



LIFE Programme - Call 2022 Overview

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The LIFE Programme 2021-2027

To contribute to the shift to a circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy based- and climate resilient economy

To protect and improve the quality of the environment

To halt and reverse biodiversity loss



Nature and Biodiversity



Circular Economy and Quality of Life



Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation



Clean Energy Transition

Projects

- Develop and demonstrate eco-innovative techniques and approaches
- Promote best practices and behavioral changes
- Help to implement and enforce plans and strategies, in compliance with EU legislation.
- Catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful solutions

•Contributes to policies and legislation development, monitoring and enforcement

• Help Member States to improve their implementation

Project beneficiaries are:

Private enterprises
NGOs and civil society organisations
Public authorities



Types of activities funded under LIFE

Grants

- **Action grants:**
 - Standard action projects (SAPs)
 - Strategic Nature Projects (SNAPs)
 - Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)
 - Technical Assistance (TA)
 - Other actions (OA) – including Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)
- **Operating grants for NGOs**

Other Forms of Funding

- **Procurement**
- **Prizes**
- **Blending**



Standard action projects (SAPs)

- **‘Traditional’ LIFE projects aimed to:**
 - develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches;
 - contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practices;
 - support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;
 - catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance
- **Co-financing rate of 60% maximum except:**
 - 67% for project targeting both priority and non-priority habitats and/or species
 - 75% for projects targeting exclusively priority habitats and/or species
- **Maximum 10-year duration**



Strategic Nature Projects (SNAPs)

- **Focused on**
 - the implementation of the Prioritised Action Frameworks pursuant to the Habitats Directive or other plans or strategies adopted at international, national, regional or multiregional level by nature and biodiversity authorities
 - Mainstreaming relevant nature and biodiversity objectives into other policies and funding programmes
- **Co-financing rate of 60% maximum**
- **Maximum 14-year duration**



Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)

- **Co-financing rate of 60% maximum**
- **Maximum 14-year duration**
- **Circular Economy and Quality of Life:**
 - Circular Economy: National or Regional Circular Economy Action Plans, Strategies, Roadmaps or similar
 - Waste: National and regional Waste Management Plans (WMPs) and/or Waste Prevention Programmes (WPPs)
 - Water: River basin management plans (RBMPs), Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) or Marine Strategies
 - Air: Air quality plans pursuant to the Ambient Air Quality Directive or National Air Pollution Control Programmes (NAPCP)
- **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:**
 - National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP, Regulation on the governance of the energy union and climate action (EU)2018/1999);
 - National Energy Efficiency Action Plans' (NEEAP);
 - National or regional adaptation strategies or action plans;
 - Urban or community-based action plans pioneering the transition to a climate neutral and/or climate resilient society;
 - National, regional or industry-/sector-specific greenhouse gas mitigation strategies or economy roadmaps contributing to climate neutrality



Technical assistance projects (TA)

- **TA-PP: support to the participation in standard action projects and preparation of SNAPs and SIPs (TA-PP)**
 - **Co-financing rate of maximum 60%, maximum LIFE contribution of EUR 70 000**
- Maximum 5 year duration for all TA projects



Other action grants

- **Coordination and Support Actions for the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency.**
- **Action grants benefitting the organisations mentioned in Annex I of the LIFE Regulation:**
 - **European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL);**
 - **European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE);**
 - **European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE).**
- **Projects to support specific policy and legislation requirements.**
- **Co-financing rate of 95% maximum**



Sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity



**Nature and
Biodiversity**

Contribution to:

- Halting and reversing biodiversity loss.
- Supporting Natura 2000 network and Prioritised Action Frameworks.
- Mainstreaming nature and biodiversity objectives into other policies and financing programmes.

Typical actions

Projects supporting nature conservation and restoration in the Natura 2000 network.

Species protection.

Invasive Alien Species

Ecosystem restoration and much more ...

Integrated implementation of PAF and Biodiversity Strategy



Sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of life



Circular Economy
and Quality of Life

Contribution in the areas of:

- circular economy, noise, air, chemicals, green and circular economy, industrial accidents, marine and coastal management, noise, soil, waste, water, and the urban environment.

Typical actions

Support to public authorities and other stakeholders to implement EU environment legislation.

Support to technologies and solutions that are ready to be implemented in close-to-market conditions, at industrial or commercial scale, during the project duration.

Integrated projects beyond air, water, waste to other areas such as circular economy.

