



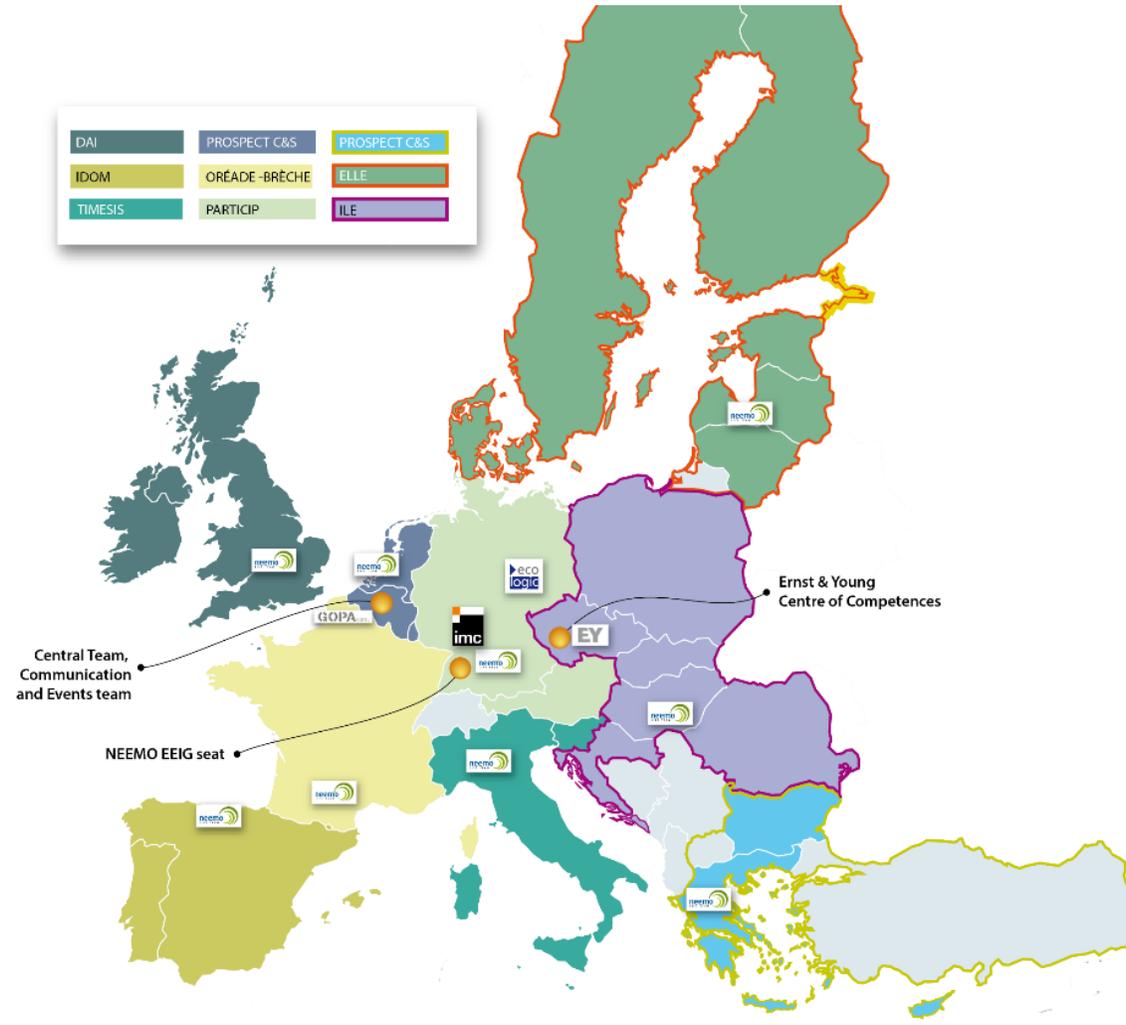
Applying successfully for LIFE: how does it work?

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Key Challenges



- There is **significant competition** for LIFE funds
- New **IT environment** and **applications forms**
- Proposals that **fail are either poorly prepared** or simply with limited ambition or risk taking
- But: Key to success is always the same!



