

LIFE

in Latvia

Role of the CLL project

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## General info on LIFE in LV

- Participating since 2000 (NB Member of the EU since 2004)
- 57 approved projects (+ 12 LV partners as a coordinating beneficiary)
- Total budget of approved projects 103 M euro
- National co-financing available







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## Project features

- 60.8% NAT/BIO projects
- Number of beneficiaries 1- 19
- Budget 264 265 – 19 484 173 euros
- Project sites 1-16





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## Notable results

- 26 nature management plans elaborated
- Investigated and designated 6 marine Natura 2000 sites as well as approx 10 terrestrial Natura 2000 sites
- Restoration of habitats in more than 5500 ha
- Development of 10 species management plans
- Reintroduction of fire-belied toad and European pond turtle
- Riverbeds restored in 6,35 km
- Elaborated flood management plan for Riga city
- Established certification system of rural country tourist houses
- Developed models for use of grass biomass
- Developed guidelines for sustainable tourism in protected areas
- 2 Ips active, 1 ongoing revision phase





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Latvijas  
vides  
aizsardzības  
fonds



Valsts reģionālās  
attīstības aģentūra



LATVIA



01/01/2016 - 31/12/2019

Prolonged until  
31/12/2020



1 021 030 EUR (EU contribution 892 450 )

spent  
Total : € 971 896.37  
EU contr: 812 650.87)



Ministry of Environmental Protection and  
Regional Development - CB  
Administration of Latvian Environmental  
Protection Fund - AB



8 people working on the project (2  
permanent, 6 additional)





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# Objective and activities

## Main Objective :

- Increase in number and quality of proposals submitted (+10%) and financed (+10%) by LIFE

## Main activities:

- Providing technical support and consultations on LIFE
- Promoting of LIFE programme
- Improving the overall understanding of stakeholders on LIFE programme as financial instrument





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## Preoperational context of CLL

- *insufficient visibility of existing LIFE projects and programme in general;*
- low participation of Latvian applicants (including the lack of private commercial applicants) and low proposal quality;
- lack of ENV and CLIM proposals;
- lack of GIE/GIC, those few submitted have had limited scope and success at behavioural change campaigns and wide public outreach;
- *limited support for applicants available;*
- *poor integration of project ideas with EU or national environmental policy priorities;*
- *instability of the national co-financing scheme;*
- *lack of cooperation and exchange of information among different institutions;*



policy  
(conceptual  
objectives)



technical



experience  
exchange



communications



## Policy

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Annual priorities created and communicated

National co-financing with high cofinancing rates and considerable amount of money available (own contribution ~10%)

Improved capacity for use of new opportunities within programme (financial instruments and Integrated projects)

Cost benefit tool for applicants created

## Technical

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Help Desk created and trained

Seminars and training events organized

LIFE documents translated to Latvian

Consultative board established - feedback from applicants on regular basis

## Experience exchange

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Learning from other member states

Learning from Latvian ongoing projects

Regular Baltic and Latvian networking meetings held

## Communication

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Offline communication plan elaborated for each year

**Online strategy** and communication plan elaborated and linked with offline activities

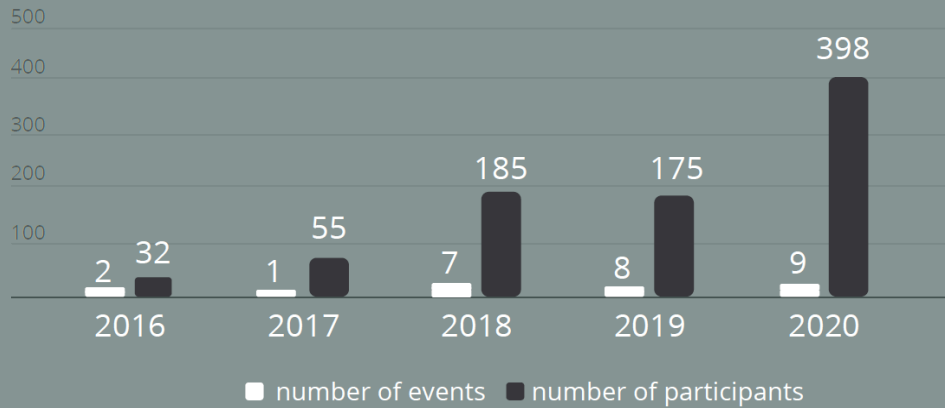
Regular posts on social media

Regular update of web page and newsletters



# Role of the CLL – quality of proposals

Number of specific trainings



Points awarded in LIFE calls (on average)

**40,53  
points**

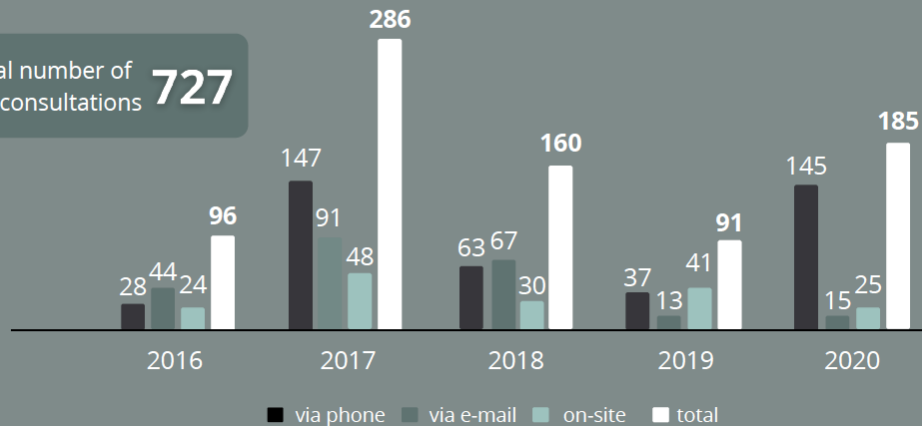
Before the  
CAP LIFE LAT project  
(2011-2015)

**50,15  
points**

During the  
CAP LIFE LAT project  
(2016-2020)

Number of consultations provided by year

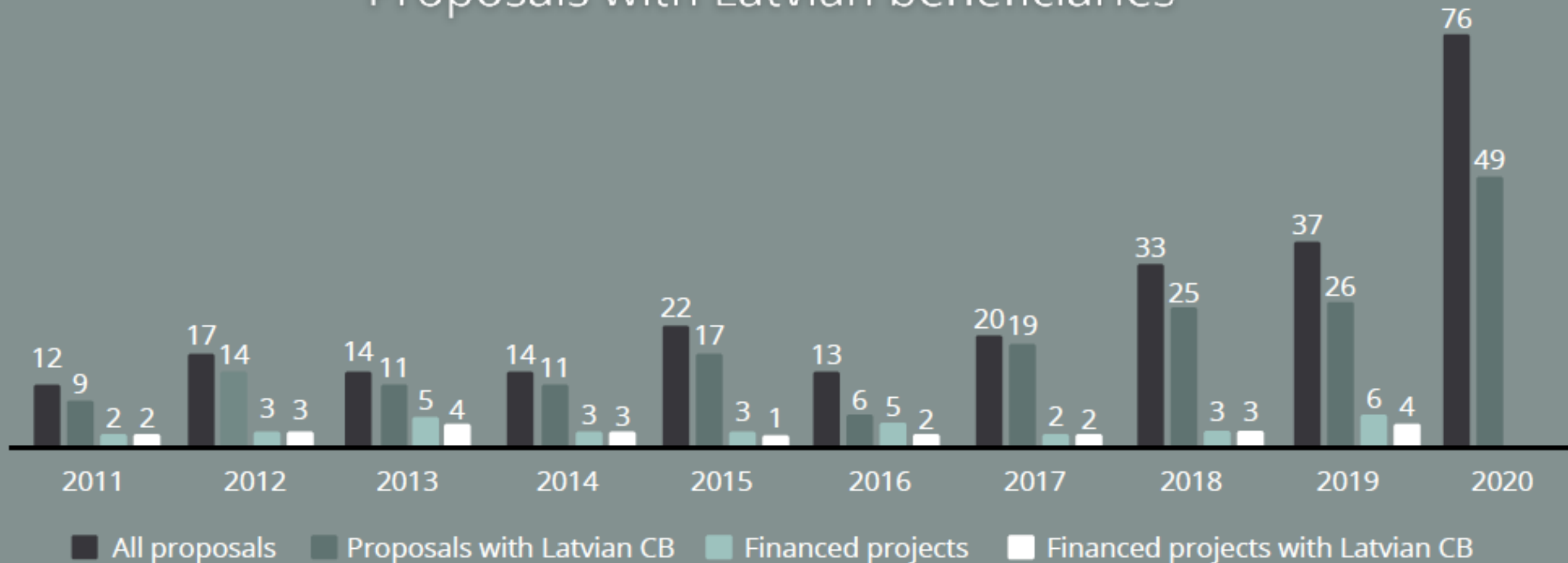
Total number of  
HD consultations **727**



During the project, HD organized **102** events  
that had more than **3000** participants!

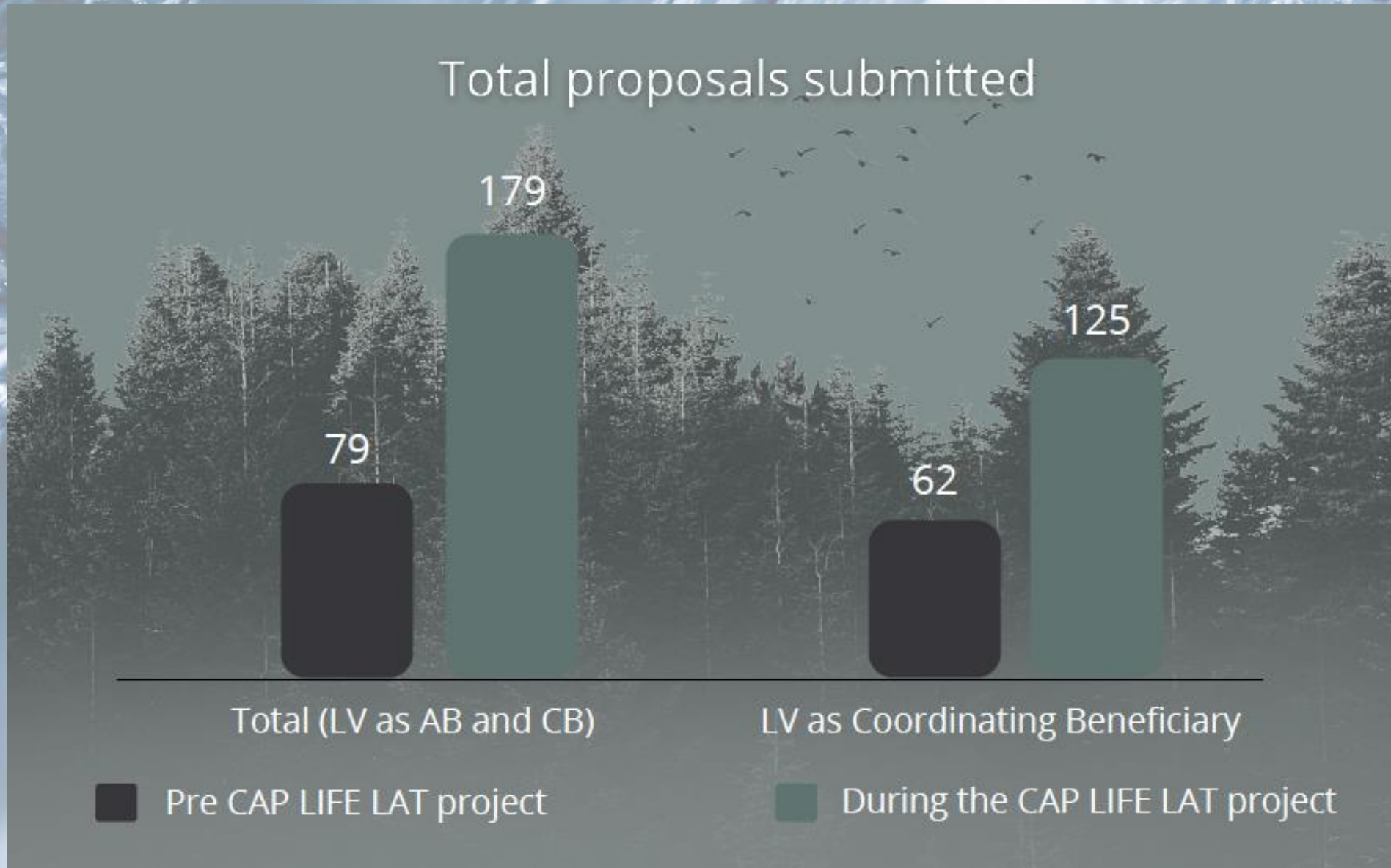
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## Proposals with Latvian beneficiaries





