



The new LIFE Programme Sub-programmes and types of projects funded

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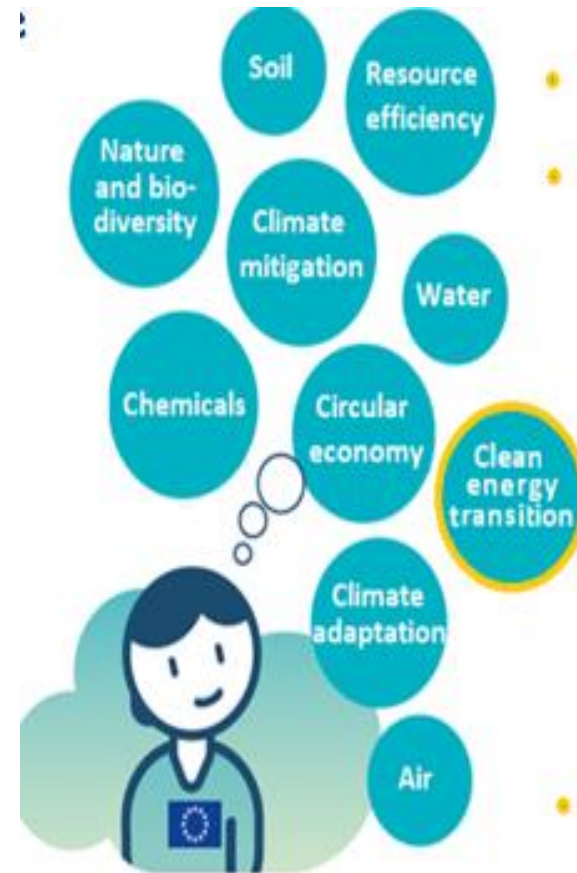


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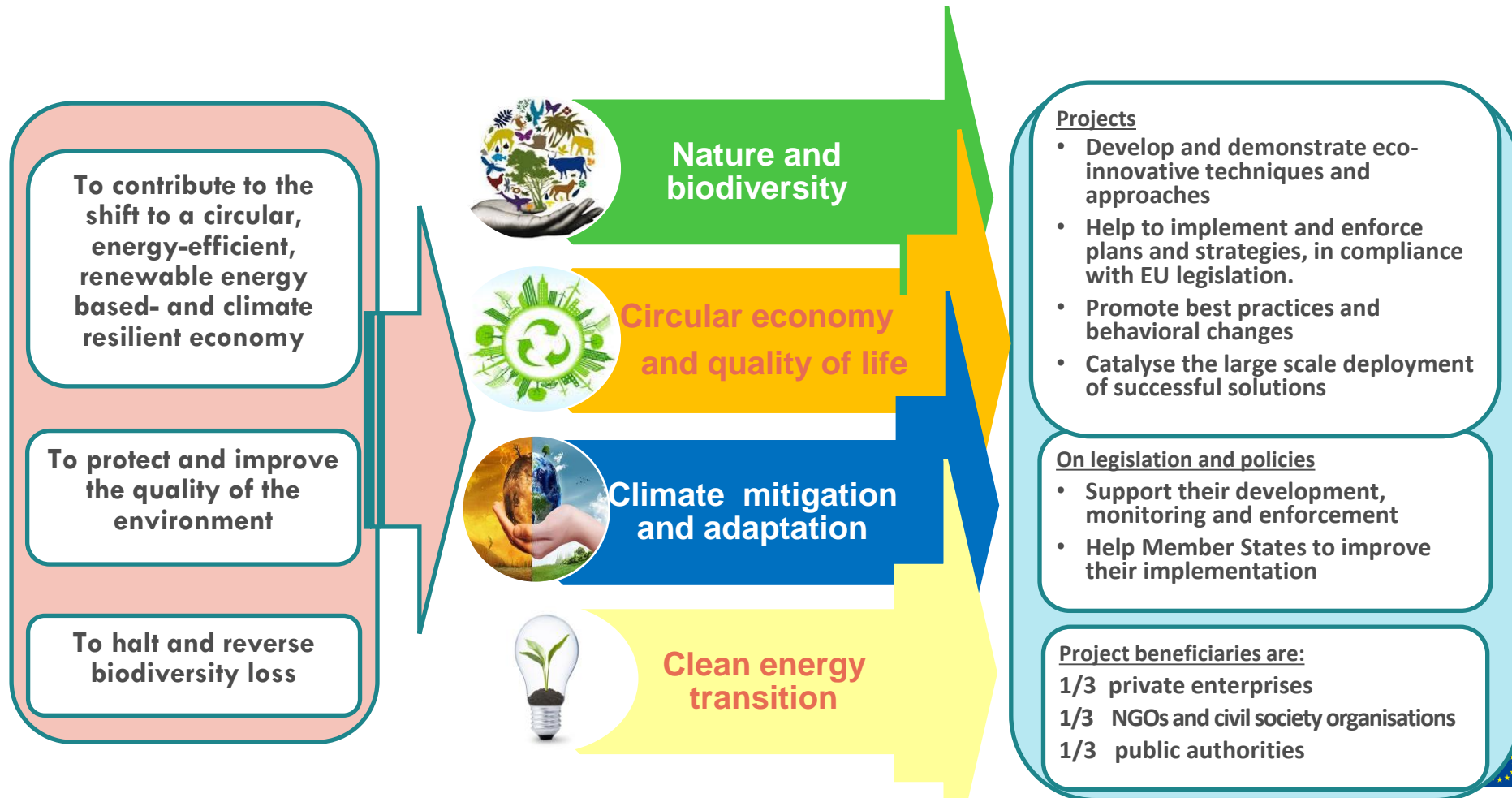
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The new LIFE programme

