

Accompanying measures under the LIFE programme (LIFE-Nature): 'Starter' and 'Co-op' — call for proposals

(2002/C 102/17)

1. Article 3(2)(b)(i) and (ii) of the LIFE Regulation (EC) No 1655/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council foresees the possibility to finance special type of measures called 'Starter' and 'Co-op'.
2. Proposals for 'Starter' measures shall have as sole objective the preparation of LIFE-Nature projects involving partners in more than one Member State and/or accession candidates countries associated to LIFE.
3. Proposals for 'Co-op' measures shall be aimed exclusively at supporting exchange of experience among LIFE-Nature projects.
4. The aim of the present call for proposals is to identify projects which might be eligible for financial support from the European Commission, Directorate-General for the Environment (DG ENV). This support would be in the form of co-financing grants.
5. DG ENV intends to co-finance between 10 and 15 'Starter' and five 'Co-op' projects in 2002. The indicative amount of the available budget for 2002 is EUR 600 000 ⁽¹⁾. The rate of overall Community financing shall not exceed a maximum of 100 % of eligible costs (as defined in the application file).
6. The application file including all technical and financial details as well as the application forms can be downloaded from the following web address:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/life/nature/index.htm>

or sent on written request to:

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7. The complete proposal must be sent or delivered by registered letter, by private courier or by hand by **25 June 2002** to the addresses indicated in the application file. The postmark, date of collection by the courier or the acknowledgement of receipt dated and signed by the responsible official will serve as proof of date of submission of the proposal. 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 **8 July 2002** will be considered as not receivable. It is the duty of the applicant to ensure that the necessary precautions are taken to respect this deadline.

⁽¹⁾ Considering that this amount is not yet confirmed, DG ENV reserves the right to cancel this call for proposals, either partially or totally, in the case that necessary resources would not be available.