)

For more information:

https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en

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Past and closed projects are designated in this document with the new LIFE programme 2021-2027 nomenclature



INVESTMENT IN LIFE PROJECTS IN LUXEMBOURG (€ million)

	TOTAL INVESTMENT	EU CONTRIBUTION
ALL LIFE projects	89.5	34.8
Nature & Biodiversity	24	11.5
Circular Economy & Quality of Life	65	23
Others - NGOs, Preparatory, Technical Assistance	0.5	0.3



LIFE Nature and Biodiversity

The Nature and Biodiversity strand includes support for standard action projects for developing, applying and promoting best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity, as well as “Strategic Nature Projects” (SNAP). These new projects support the achievement of Union nature and biodiversity objectives by implementing coherent programmes of action in Member States in order to mainstream those objectives and priorities into other policies and financing instruments, including through coordinated implementation of the prioritised action frameworks adopted pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC.

To date, the LIFE Nature and Biodiversity component has co-financed nine projects in Luxembourg. These represent a total investment of €24 million, of which €11.5 million has been contributed by the EU.

Completed projects focused on the improvement of habitats (e.g. Alzette upper valley and the mosaic of wetlands in Eisleck, in order to improve the conservation status of three target species: the violet copper butterfly, and the bird species, the whinchat and red-backed shrike; and endangered grassland habitats in the “Gutland” region) as well as species-rich and calcareous grasslands; and the conservation/restoration of specific species (the Ardenne pearl mussel populations, the thick shelled river mussel in the rivers Our and Sûre, and endangered amphibian species). One project focused on assisting local authorities in the implementation of Natura 2000 in Luxembourg. The projects were coordinated by an NGO (Fondation "Hëllef fir d'Natur") and a public enterprise (Syndicat Intercommunal de l'Ouest pour la Conservation de la Nature)

There is one ongoing project in Luxembourg. The main objective of LIFE Bats & Birds is to enhance the ecology of agricultural landscape and improve the connectivity between existing and potential habitats in Luxembourg.



Circular Economy and Quality of Life

Actions supported under the Circular economy and quality of life strand will help in reaching major EU policy objectives such as the transition to a circular economy, as well as protecting and improving the quality of the environment and life. Under this strand, Strategic Integrated Projects (SIP), will implement, on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant energy legislation or policy of the Union. These projects will also ensure that stakeholders are involved and promoting coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source.

This strand [formerly LIFE Environment and Resource Efficiency and Environmental Governance and Information] has co-financed 14 projects in Luxembourg us far, representing a total investment of €65 million, of which €23 million has been provided by the EU.

Completed projects focused mainly on: construction and demolition waste; eco-friendly products; reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants; sustainable construction; industrial waste; energy efficiency/savings in the automotive and building sectors; river basin management; eco-products (production of wood panels with near-zero environmental footprint); and clean technologies in the car industry (direct injection of compressed natural gas). Most of the projects were coordinated by international enterprises (Dometic, Kronospan, Goodyear, Dupont de Nemours and Delphi Automotive Systems Luxembourg). Other coordinating beneficiaries included an SME (OSL Oeko Service Luxembourg), a research centre (Centre de Recherche Public Henri Tudor) and a professional organisation (Chambre des Métiers du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg). No projects have been funded in Luxembourg under this strand since 2013.



LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

The LIFE Climate change mitigation and adaptation strand will support actions which help implement the 2030 energy and climate policy framework and meet the European Union's commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Projects under this strand will contribute to climate neutral and resilient economy.

Strategic Integrated Climate Projects (SIP), will implement, on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities and required by specific climate or relevant energy legislation or policy of the Union. These projects will also ensure that stakeholders are involved and promote coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source.

No project has been co-funded under this strand so far in Luxembourg.



LIFE Clean Energy Transition

Building on the Intelligent Energy Europe (2003–2013) and Horizon 2020 Energy Efficiency (2014–2020) programmes, the LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-programme continues to support the delivery of EU policies in the field of sustainable energy. In particular, it aims at facilitating the transition towards an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and -resilient economy across Europe.

The LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-programme supports projects in the following five areas of intervention:

- 1) Building a national, regional and local policy framework supporting the clean energy transition;
- 2) Accelerating technology roll-out, digitalisation, new services and business models and enhancement of the related professional skills on the market;
- 3) Attracting private finance for sustainable energy;
- 4) Supporting the development of local and regional investment projects;
- 5) Involving and empowering citizens in the clean energy transition.

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Ongoing LIFE Nature & Biodiversity projects				
Project Title	Project Number	Project acronym and link to the online summary	Website	Project duration
LIFE Bats & Birds - providing Bed and Breakfast for Bats & Birds	LIFE18 NAT/LU/000136	LIFE Bats & Birds	https://www.naturemwelt.lu/project/life-bats-birds/	09/2019 → 08/2025