

LIFE Programme & Establishment and Operation of the **Greek LIFE** **Task Force**

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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.

EASME

Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises



LIFE 2014-2020 – General Objectives

- to contribute to the shift towards a **resource-efficient, low-carbon & climate-resilient economy**, to the **protection and improvement of the quality of the environment** and to **halting and reversing biodiversity loss**, including the support of the Natura 2000 network and tackling ecosystems' degradation;
- to improve the **development, implementation and enforcement** of Union environmental and climate policy and legislation;
- to promote, the **integration and mainstreaming** of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies and public and private sector practices;
- to support better **environmental and climate governance** at all levels, including better involvement of civil society, NGOs and local actors;
- to support the implementation of the **7th Environment Action Programme**

LIFE Programme: Structure

Total budget: 3,456.7 million € (2014-2020)

2 sub-programmes:

Environment (75%)

Nature/Biodiversity

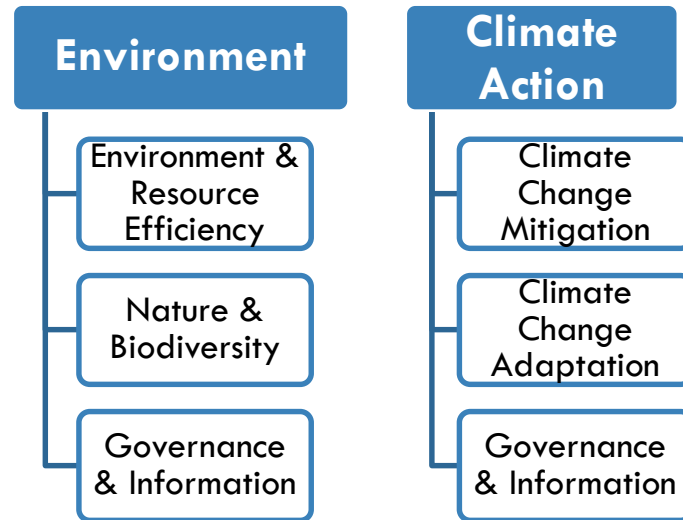
55% (2014-2017)

60.5% (2018-2020)

Climate Action (25%)

≈ 450 million € (2014-2017)

> 413 million € (2018-2020)



Some general characteristics

- ❑ It does **not** focus on **research** (\neq H2020)
- ❑ It does **not** finance **large infrastructure** (\neq ESI European structural and investment Funds)
- ❑ EC contribution (2018-2020) – **Up to 55% of total eligible costs**
Exception: 1. Nature & Biodiversity - 60%
 - 2. Nature & Biodiversity - 75% for priority habitats/ species of which 50% of the budget goes to conservation action
- ❑ Strong emphasis on:
 1. Long-term **sustainability**
 2. **Replicability** and **transferability**
 3. **Impact** (quantified 'impact indicators')

Traditional LIFE projects

- ❑ **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 - 2,5 million €**
- ❑ General and specific objectives & **thematic priorities**
- ❑ **Types of projects** - pilot, demonstration, best practice, information

LIFE & ICT insight

- ❑ **LIFE** supports and funds Circular Economy and ICT projects

Circular Economy Information Systems (CEIS) will play a crucial role in the development and success of the CE approach.

Product Life Management (PLM) systems combined with IoT technologies offer great opportunities.

Products must **carry** and **collect data** throughout their life-cycle, to allow for better operation, maintenance, recovery and disassembly.

Critical material data: type, operation status, location, ownership, availability.



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**.