- The LIFE programme as a whole constitutes a 100% contribution to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal.
- The only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action.
- For the years 2021-2027, a budget of 5.43 billion €.
- The multiannual work programme for 2021-2024 has been adopted in July 2021.



The LIFE Programme 2021-2027



Sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity

Contribution to:

Halting and reversing biodiversity loss.

Supporting Natura 2000 network and Prioritised Action Frameworks.

Mainstreaming nature and biodiversity objectives into other policies and financing programmes.

Typical actions

Projects supporting nature conservation and restoration in the Natura 2000 network .
Species protection.
Invasive Alien Species
Ecosystem restoration and much more ...

Integrated implementation of PAF and Biodiversity Strategy

Financing of small scale grants, particularly in Overseas Countries and Territories and Outermost Regions



Sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of life

Contribution in the areas of:

circular economy, noise, air, chemicals, green and circular economy, industrial accidents, marine and coastal management, noise, soil, waste, water, and the urban environment.



Typical actions

Support to public authorities and other stakeholders to implement EU environment legislation.

Support to technologies and solutions that are ready to be implemented in close-to-market conditions, at industrial or commercial scale, during the project duration.

Integrated projects beyond air, water, waste to other areas such as circular economy.
Promote upscale and access to finance.



Sub-programme Climate Mitigation and Adaptation

Contribution to:

The transformation of the European Union into a climate-neutral and -resilient society, especially through:

Climate Change Mitigation
Climate Change Adaptation
& Related Governance



On **climate mitigation**, projects that contribute significantly to the implementation of:

- the 2030 energy and climate policy
- the EU Member States' National Energy and Climate Plans
- European Union's mid-century and long-term climate and energy strategy