Read the relevant information

- LIFE Web site https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en – **LIFE project database**
- **Call documents** ([Funding & tender opportunities portal](#))
 - **LIFE 2022-SAP**, Section 2, Topic description
 - **LIFE 2022-SAP**, Section 5-9: list of countries, eligibility and admissibility conditions, evaluation criteria and procedure, scoring and thresholds, etc.
 - **Submission forms and templates**: essential forms and guides to draw up and submit your proposal
- **LIFE Regulation and Multi-annual work-programme**
- Eventually, specific information, guidelines designed by your **National Contact Point**



Programme for the Environment and Climate
Action (LIFE)

Call for proposals

Circular Economy and Quality of Life - Standard Action
Projects (SAP)
LIFE-2022-SAP-ENV

Version 1.0
12 May 2022



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Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) clear filter

Type your Keywords... Match whole words only GRANTS TENDERS

Submission status: Forthcoming, Open for submission, Closed (3)

Programming period: Select a Programme period... Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Filter by call: LIFE-2021-SAP-CLIMA (3)

Funding and tenders (3)

Need help? Sort by: Submission status

Climate Change Mitigation	LIFE-2021-SAP-CLIMA-CCM	Call for proposal	Grant
Programme	Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	Status	Closed
Type of action	LIFE Project Grants	Deadline model	single-stage
Opening date	13 July 2021	Deadline date	30 November 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time

Climate Change Adaptation	LIFE-2021-SAP-CLIMA-CCA	Call for proposal	Grant
Programme	Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	Status	Closed
Type of action	LIFE Project Grants	Deadline model	single-stage
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Climate Governance and Information	LIFE-2021-SAP-CLIMA-GOV	Call for proposal	Grant
Programme	Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	Status	Closed
Type of action	LIFE Project Grants	Deadline model	single-stage
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The screenshot shows the 'Funding & tender opportunities' page for the 'Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)'. The 'SUPPORT' menu is highlighted with a red circle, showing options: 'Support overview', 'Guidance & Manuals', 'FAQ', 'Helpdesk & Support Services', and 'Support videos'. Below the menu, the 'Helpdesk & Support Services' section contains a COVID-19 notice and three service cards: 'IT Helpdesk', 'Europe Direct', and 'Research Enquiry Service'. A left sidebar includes filters for 'GRANTS' and 'TENDERS', a 'Programming period' dropdown set to '2021-2027', and a list of support links: 'Support overview', 'Guidance & Manuals', and 'FAQs'.

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Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Support overview
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Helpdesk & Support Services

Please note that due to the measures related to the COVID-19 outbreak our IT Helpdesk works in non-standard remote operation, which could introduce some handling delays.

GRANTS TENDERS

Programming period
2021-2027

Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Support overview
Guidance & Manuals
FAQs

IT Helpdesk
The IT Helpdesk answers your questions about the Funding & Tenders Portal tools and processes.

Europe Direct
Questions about the EU? Europe Direct can help.

Research Enquiry Service
The service deals with enquiries about the validation process of legal entities for all the EU programmes. However, you are requested to contact the Validation Services via the Participant Register first. If you do not have access to the Participant Register, you can submit here your enquiry.



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Topic selection



Create proposal



Participants



Proposal forms



Submit

Create proposal



Deadline

04 October 2022 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time

110 days left until closure

Call data

Call: LIFE-2022-SAP-ENV

Topic: [LIFE-2022-SAP-ENV-ENVIRONMENT](#)

Type of action: LIFE-PJG

Type of MGA: LIFE-AG



Topic and type of action can only be changed by creating a new proposal.

Download Part B templates



Download part B templates



Please submit your proposal at the latest **48 hours before the deadline** (to avoid system congestion or system incompatibility issues). Late proposals will not be accepted. Don't wait until the end because you are worried about confidentiality – we will not open the proposals before the deadline. **You can submit the proposal as many times as you wish up until the deadline.** Each new submitted version will replace the previous one.

Find your organisation

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Short name  *

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Your role

Please indicate your role in this proposal *

- Main contact
- Contact person

Your proposal

It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym *

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What is the structure of the proposal?

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- **Administrative Forms (PART A)**
- **Technical Description (PART B)**
 - Relevance
 - Impact
 - Implementation
 - Resources
- **Part C – additional project data i.e. key performance indicators**
- **Annexes (some mandatory)**



Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

Award Criteria

There are 4 Award Criteria:

- 1) Relevance
- 2) Impact
- 3) Quality
- 4) Resources

Possible bonus points:

- Synergies between LIFE sub-programmes
- Outermost Regions and areas with specific needs and vulnerabilities
- Up-scaling results of other European Union funded projects
- Exceptional catalytic potential
- Transnational cooperation among Member States

- The award criteria are scored 0-20 and the score of criterion 'Impact' will be given a weight of 1,5.
- The bonuses are based on yes/no criteria. They do not foresee a graduation: either 0 or 2 points are assigned to each proposal



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 project is in line with the description included in the call for proposals, including, where relevant, its specific priorities;
- Soundness of the overall intervention logic;
- Extent to which the project offers co-benefits and promotes synergies with other policy areas relevant for achieving environment and climate policy objectives.