LIFE Programme in Greece (1992-2019)

Sub-Programme	Number of projects	Percent of total	Total budget	EU contribution
ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY	143	55,0%	195,295,241	92,090,151
NATURE/BIODIVERSITY	75	28,8%	112,105,745	75,977,748
CLIMATE ACTION	26	10,0%	50,629,999	26,539,749
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION	11	4,2%	11,663,921	6,347,958
INTEGRATED PROJECT	3	1,2%	47,123,458	28,093,008
CAPACITY BUILDING	1	0,4%	1,304,708	953,600
NGO	1	0,4%	1,120,000	672,000
TOTAL	260	100%	419,243,072	230,674,214

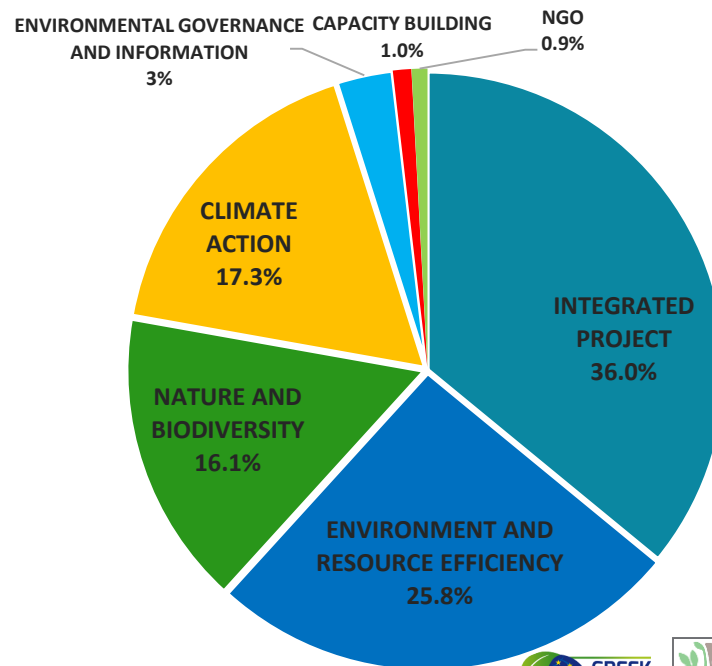
Source: [Database of LIFE projects - European Commission](#), interpreted by the GR LTF

Greek Projects in progress

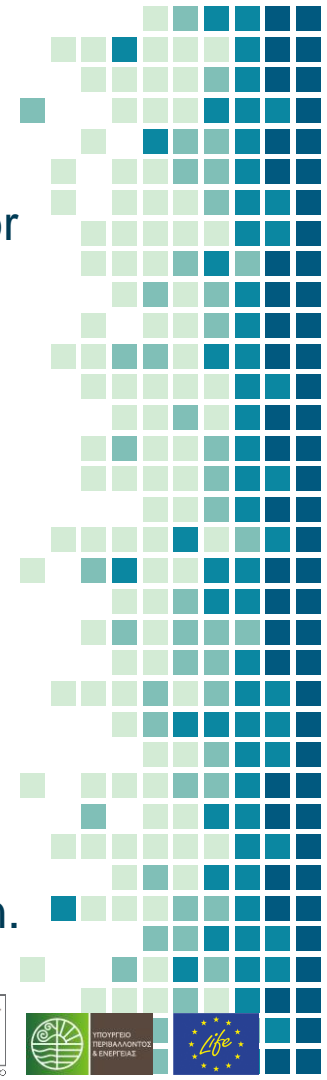
There are **41 projects** with Greek beneficiaries as coordinators that are **in progress** with a total budget of **€ 131.1 million**, of which the EU's contribution is **€ 78.9 million**.

Sub-Programme	No. of projects	Total budget
IP	3	47,123,458
ENV & RE	13	33,813,823
NAT/BIO	10	21,051,811
CA	10	22,671,527
GIE	3	3,993,728
CAP	1	1,304,708
NGO	1	1,120,000
TOTAL	41	131,079,055

% TOTAL BUDGET OF PROJECT IN PROGRESS IN GREECE



LIFE Call 2019 (1/3)



The procedure for the concept note submission has successfully ended for the traditional projects of the **sub-programme Environment** in LIFE Call 2019.