Promote upscale and access to finance.



Sub-programme Climate Mitigation and Adaptation



Climate Change
Mitigation and
Adaptation

Contribution to:

- The transformation of the European Union into a climate-neutral and -resilient society, especially through:
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate Change Adaptation

& Related Governance

On **climate mitigation**, projects that contribute significantly to the implementation of:

- the 2030 energy and climate policy
- the EU Member States' National Energy and Climate Plans
- European Union's mid-century and long-term climate and energy strategy

On **climate adaptation**:

- projects that support the implementation of the new EU adaptation strategy and related national implementation

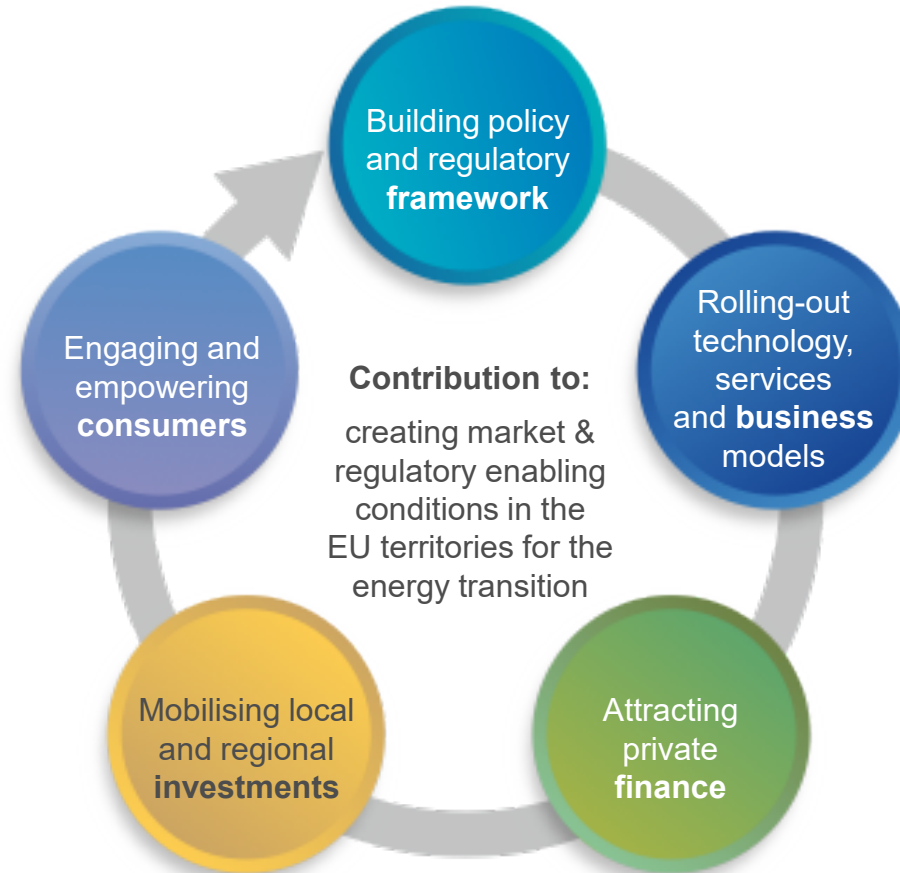


The sub-programme Clean Energy Transition

predecessors: Intelligent Energy Europe continued under H2020- SC3- market uptake



Clean Energy Transition



Type of activities: developing and spreading best practice, mobilising investments, improving skills, removing market barriers, raising awareness, educating, empowering.



Clean Energy Transition: areas of intervention



Clean Energy Transition

- Building a national, regional and local **policy framework** supporting the clean energy transition
- Accelerating **technology roll-out, digitalisation, new services and business models** and enhancement of the related **professional skills** on the market
- Attracting private **finance** for sustainable energy

- Supporting the development of local and regional **investment** projects
- Involving and **empowering citizens** in the clean energy transition



Other action grants – Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)

- CSAs are the standard type of grant for the CET sub-programme
- Breaking market barriers to the clean energy transition through capacity building, dissemination of information and knowledge, awareness raising
- Policy-driven, prescriptive call topics
 - A tightly pre-defined scope of the proposal;
 - Engagement of multiple stakeholders and large transnational consortiums;
 - EU-widely validated results feeding into EU policy making;
- Co-financing rate of 95% maximum
- Usual duration of projects between 18 and 36 months
- No infrastructure costs, mainly labor costs



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