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LIFE 2014 – 2020: Climate Action

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LIFE Programme



- ✓ The LIFE Programme is the **EU's funding instrument** for the **environment** and **climate action**.
- ✓ It contributes to the **implementation, updating and development** of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation by **co-financing projects**.

General Objectives

- Resource-efficient, low-carbon, climate-resilient economy
- Protect & improve the quality of the environment
- Halt & reverse biodiversity loss

- Develop, implement & enforce Union's environmental and climate policy
- Integrate & mainstream environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies and public & private sector practice



Better environmental and climate governance at all levels, incl better involvement of civil society, NGOs & local actors

Support the implementation of the 7th Environment Action Programme

What does LIFE look for?

- ❑ It does **not** focus on **research** (\neq H2020)
- ❑ It does **not** finance **large infrastructure** (\neq ESI Funds)
 - Projects are encouraged to coordinate with ESIF to create synergies
- ❑ Highest EC contribution - **55% of total eligible costs**
 - up to 75% for specific Nature & Biodiversity projects
- ❑ Strong emphasis on:
 1. Long-term **sustainability**
 2. **Replicability** and **transferability**
 3. **Impact** (quantified 'impact indicators')



General characteristics

- ❑ **Public entities, NGOs, SMEs**
- ❑ **Average number of beneficiaries per project: 4-5 (all contribute financially)**
- ❑ **Possibility to implement actions/include beneficiaries in **non-EU countries** under certain conditions**
- ❑ **Average eligible budget: 1,5 - 3 million €**
- ❑ **General and specific objectives & thematic priorities**
- ❑ **Types of projects** - pilot, demonstration, best practice, information

LIFE Programme Structure

✓ 3.456,7 million € [2014-2020]

✓ 2 sub-programmes

✓ Environment (75%)

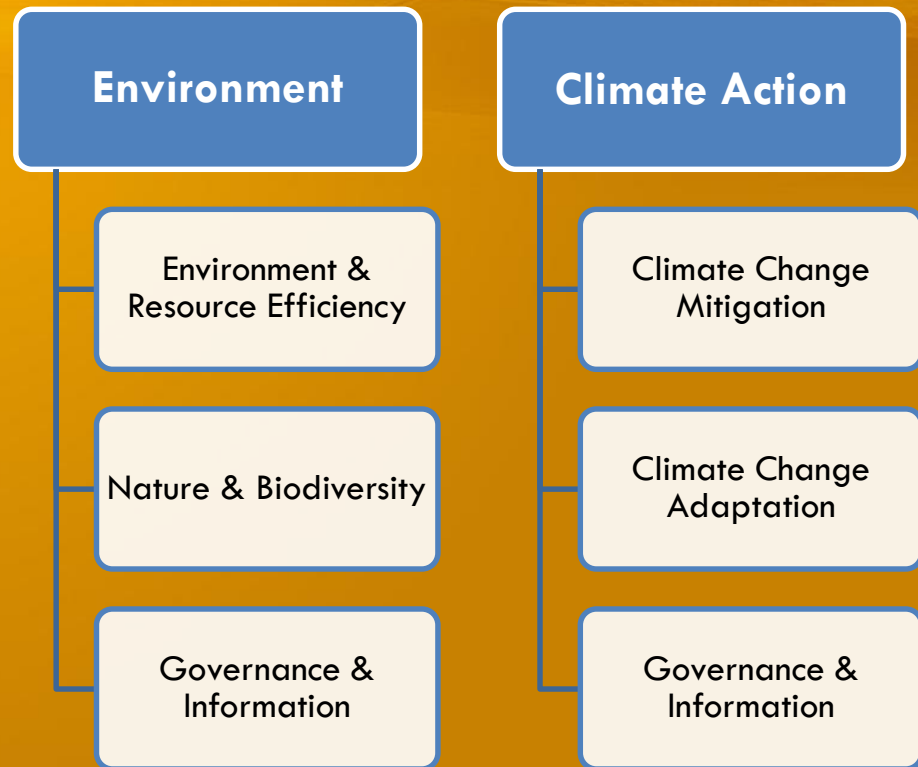
55% Nature/Biodiversity (2014-2017)

60.5% Nature/Biodiversity (2018-2020)

✓ Climate Action (25%)

≈450 million € (2014-2017)

> 413 million € (2018-2020)