37 concept notes were submitted with **Greek coordinating beneficiary**:

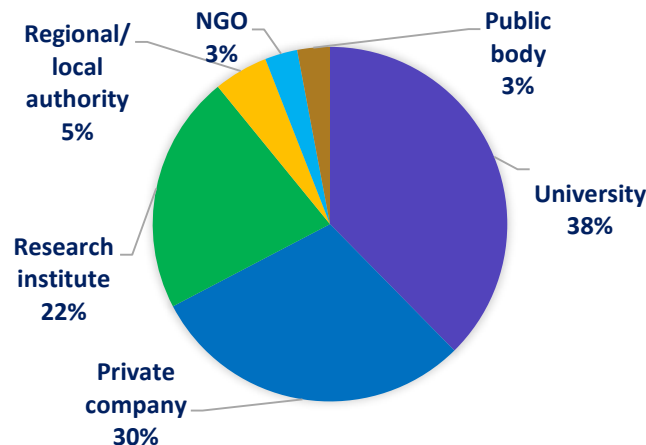
- **15** in Environment and Resource Efficiency,
- **9** in Nature/Biodiversity and
- **13** in Environmental Governance and Information.

These concept notes have requested a total budget of **€ 81.2 million**, out of which **€ 45.6 million** is the contribution from the European Commission.

LIFE Call 2019 (2/3)

The concept notes were submitted from **32 Greek beneficiaries**:

Type of beneficiary	No. of concept notes	Percentage
University	14	38%
Private company	11	30%
Research institute	8	22%
Regional/local authority	2	5%
NGO	1	3%
Public Body	1	3%



Moreover, **52 concept notes** were submitted with a foreign coordinating beneficiary, having Greek associated beneficiaries:

- ✓ **32** in Environment and Resource Efficiency,
- ✓ **9** in Nature/Biodiversity and
- ✓ **11** in Environmental Governance and Information.

LIFE Call 2019 (3/3)

The LIFE Call 2019 for the submission of full proposals in the Climate Action sub-programme is closed.

12 proposals were submitted with Greek CB:

- **6** Climate Change Adaptation - CCA
- **3** Climate Change Mitigation - CCM
- **3** Climate Information & Governance - GIC

Additionally, **18** proposals were submitted with a foreign coordinating beneficiary, having Greek AB:

- **4** CCA,
- **10** CCM and
- **3** GIC.

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Capacity Building projects:

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 – **30/04/2021**

Budget:

Total amount: € 1,304,708

EU funding: € 953,600

Project Partners:

Green Fund, Coordinating Beneficiary

Ministry of Environment and Energy, Associated Beneficiary



GREEK LIFE TASK FORCE Role

- **Providing information, technical assistance and consulting** to potential beneficiaries through **meetings, skype meetings, e-mails, phone calls**
- **Support** to potential beneficiaries through the operation of the **website** <http://www.lifetaskforce.gr> & a **help-desk** & an **internet platform** <http://support.lifetaskforce.gr/>
- **Supporting to the preparation of proposals** with the ability to send the **concept note** or the **draft proposal** to GR LTF officers in order to obtain feedback
- **Providing consulting** to potential applicants during the **preparation of proposals**
- **Support** during the **revision phase of the proposal**
- Promoting the **exchange of experiences, best practices** and the **uptake** of LIFE projects results
- **Enhancing the LIFE National Contact Points**



More efficient participation of Greece in LIFE projects



GR LTF forthcoming activities (1)

- Establishment of regional contact points for LIFE Programme
 - Preliminary support and guidance for potential applicants
- Development of LIFE project deliverables' database
 - Collection of Greek projects' deliverables since 1992 –
 - Advanced search tools – Maps and graphs
- Regional and national info days
- Early writers' seminars – Beginning of 2020 (early engagement → improved proposal quality)
- Thematic workshops – LIFE & Forests, LIFE & SMEs

GR LTF forthcoming activities (2)

- LIFE project problem guide - common difficulties and best solutions for potential applicants and beneficiaries (administrative, technical and financial issues)
- Best LIFE projects in Greece – publication
- LIFE 2021-2027 – Informative leaflet – changes, priorities, funding etc.
- Publication of the Month's LIFE Projects – project's identity, best practices, results

Thank you for your attention!

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