

LIFE PROGRAMME

Ministry of the Environment

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LIFE PROGRAMME

https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en

- **Financial Instrument for the Environment and Climate**
- Regulation of the EP and EC No. 2021/783 – valid for 2021 - 2027
- Since 1992, over 5 800 projects funded; 1 500 running projects
- Last call in 2023 – 611 mil. Euro
- **CALL 2023 timetable:**
 - Call announcement: mid March
 - Submission: September



WHY HORIZON AND LIFE ?

Objective of LIFE PROGRAMME: bring a **positive change** to the state of the environment and climate by supporting proposed solutions to environmental problems defined in EU legislation, that offer **measurable impact**.

- *Why to connect LIFE and HORIZON programmes?*
 - LIFE as a **follow-up to HORIZON's results**, the bridge between research and commercialisation stage: results verification in real conditions – prototype testing, scaling up and preparing for entry onto market
 - **Common priority themes**
 - **Similar administration rules** based on identical core documents – Annotated Grant Agreement:
 - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf

COMPLEMENTARITY TO HORIZON

LIFE programme:

- ✓ Is based on and takes upon the results of research projects.
- ✓ Aims at **testing** new/ **demonstrating** pilot/ innovative solutions under real, close-to market conditions.
- ✓ Thrives at **replicating** promising new technologies/ methods/ techniques and their further **dissemination** to commercial markets.
- ✓ Supports international projects within EU community and inter-national cooperation.
- Does **not** support basic research activities, nor common operation of institutions, does not fund great infrastructure excluding prototypes.

SYNERGIES BETWEEN LIFE AND HORIZON EUROPE

HORIZON, Cluster 6 Work Programme for 2024



LIFE sub-programme

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

- Understand and address direct drivers of biodiversity decline
- Plan, manage and expand protected areas
- Mainstream biodiversity, ecosystem services and natural capital in the society and economy
- Develop and improve practices in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture
- Interconnect biodiversity research and support policies and processes

Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme

- Halting and reversing biodiversity loss
- Restoration and management of Natura 2000 network – priority species and habitats
- Nature conservation projects – endangered species and habitats protection



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Circular Economy and Bioeconomy Sectors

- Circularity, including local and regional focus.
- Bio-based innovation
- Multifunctional and sustainable management of European forests
- Aquatic biological resources and blue biotechnology

Clean Environment and Zero Pollution

- Halting pollution of air, soil and water
- Improving circular bio-based systems



LIFE sub-programme

Circular Economy and Quality of Life sub-programme

- Transition toward a sustainable, circular, toxic-free, energy-efficient and climate-resilient economy
- Protecting, restoring and improving the quality of the environment, either by direct interventions or by supporting the integration of those objectives in other policies
- Recovery of resources from waste, water, air, noise, soil and chemical management as well as environmental governance



SYNERGIES BETWEEN PROGRAMME LIFE AND HORIZON EUROPE

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Land, Ocean and Water for Climate Action

- adaptation and resilience of natural and managed ecosystems
- climate change mitigation in the primary sectors
- sustainable management of scarce resources



LIFE sub-programme

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme

- farming, land use, peatland management, renewable energies and energy efficiency
- reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- urban adaptation and land-use planning, resilience of infrastructure, sustainable management of water in drought-prone areas, flood management
- preparedness for extreme weather events



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Innovative governance, environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the Green Deal

- innovative governance models enabling sustainability and resilience
- further deployment and exploitation of environmental observation data, products and “green” solutions
- strengthened Global Earth Observation System of Systems



LIFE sub-programme

Climate Governance and Information (part of climate sub- programme)

- support to the European Climate Pact, sustainable finance activities, awareness raising, training and capacity building
- information, awareness and dissemination projects on climate matters
- public and stakeholder support for EU policy-making



STANDARD ACTION PROJECTS

- **Run in partnership**, recommended max. 5 partners
- **Project lifespan**: max.10-year duration, 5 years on average
- **Average budget**: 3 – 6 mil. Euro,
- **EU co-financing rate**: 60%
- **National co-funding possible**



ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Legal entities based in the EU (exceptions Iceland, the Ukraine):
 - **Public entities** (regional authorities, municipalities, universities)
 - **Private commercial entities and research institutions**
 - **Private non-commercial entities** - NGOs.
- Experienced applicants with a clear vision of measurable change that can help fulfil the programme objective and hence support the EU environmental and climate legislation.





MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ **National Contact Point** for LIFE programme in the Czech Republic
- ✓ **Partner** in several implemented LIFE projects.
- ✓ **Provider of national funds** to LIFE

- **Where can we help?**
 - Thorough consultancy service – before and after the submission phase
 - National funding source:

National call for project concepts aspiring to be submitted to the LIFE call– to support successful applicants in the EU call. In 2023:

- Main beneficiaries: up to 20% of the total budget but not more than CZK 20 mil. per project,
- Partners: up to 20% of their co-financing part, not more than CZK 1.5 mil
- financial benefit for submitting a proposal to the LIFE call.





USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

CINEA websites: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en - call documents, presentations, entry to electronic proposal

MoE websites: https://www.mzp.cz/cz/komunitarni_program_life – overview of Czech LIFE projects, programme documents, information on national call

- Contacts to the **Czech LIFE NCP:**

Unit of International Programmes and Projects, Department of Financial and Voluntary Instruments, Ministry of the Environment: life@mzp.cz,

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THANK YOU

The future is green. The future is *Life*
Discover the EU's new LIFE programme for the environment and climate action