LIFE+ Call for proposals 2012

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The Commission invites entities registered in the European Union to present proposals for the LIFE+ call for proposals 2012.

Applications

The application guides that include detailed explanations in regard to eligibility and procedures can be obtained from the Commission's website at the following address:

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

Proposals should only be created and submitted by using the online application tool 'eProposal'. The link to 'eProposal' will be timely communicated via the above mentioned website.

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, and 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 o 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 co-financing 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 co-financing rate up to 75 % is applicable to proposals which target priority habitats/species of the Birds and Habitats Directives.

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Deadline

Project proposals shall be validated and submitted via eProposal to the national competent authorities by **26 September 2012**, 23.59 local Brussels time. Project proposals shall be forwarded via eProposal to the national authority of the Member State in which the beneficiary is registered. Proposals will then be submitted via eProposal by the national authorities to the Commission **2 October 2012**, 23.59 local Brussels time.

Budget involved

The overall budget for project action grants under LIFE+ in 2012 is EUR 276 710 000. 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 2012 are as follows:

Member State	Allocation 2012 (EUR)	Member State	Allocation 2012 (EUR)	Member State	Allocation 2012 (EUR)
AT	5 353 492	DE	31 356 448	HU	7 135 251
BE	5 762 614	EE	3 639 225	IE	4 212 612
BG	9 173 428	ES	27 219 926	IT	24 324 882
CY	2 681 299	FI	7 356 827	LT	3 038 780
CZ	5 900 374	FR	27 975 307	LU	3 021 649
DK	4 782 488	GR	9 814 377	LV	2 660 198

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MT	2 614 074	PT	7 391 578	SI	5 598 674
NL	8 489 636	RO	11 669 142	SK	6 365 639
PL	18 379 918	SE	9 143 758	UK	21 648 405
				Total	276 710 000

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