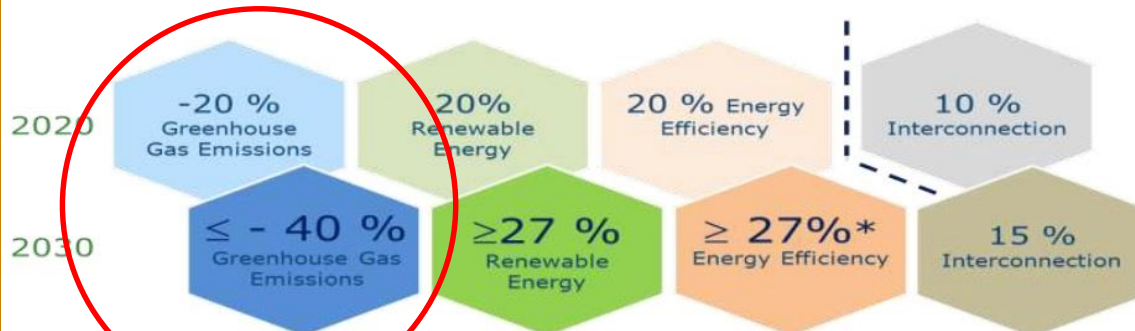
Climate Action sub-programme

- 3 Priority Areas (PAs) – CCM, CCA, GIC (specific objectives set out in Article 14, 15 and 16 or LIFE Regulation)
- Each PA includes a number of **policy areas** of particular interest for the period 2018-2020
- Annual calls contain more detailed **work areas**
- 1-stage approach (2018) → 2-stage approach (2019, 2020)



Main EU CCM related priorities

EU :2030 Climate and Energy Framework



❖ Emission Trading System:

- ❖ Power & Energy sector
- ❖ Industry
- ❖ International aviation

❖ Non-ETS sector:

- ❖ Road transport and fuels
- ❖ Residential/Commercial
- ❖ Agriculture
- ❖ F-gases, etc.



Baseline: 2005

LIFE Policy areas for CCM [1]

1. MSs and regional/local efforts for non-ETS sectors
 - Transport and fuels
 - Agriculture
 - Construction (e.g. energy efficiency in buildings)
 - Land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)
2. GHG accounting and CCM in LULUCF sector
3. Land management practices having an impact on emissions/removals (i.e. supplementary measures to ESIF)

LIFE Policy areas for CCM [2]

4. Enhancement of the ETS operation with a high impact on energy and GHG intensive industrial production
5. Support to the implementation of F-gases related legislation
6. GHG monitoring and reporting by authorities



Main EU/GR CCA related priorities

- [EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change](#)
- Paris Agreement → Urban Adaptation
- [Covenant of Mayors \(2015\)](#) → Combination of mitigation and adaptation
- [National Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change](#)
- [Law 4414/2016, ΦΕΚ Α' 149, Art. 42-45](#)
- Regional Adaptation Plans, [law specification 11258/2017](#)
- *Useful Link:*

European Climate Adaptation Platform (Climate-Adapt) - <http://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/>



LIFE Policy areas for CCA (1)

1. Urban adaptation and land planning limiting CC impacts
2. Resilience of infrastructure, including
 - a. Green-blue infrastructure
 - b. Ecosystem based approaches
3. Sustainable management of water in drought-prone areas, flood and coastal management

LIFE Policy areas for CCA [2]

4. Resilience of agricultural, forestry and tourism sectors, including in island and mountain areas
5. Support to the EU's Outermost Regions: preparedness for extreme weather events, notably in coastal areas



LIFE Policy areas for GIC

1. Development and implementation of national 2030 climate and energy strategies and/or mid-century strategies
2. incentivising behavioural change, mainstreaming emission reduction and resource efficiency actions in sectors
3. Assessment by authorities of the functioning of the EU ETS
4. Building capacities, raising awareness among end-users and the equipment distribution chain of F-gases
5. Climate policy monitoring, assessment and *ex post* evaluation
6. Best practices and awareness-raising activities addressing adaptation needs

LIFE Programme in Greece

Since the launch of the LIFE Programme by the European Commission in 1992 and until 2018, a total of **254** projects have been co-financed with a Greek beneficiary as a Coordinator.

The total investment of these projects amounts to **€ 388.1 million**, of which the EU's contribution is **€ 212.1 million**.

Currently there are 9 on-going Climate Action projects in Greece.



LIFE Programme in Greece (1992-2018)

Sub-Programme	Number of projects	Percent of total	Total budget	EC contribution
ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY	143	56.3%	190,786,258	89,472,968
NATURE/BIODIVERSITY	73	28.7%	107,329,228	72,706,252
CLIMATE ACTION	24	9.4%	46,118,442	24,198,386
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION	10	3.9%	10,305,351	5,608,388
INTEGRATED PROJECT	2	0.8%	31,189,548	18,533,169
CAPACITY BUILDING	1	0.4%	1,304,708	953,600
NGO	1	0.4%	1,120,000	672,000
TOTAL	254	100%	388,153,536	212,144,763

