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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

LIFE+ CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2011

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The Commission invites entities registered in the European Union to present proposals for the LIFE+ call for proposals 2011.

Applications

Proposals must be written on specific application forms. These forms and the application guide that includes detailed explanations in regard to eligibility and procedures can be obtained from the Commission's website on the following address:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifepius.htm>

Proposals must be submitted on CD-ROM or DVD.

Beneficiaries

Proposals must be presented by entities registered in the Member States of the European Union being public and/or private bodies, actors and institutions.

The following themes are covered by this announcement

1. LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity

Principal objective: to protect, conserve, restore, monitor and facilitate the functioning of natural systems, natural habitats, wild flora and fauna, with the aim of halting the loss of biodiversity, including diversity of genetic resources, within the EU.

2. LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance

Principal objectives:

- **Climate change:** to stabilise greenhouse gas concentration at a level that prevents global warming above 2 °C,
- **Water:** to contribute to enhanced water quality by developing cost-effective measures to achieve good ecological status in view of developing river basin management plans under Directive 2000/60/EC (Water Framework Directive),
- **Air:** to achieve levels of air quality that do not give rise to significant negative impacts on and risks to human health and the environment,
- **Soil:** to protect and ensure the sustainable use of soil by preserving soil functions, preventing threats to soil, mitigating their effects and restoring degraded soils,
- **Urban environment:** to contribute to improving the environmental performance of Europe's urban areas,

- **Noise:** to contribute to policy development and implementation on environmental noise,
- **Chemicals:** improve the protection of environment and health from risks posed by chemicals by 2020 by implementing chemicals legislation, in particular Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) and the Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides,
- **Environment and health:** to develop the information base for policy on the environment and health (the Environment and Health Action Plan),
- **Natural resources and waste:** to develop and implement policies designed to ensure sustainable management of natural resources and wastes, and to improve the environmental performances of products, sustainable production and consumption patterns, waste prevention, recovery and recycling; to contribute to the effective implementation of the Thematic Strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste,
- **Forests:** to provide, especially through an EU coordination network, a concise and comprehensive basis for policy relevant information on forests in relation to climate change (impact on forest ecosystems, mitigation, substitution effects), biodiversity (baseline information and protected forest areas), forest fires, forest conditions and the protective functions of forests (water, soil and infrastructure) as well as contributing to the protection of forests against fires,
- **Innovation:** to contribute to developing and demonstrating innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments to assist in the implementation of the Environmental Technologies Action Plan (ETAP),
- **Strategic approaches:** to promote effective implementation and enforcement of Union environmental legislation and improve the knowledge base for environmental policy; to improve the environmental performance of SMEs.

3. LIFE+ Information and Communication

Principal objective: to disseminate information and raise awareness on environmental issues, including forest fire prevention; and to provide support for accompanying measures, such as information, communication actions and campaigns, conferences and training, including training on forest fire prevention.

EU Cofinancing rates

1. LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity projects

- The rate of the Union financial support shall be a maximum of 50 % of the eligible costs.
- Exceptionally, a maximum cofinancing rate up to 75 % is applicable to proposals which target priority habitats/species of the Birds' and Habitats' Directives.

2. LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance

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3. LIFE+ Information and Communication

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Deadline

Project proposals shall be submitted to the national competent authorities by **18 July 2011**. Project proposals shall be forwarded to the national authority of the Member State in which the beneficiary is registered. Proposals will then be submitted by the national authorities to the Commission by **9 September 2011**.

Budget involved

The overall budget for project action grants under LIFE+ in 2011 is EUR 267 431 506. At least 50 % of this amount shall be allocated to measures to support the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

The indicative national financial allocations for 2011 are as follows:

(EUR)

Member State	Allocation 2011	Member State	Allocation 2011	Member State	Allocation 2011
AT	5 173 981	FI	7 110 142	MT	2 526 420
BE	5 569 385	FR	27 037 254	NL	8 204 966
BG	8 865 830	GR	9 485 287	PL	17 763 612
CY	2 591 391	HU	6 895 995	PT	7 143 727
CZ	5 702 526	IE	4 071 357	RO	11 277 858
DK	4 622 124	IT	23 509 232	SE	8 837 155
DE	30 305 020	LT	2 936 886	SI	5 410 942
EE	3 517 197	LU	2 920 329	SK	6 152 190
ES	26 307 202	LV	2 570 998	UK	20 922 502
				Total	267 431 506

More information

More information including the application guidelines and application forms can be found on the LIFE website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

It is also possible to contact the relevant national authorities:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm>