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(Notices)

COMMISSION

LIFE 2005-2006
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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The Commission invites 'legal entities' established in the European Union and in the candidate countries associated to LIFE to present proposals for the LIFE selection round 2005-2006. Candidate countries associated to LIFE can take part in this round according to the provisions set up in the decisions by the Association Councils concerning their participation to LIFE. Currently: Romania.

Applications

Proposals must be written on specific application forms. The application file that includes detailed explanations in regard to eligibility and procedures, as well as the required application forms can be obtained from the Commission's web-site on the following address:

<http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/home.htm>

Where and when to submit a project

Detailed instructions are contained in the application file for each LIFE sector.

The following calls are covered by this announcement:1. LIFE-Nature projects*Objective:*

projects aiming at the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora of Community and (for candidate countries only) international interest.

Deadline:

— All projects concerning the above objective and covering not less than 80 % of the 2006 budget for LIFE-Nature shall be submitted to the national competent authorities at the latest by 30 September 2005.

— Projects will then be submitted (two paper copies) by the national authorities to the Commission at the latest by 31 October 2005.

— Member States and candidate countries associated to LIFE may change the national submission deadline and the total number of copies required. It will be up to them to inform the public consequently.

An additional call for proposals, covering up to 20 % of the 2006 budget for LIFE Nature, will be launched in autumn 2005, to support the preparation of, at least, long-term national plans for the period 2007-2013, aimed at achieving a favourable conservation status for the habitats and/or species targeted by the EU 'birds' and 'habitats' directives. This call will be aimed at Member States' national authorities in charge of implementing Natura 2000. The proposed deadline for submitting proposals is 31 December 2005.

2. (a) LIFE-Environment Demonstration projects*Objective:*

demonstration projects which contribute to the development of innovative and integrated techniques and methods, and to the further development of Community environment policy, and which

— integrate environmental and sustainable development considerations into land-use development and planning, particularly in urban and coastal areas, or

— promote the sustainable management of ground and surface water, or

— minimise the environmental impact of economic activities, notably through the development of clean technologies and by placing the emphasis on prevention, including the reduction of emission of greenhouse gases, or

- promote the prevention, reuse, recovery and recycling of waste of all kinds and ensure the sound management of waste flows, or
- reduce the environmental impact of products through an integrated approach to production, distribution and consumption, and handling at the end of their life-time, including the development of environmentally-friendly products.

Deadline:

- All projects shall be submitted to the national competent authorities at the latest by 30 September 2005.
- Projects will then be submitted (two paper copies) by the national authorities to the Commission at the latest by 30 November 2005.
- Member States and candidate countries associated to LIFE may change the national submission deadline and the total number of copies required. It will be up to them to inform the public.

2. (b) LIFE Environment Preparatory Projects

Objective:

Projects which are preparatory to the development of new Community environmental actions and instruments, and/or to the updating of environmental legislation and policies.

Deadline:

Proposals should be sent directly to the Commission by 30 November 2005 (two paper copies). The proposals must be sent or delivered by registered letter, by private courier or by hand by the fixed deadline to the address indicated in the application file. Faxes, electronic mail, incomplete applications, or applications sent in several parts will not be accepted. Proposals sent by the fixed deadline but received by the Commission after **30 November 2005** will not be considered eligible.

3. LIFE Third Countries projects

Objective:

projects of technical assistance which contribute to the establishment of the means and administrative structures needed in the environmental sector and in the development of environmental policy and action programmes in eligible third countries bordering on the Mediterranean and Baltic Seas.

Deadline:

- All projects shall be submitted to the national competent authorities at the latest by 31 October 2005.
- Projects will then be submitted (two paper copies) by the national authorities to the Commission at the latest by 30 November 2005.
- The national authorities may change the national submission deadline and the total number of copies required. It will be up to them to inform the public.