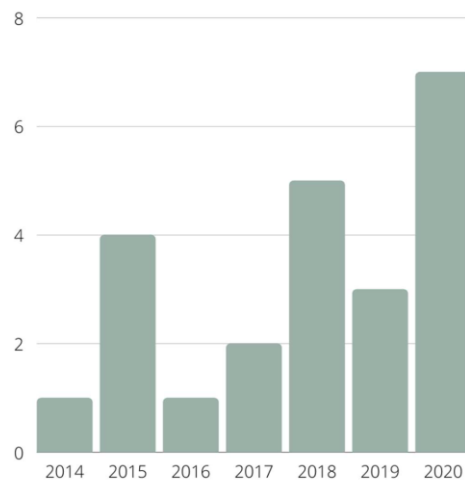
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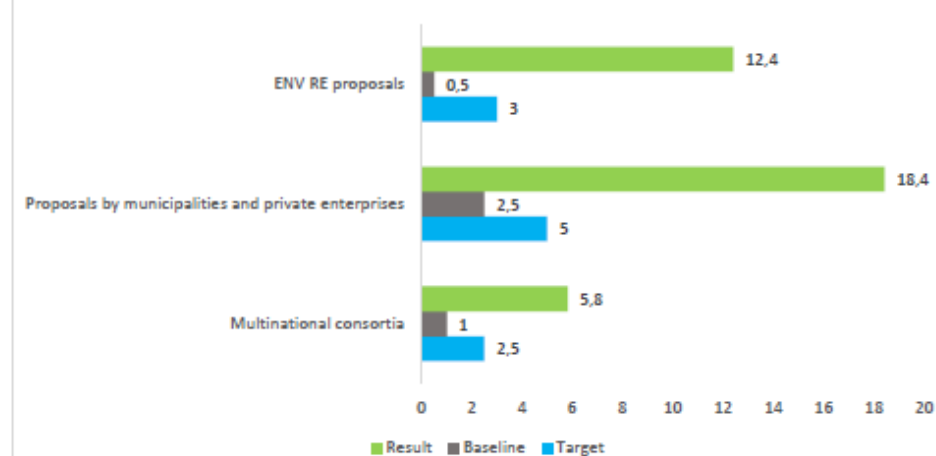
# Role of the CLL – variety of proposals

Strands	AVG proposals submitted (LV CB)	AVG proposals submitted (LV CB)
	2014-2015	2016-2020
NAT	2,5	3,8
ENV	6	12,6
GIE	2,5	2,8
CCM	1	2,6
CCA	1,5	0,8
GIC	0	0,8
IP	0	1
CAP	0,5	0
TA	0	0,4

GIE+GIC projects submitted



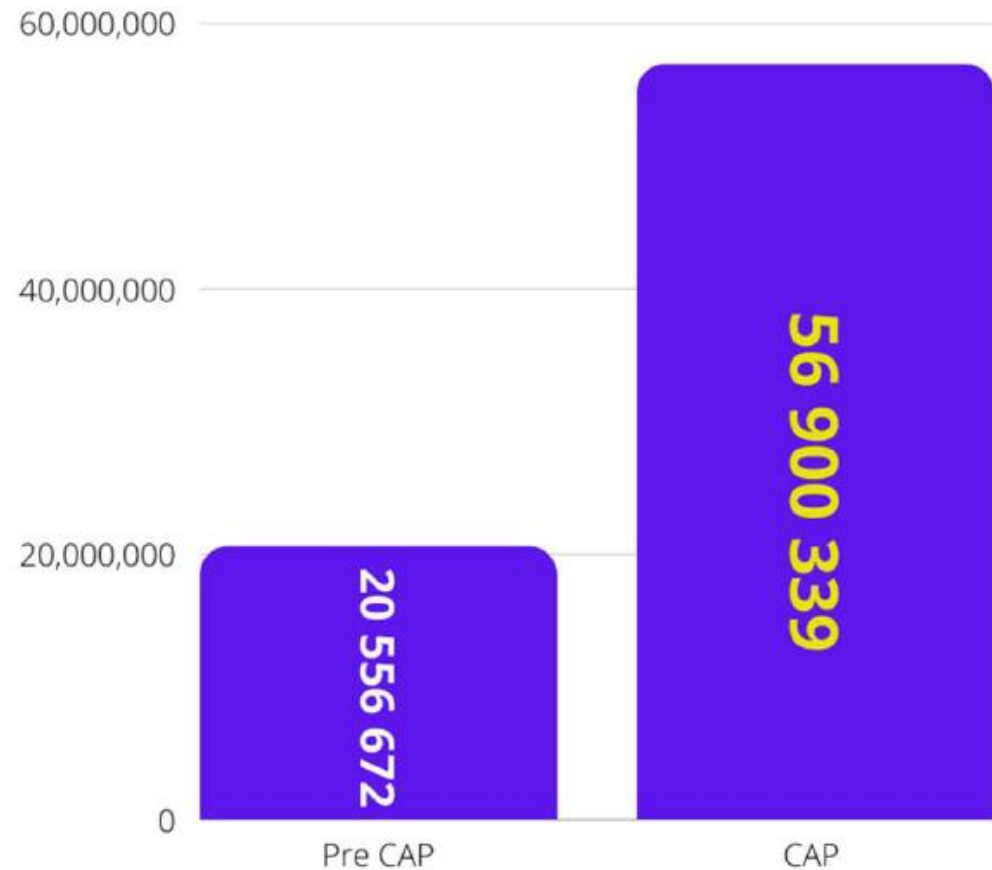
Specific data on Proposals (LV CB)