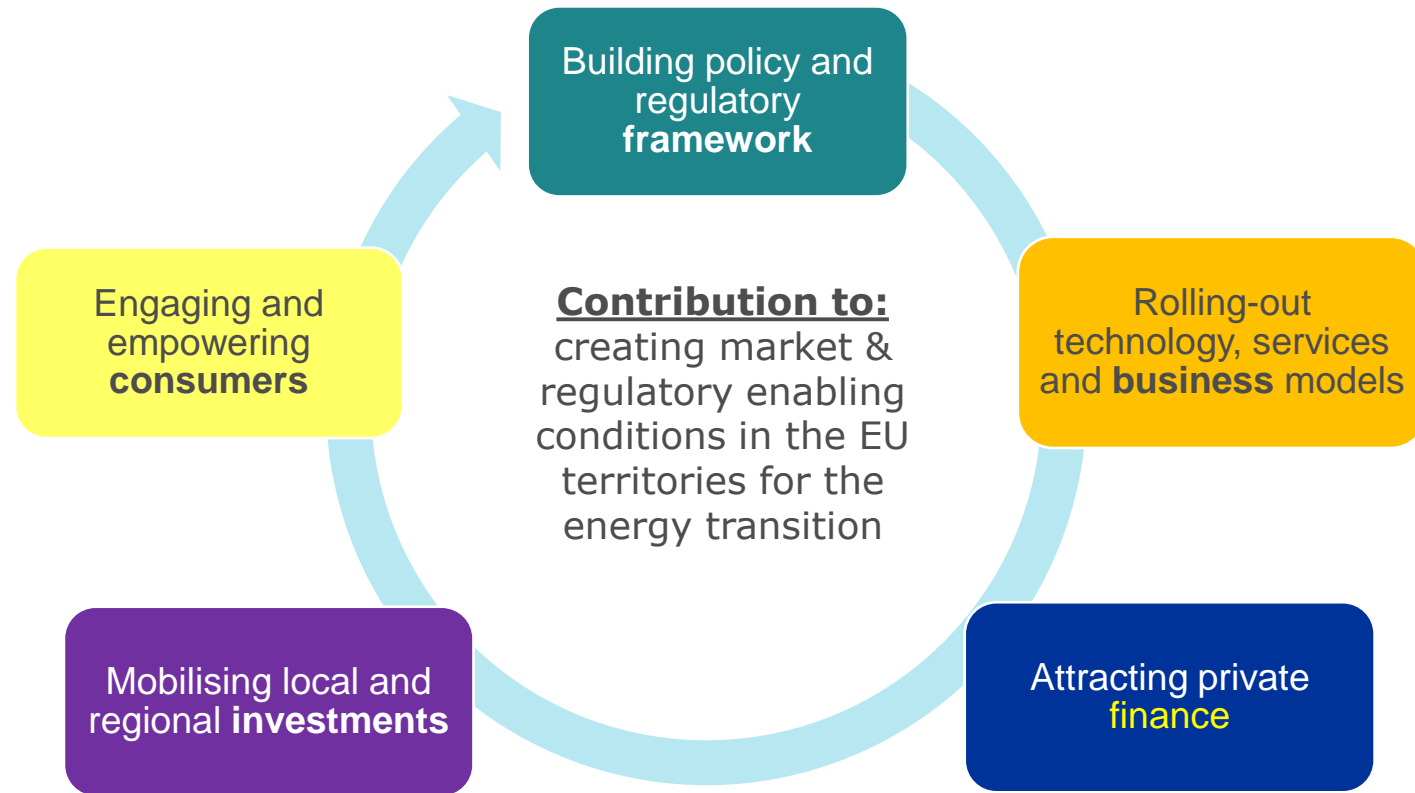
On **climate adaptation**:

- projects that support the implementation of the new EU adaptation strategy and related national implementation



The sub-programme Clean Energy Transition

predecessors: Intelligent Energy Europe continued under H2020- SC3- market uptake



Type of activities: developing and spreading best practice, mobilising investments, improving skills, removing market barriers, raising awareness, educating, empowering.