Award criteria

2. Quality (0-20 points)

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



Award criteria

3. Impact (0-20 points)

- Ambition and credibility of impacts expected during and/or after the project due to the proposed activities, including potential negative impacts on the other specific objectives of the LIFE programme, including ensuring that no substantial harm is done to those objectives.
- Sustainability of the project results after the end of the project.
- 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).
- Quality of the measures for the exploitation of project results.



Award criteria

4. Resources (0-20 points)

- Composition of the project team - of a consortium or of a sole beneficiary - in terms of expertise, skills and responsibilities and appropriateness of the management structure.
- Appropriateness of the budget and resources and their consistency with the proposed 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) or environmental management systems (e.g. EMAS) would be an asset.
- Value-for-money of the proposed project.



Project Design Full Proposal

Good design

Solid analysis of the problem, state of play and solution proposed (baseline)

Key stakeholders involved (incl. users)

Robust assessment of impacts over the life cycle of the solution proposed

Clear strategy on how to sustain and multiply the impacts

Common problems

Insufficient background information (why, who and how)

Rationale for projects is defined during the project

Objectives too broad, too many

Poor partnership (partners don't fit regarding know-how or insufficient budget)

Over-optimistic / unrealistic or lack of quantification of impacts

Replication confused with networking and dissemination

Vague plans to sustain the project/results after project end



How to pass the eligibility check?

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Admissibility (section 5 of call document)

- Submitted before deadline & electronically
- Complete & using the forms/templates provided
- Readable (no smaller than Arial 10) printable (A4)
- Maximum 100 pages (including the instructions)

Eligibility (Section 6 of call document)