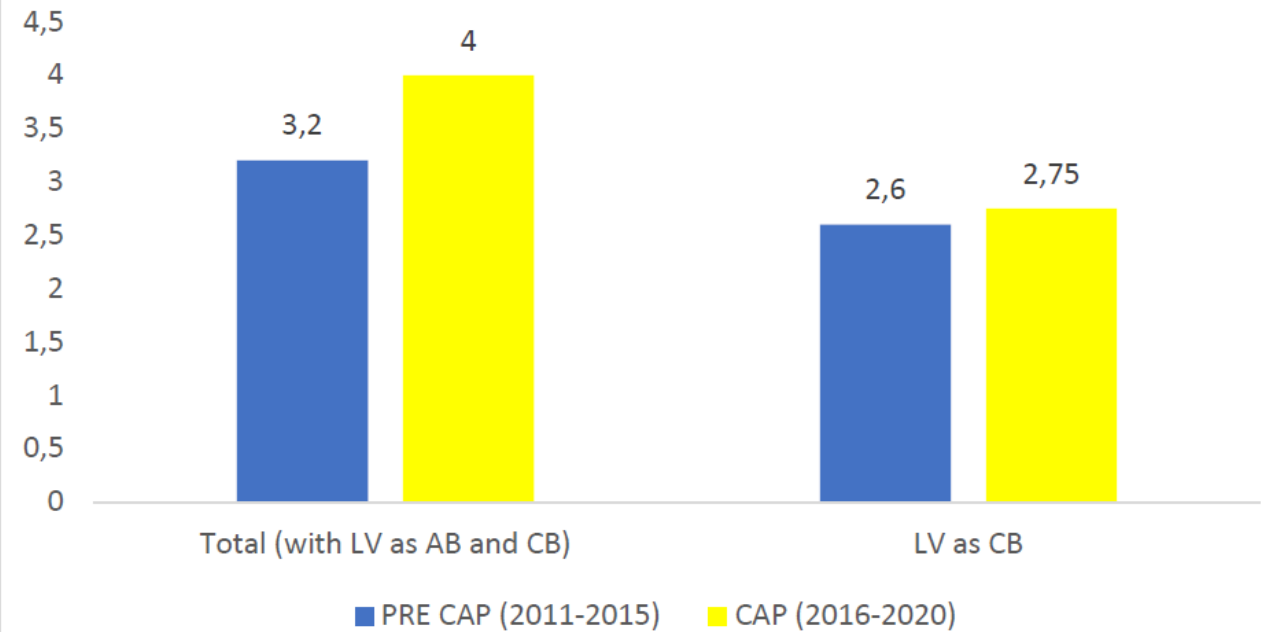


# Role of the CLL – granted proposals

## EUR attracted with LIFE programme (total costs of financed projects)



## AVG number of proposals granted per year



## Role of the CLL – policy impact

The CLL has **improved the national co-financing rules**, terms and procedure, all of which have been upgraded significantly, not only decreasing the administrative burden of applicants, but also making LIFE programme as one of the top choices of financing an environmental idea



The CLL has **brought together all entities responsible for funding in Latvia**, thus initiating closer cooperation with other EU and related funding programmes (8 programmes are promoting each other)

**Ips streamlined** : 2 financed, 1 currently in revision phase

**PF4EE available in Latvia** : as a result of CLL promotion events ALTUM (Finance institution offering financial instruments with state support) has successfully applied for PF4EE. This is the first LIFE financial instrument available in Latvia



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## Role of the CLL – **significant**, however:



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Still relatively **low success rate** of proposals – meeting the priorities



**Low overall quality** of proposals

**Struggle with resubmissions**



Applicants **ignoring the advice** given





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