Types of activities funded under LIFE

GRANTS

- Action grants:
 - ✓ Standard action projects (SAPs)
 - ✓ Strategic Nature Projects (SNAPs)
 - ✓ Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)
 - ✓ Technical Assistance (TA)
 - ✓ Other actions (OA) – including Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)
- Operating grants

OTHER FORMS OF FUNDING

- Procurement (*not in this call*)
- Prizes (*not in this call*)
- Blending (*not in this call*)



Standard action projects (SAPs)

- ‘Traditional’ LIFE projects aimed to:
 - ✓ develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches;
 - ✓ contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practices;
 - ✓ support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;
 - ✓ catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance
- Co-financing rate of 60% maximum except:
 - ✓ 67% for project targeting both priority and non-priority habitats and/or species
 - ✓ 75% for projects targeting exclusively priority habitats and/or species
- Maximum 10 year duration



Strategic Nature Projects (SNAPs)

- Focused on the implementation of
 - ✓ the Prioritised Action Frameworks pursuant to the Habitats Directive
 - ✓ other plans or strategies adopted at international, national, regional or multiregional level by nature and biodiversity authorities
- Co-financing rate of 60% maximum
- Maximum 14 year duration



Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)

- Co-financing rate of 60% maximum
- Maximum 14 year duration
- Circular Economy and Quality of Life:
 - ✓ Circular Economy: National or Regional Circular Economy Action Plans, Strategies, Roadmaps or similar
 - ✓ Waste: National and regional Waste Management Plans (WMPs)
 - ✓ Water: River basin management plans (RBMPs)
 - ✓ Air: Air quality plans pursuant to the Ambient Air Quality Directive or National Air Pollution Control Programmes (NAPCP)
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:
 - ✓ National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP, Regulation on the governance of the energy union and climate action (EU)2018/1999);
 - ✓ National Energy Efficiency Action Plans' (NEEAP);
 - ✓ National or regional adaptation strategies or action plans;
 - ✓ Urban or community-based action plans pioneering the transition to a climate neutral and/or climate resilient society;
 - ✓ National, regional or industry-/sector-specific greenhouse gas mitigation strategies or economy roadmaps contributing to climate neutrality



Operating grants for NGOs

- Two-steps application
 - ✓ Framework partnership agreement (FPA) - successful applicants sign a long-term agreement (3 years – 2022-2024)
 - ✓ Specific grant agreement (SGA). Only organisations that sign an FPA can be considered for SGA
- Co-financing rate of 70% maximum
- Maximum 1 year duration for SGAs



Technical assistance projects (TA)

- TA-PP: support to the preparation of SNAPs and SIPs (TA-PP)
 - ✓ Co-financing rate of maximum 60%, maximum LIFE contribution of EUR 70 000
- TA-CAP: capacity building of Member States authorities with low effective participation to the LIFE programme
 - ✓ For countries with either low effective participation, i.e. which are among the lowest two-thirds for the number of proposals divided by Member State factor (specific calculation mode) or for the success rate
 - ✓ 1 project per country maximum for 2021-24
 - ✓ Co-financing rate of maximum 95%
- Maximum 5 year duration for all TA projects



Other action grants

- Coordination and Support Actions for the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency.
- A Small Grant Facility on Biodiversity (BEST); small grants (max EUR 100 000, 100% EU funding) in the Outermost Regions and the Overseas Countries and Territories for biodiversity
- Action grants benefitting the organisations mentioned in Annex I of the LIFE Regulation
- Co-financing rate of 95% maximum, except Small Grant Facility on Biodiversity (100%)



Other action grants – Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)

- CSAs are the standard type of grant for the CET sub-programme
- Breaking market barriers to the clean energy transition through capacity building, dissemination of information and knowledge, awareness raising
- Policy-driven, prescriptive call topics
 - ✓ A tightly pre-defined scope of the proposal;
 - ✓ Engagement of multiple stakeholders and large transnational consortiums;
 - ✓ EU-widely validated results feeding into EU policy making;
- Co-financing rate of 95% maximum
- Usual duration of projects between 18 and 36 months
- No infrastructure costs, mainly labor costs

