

LIFE 2022

Programme for the Environment and Climate Action

Standard Action Projects (SAPs) for the Nature & Biodiversity, Circular Economy and Quality of Life, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, and the Clean Energy Transition topics

Total call Budget:	Deadline:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature & Biodiversity – 135.739.347 euros Circular Economy and Quality of Life – 98.320.656 euros Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation – 65.900.000 euros 	4 October 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clean Energy Transition – 98.000.000 euros 	16 November 2022

01. Beneficiaries

Be legal entities (public or private bodies) from EU Member States and from some non-EU countries (listed here [participating countries](#)).

Consortium composition: N/A, except for some Clean Energy Transition topics where 3 partners from 3 different EU Member States rule applies. See the Call for Proposals text (link section number 6)

02. Topic web links

The LIFE programme is divided into four strands: one for the environment and another for climate action.

- Nature and biodiversity** - https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/nature-and-biodiversity_en
- Circular economy and quality of life** - https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/circular-economy-and-quality-life_en
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation** - https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/climate-change-mitigation-and-adaptation_en
- Clean energy transition (continuation of H2020 Energy Efficiency market uptake)** - https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/clean-energy-transition_en

03. Type of Action: Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

Standard Action Projects aim to:

- develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches; ‘Innovative techniques, methods and approaches’ means solutions which are new when compared to the state of the art at Member State and sector level and which are implemented at an operational scale and under conditions that allow the achievement of the impacts set out in the award criterion ‘Impact’ first paragraph (see Section 9. Award criteria);
- contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practice; ‘Best practice’ means solutions, techniques, methods and approaches which are appropriate, cost-effective and state of the art (at Member State and sector level), and which are implemented at an operational scale and under conditions that allow the achievement of the impacts set out in the award criterion ‘Impact’ first paragraph;

- support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the EU 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;

Projects can be close-to-market (i.e. aim not only at delivering improved environmental solutions, but also at making sure such solutions are widely taken up by society in general and, more particularly, by the economy through an explicit market-oriented approach). In this case, applicants will be required to highlight specific market-related information in their Application Forms (e.g. planned production capacity, reference market, economic feasibility etc.).

04. Funding rate

- Nature & Biodiversity – **60%**
- Circular Economy and Quality of Life – **60%**
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation – **60%**
- Clean energy transition – **95%**

05. Award criteria

1. **Relevance** (0-20 points)

- Relevance of the contribution to one or several of the specific objectives of the LIFE Programme and the targeted sub-programme
- Extent to which the proposal is in line with the description included in the call for proposals, including, where relevant, its specific priorities
- Concept and methodology: soundness of the overall intervention logic
- Extent to which the proposal offers co-benefits and promotes synergies with other policy areas relevant for achieving environment and climate policy objectives

2. **Impact** (0-20 points)

- Ambition and credibility of impacts expected during and/or after the project due to the activities, including ensuring that no substantial harm is done to the other specific objectives of the LIFE Programme
- Sustainability of the project results after the end of the project
- Quality of the measures for the exploitation of project results
- Potential for the project results to be replicated in the same or other sectors or places, or to be up scaled by public or private actors or through mobilising larger investments or financial resources (catalytic potential).

3. **Quality** (0-20 points)

- Clarity, relevance, and feasibility of the work plan
- Identification and mobilisation of the relevant stakeholders
- Appropriate geographic focus of the activities
- Quality of the plan to monitor and report impacts
- Appropriateness and quality of the measures to communicate and disseminate the project and its results to different target groups

4. **Resources** (0-20 points)

- Composition of the project team - in terms of expertise, skills and responsibilities and appropriateness of the management structure
- Appropriateness of the budget and resources and their consistency with the work plan
- Transparency of the budget, i.e., the cost items should be sufficiently described
- Extent to which the project environmental impact is considered and mitigated, including through the use of green procurement. The use of recognised methods for the calculation of the project environmental footprint

(e.g., PEF or OEF methods or similar ones such as PEFCRs/ OEFSRs) or environmental management systems (e.g., EMAS) would be an asset

- Value for money of the proposal

Bonus points (except for Clean Energy Transition):

- **Bonus 1:** The proposal offers exceptional synergies and promotes significant co-benefits between LIFE sub-programmes. (2 points).
- **Bonus 2:** The proposal is primarily implemented in the Outermost Regions. Where specific regional features are relevant to the needs addressed in the call for proposals, e.g., islands for waste, coal-intensive regions for clean energy, etc., the bonus could be extended to other geographical areas with specific needs and vulnerabilities (2 points).
- **Bonus 3:** The proposal substantially builds on or up-scales the results of other funded projects. (2 points).
- **Bonus 4:** The proposal offers an exceptional catalytic potential. (2 points).
- **Bonus 5:** The proposal envisages a transnational cooperation among Member States essential to guarantee the achievement of the project objectives. (2 points).

06. Call text and template links

- **Nature & Biodiversity** Call text - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/wp-call/2021-2024/call-fiche_life-2022-sap-nat_en.pdf
- **Circular Economy** and Quality of Life - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/wp-call/2021-2024/call-fiche_life-2022-sap-env_en.pdf
- **Climate Change** Mitigation and Adaptation - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/wp-call/2021-2024/call-fiche_life-2022-sap-clima_en.pdf
- **LIFE Clean Energy Transition** - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/wp-call/2021-2024/call-fiche_life-2022-cet_en.pdf
- Funding & Tenders **Portal LIFE calls** – [Click here](#)
- Standard **Application Form**: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/temp-form/af/af_life-sap-oag_en.pdf
- Detailed **Budget Table**: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/temp-form/af/detailed-budget-table_life_en.xlsx
- **Participant information** sheet - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/temp-form/af/participant-information_life_en.docx

LIFE PROJECT DATABASE

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/search/advanced>