- Eligible participants
- Eligible activities
- Geographic location

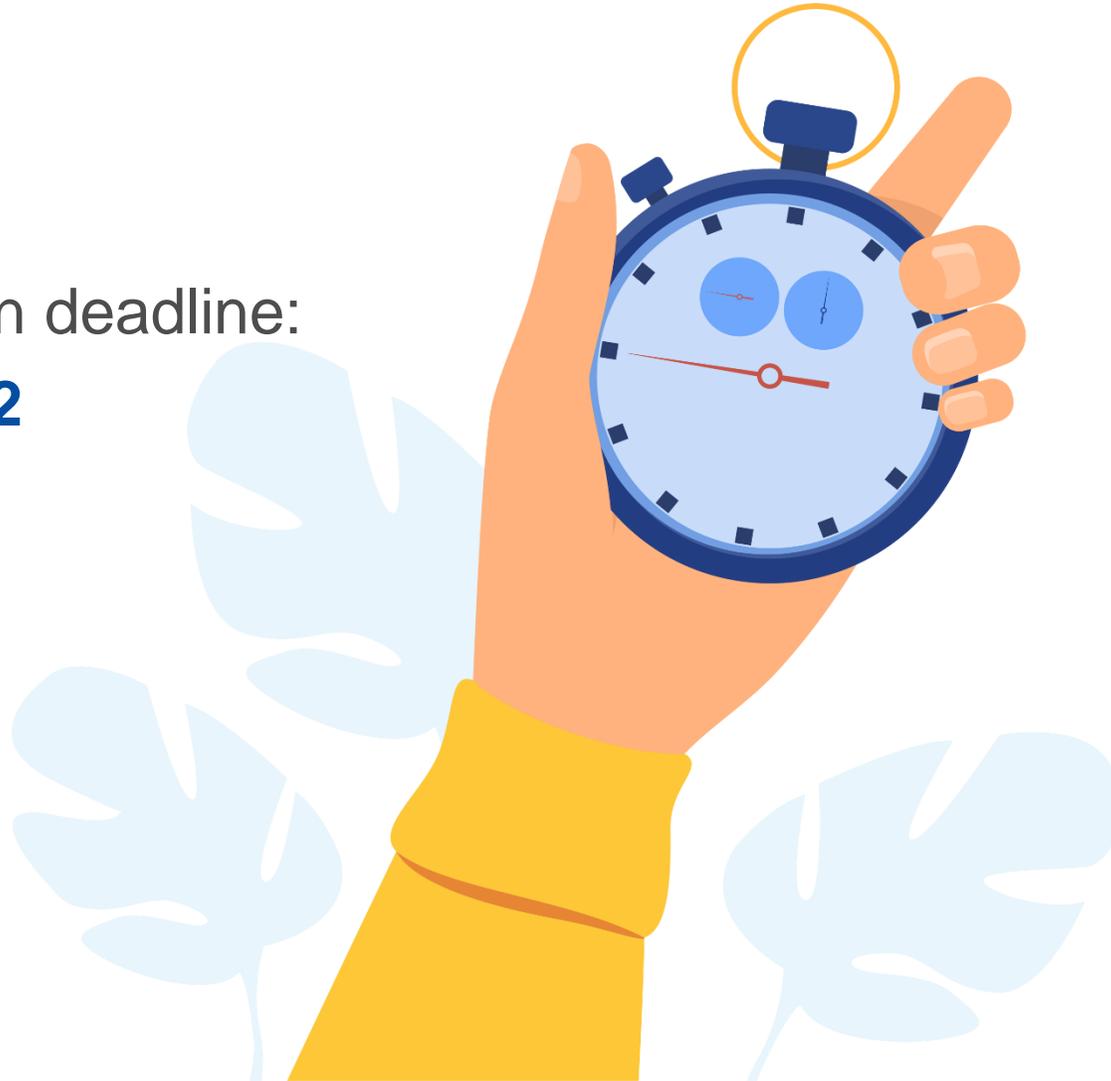


Start early ... start now!

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Call opening:
17 May 2022

First submission deadline:
4 October 2022



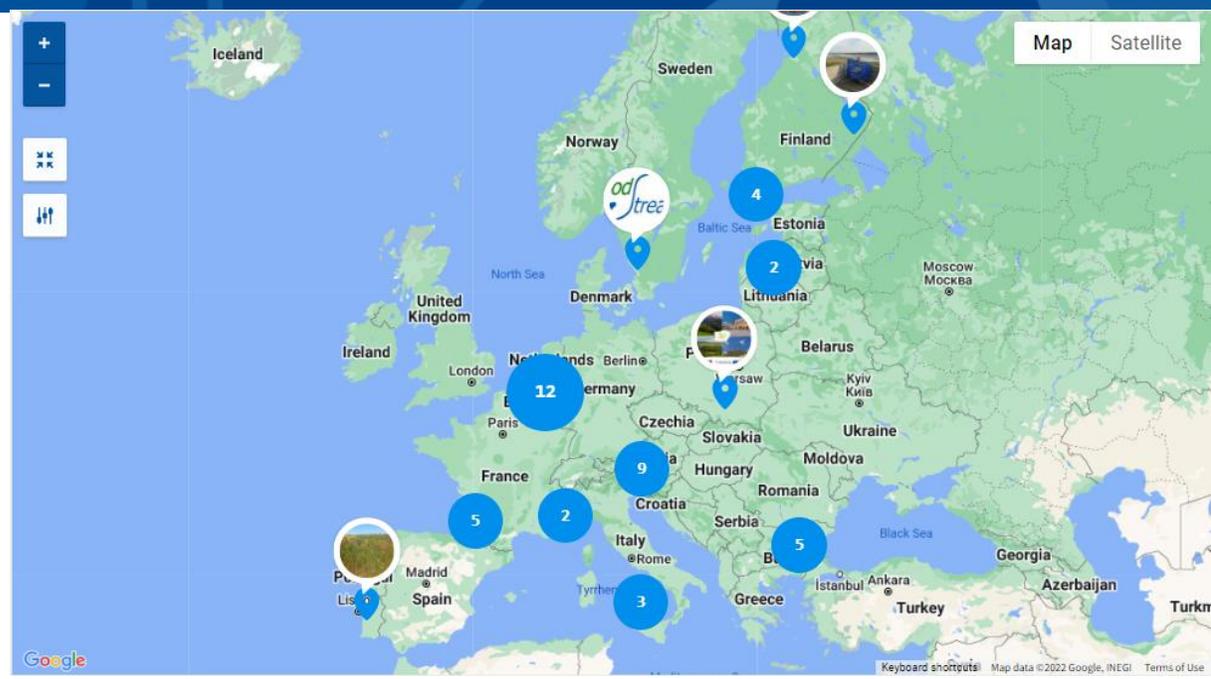
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