

# LIFE+



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# LIFE phases & budgets

## Launched in 1992:

- LIFE I (1992-1995): €400 million
- LIFE II (1996-1999): €450 million
- LIFE III (2000-2004): €640 million
- LIFE III Extension (2005-2006): €317 million
- **LIFE + (2007-2013): €2,143 billion**



# LIFE+ : objectives

- Implementation, updating and development of EU environment policy and legislation
- Contribute to sustainable development
- Support 6<sup>th</sup> environment action plan



# LIFE+: Funding instrument for environment

- €2.143 billion over 7 years (2007 to 2013)  
This is nearly 10 times the size of Eco-Innovation Programme
- 78% (or some €230 million p.a.) for action grants for projects
- 22% for studies, publicity, operating grants for NGOs, operational expenses
- All implemented by Commission



# LIFE+: action grants

Three components:

- Nature and biodiversity
- Environmental policy and governance  
[includes technical demonstration]
- Information and communication



# Nature and biodiversity

- Best practices for the implementation of the Birds' and Habitats' Directives
- Innovative projects for halting the loss of biodiversity
- The maximum co-financing rate can be 75 percent, but is normally 50 percent



# Information and communication

- Awareness raising campaigns and communication actions on environmental issues
- Forest fire prevention
- Projects can be co-financed up to a level of 50 percent



# Environmental policy and governance

- Innovative or **pilot projects** connected with implementing or developing environment policy
- Forest monitoring
- Projects can be co-financed up to a level of 50 percent



# Pilot/ Demonstration Projects

This part of LIFE is hardly known in Germany:

- Little advertising
- No networks as in the Nature branch
- No connection to name “environmental policy”, in German even less “Umweltpolitik”

But is the largest funding facility for technology after research phase, before market phase !

→ Chances for German projects are good



# Pilot/ Demonstration Projects

Geothermal Project

Porous burner for process heating

Decontamination of PCB  
transformers

AOX-free Antifilzprozess für Wolle

Demonstration line for leadfree  
soldering

Conversion plant: sewage sludge  
to coal, oil and gas

Towing kite for oversea shipping

Supersonic micro cut

Liquid stone without synthetic resins

AOX-free superwash finishing of  
wool

Oil Spill Identification System for  
Marine Transport

Liquid natural gas as fuel for ships

Hydromechanic descaling

Modelling and forecast of air quality

Moveable river hydropower

Non-toxic antifouling for ships

Sandwich facade of glasfibre  
reinforced concrete and styrol



# Project: selection process

- Managed by the Commission with the help of external technical experts
- Based on an annual call for proposals
- 2010 call will be launched on 5 May



# Project proposals

- Need to focus on one of the three components
- All actions must take place within the EU
- No overlap with other EU programmes



# Financing

- Maximum of 50% of eligible costs
- Exceptionally 75% for priority habitats/species
- Balance by beneficiary or other co-financers



# Project proposals

- Beneficiaries may be public, private commercial or non-commercial
- A beneficiary may carry out a project alone or with project partners.
- Some projects are transnational.
- Duration usually between 3 and 5 years
- Average budget €2.3 million



# LIFE communication tools

- [Website](#)
- [LIFEnews](#)
- [Thematic brochures](#)
- [Best projects brochure](#)
- Project database
- New projects compilation
- General dissemination material
- Multimedia archive
- Communication assistance to projects (e.g. factsheets)

The screenshot displays the LIFE website interface. At the top, there is a header with the LIFE logo and the text 'LIFEnews'. Below this, a navigation bar includes 'Environment' and 'EUROPA > European Commission > Environment > LIFE'. A sidebar on the left contains 'LIFE by theme' with links to 'Nature, Biodiversity' and 'Environment', and 'LIFE search' with links to 'By country', 'Project database', 'Best projects', and 'Project publications'. The main content area features a banner for 'Coasts, seas & fisheries: Videos' with a red circle around the 'Videos' link. Below the banner, there are three video thumbnails with titles: 'Vendicari Conservation and improvement of habitats in the SPA of Vendicari', 'LINDA Limitation to the negative interactions between dolphins and human activities', and 'HYERILES Conservation of Cory's shearwater on the Hyères islands'. A footer at the bottom shows the URL 'www.europa.eu/life'.



Thank you for your attention!