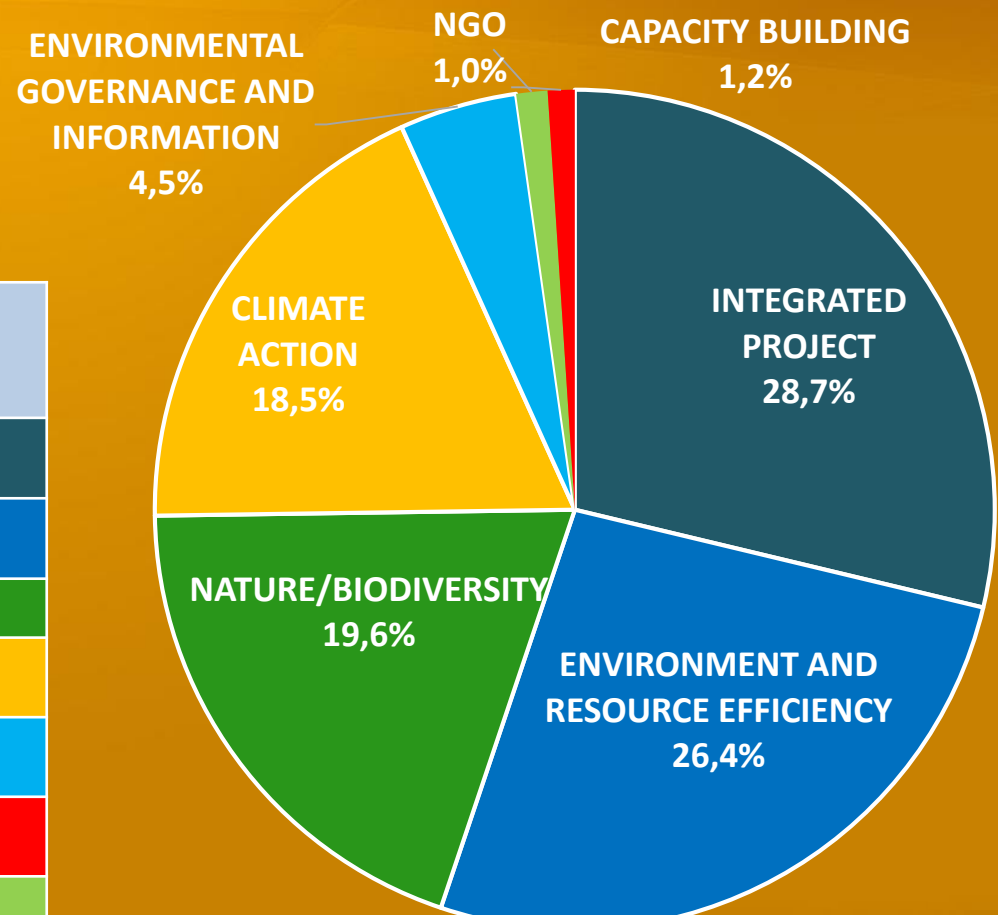
Source: [Database of LIFE projects - European Commission](#), interpreted by the Greek LIFE Task Force



Projects in progress

There are **39 projects** with Greek beneficiaries as coordinators that are in progress with a total budget of **€ 108.5 million**, of which the EU's contribution is **€ 64.9 million**.

% TOTAL BUDGET OF PROJECT IN PROGRESS IN GREECE



Sub-Programme	No. of projects	Total budget
IP	2	31,189,548
ENV & RE	13	28,675,028
NAT/BIO	10	21,277,898
CA	9	20,034,834
GIE	4	4,914,331
CAP	1	1,304,708
NGO	1	1,120,000
TOTAL	39	108,516,347



Greek participation in the CA 2018 Call

10 proposals with Greek beneficiaries as coordinators and 5 proposals with coordinators from another country and Greek beneficiaries as partners have been submitted in the 2018 LIFE Call for Climate Action (September 2018).

Priority Area	Number of proposals with Greek beneficiary as a coordinator	Number of proposals with Greek beneficiary as a partner
CCM	5	1
CCA	4	3
GIC	1	1
TOTAL	10	5

Interested? Where can you get more info?

«LIFE14 CAP/GR/000003 – GR LTF»

Capacity Building project:

provide financial support to activities required to build the capacity of Member States, with a view to enabling Member States to participate more effectively in the LIFE Programme

Duration:

01/01/2016 – 30/04/2019*

Budget:

Total amount: € 1,304,708

Requested EC funding: € 953,600

Beneficiaries:

Green Fund, Coordinating Beneficiary

Ministry of Environment and Energy, Associated Beneficiary



GR LTF Role

- ❑ Inform potential beneficiaries
- ❑ Support in the preparation of proposals
- ❑ Provide technical assistance & consulting to potential beneficiaries
- ❑ Promote the exchange of experiences and best practices
- ❑ Enhance the uptake of LIFE projects results
- ❑ Operate the platform on LIFE in Greece
- ❑ Enhance the operation of the LIFE National Contact Points



More efficient participation of Greece in LIFE projects





Thank you for your attention!

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