

The LIFE programme 2014 – 2020

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LIFE Programme



- ✓ The LIFE Programme is the **EU's funding instrument** for the **environment** and **climate action**.
- ✓ It contributes to the **implementation, updating and development** of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation by **co-financing projects**.

General Objectives

- Resource-efficient, low-carbon, climate-resilient economy
- Protect & improve the quality of the environment
- Halt & reverse biodiversity loss

- Develop, implement & enforce Union's environmental and climate policy
 - Integrate & mainstream environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies and public & private sector practice



Better environmental and climate governance at all levels, incl. better involvement of civil society, NGOs & local actors

Support the implementation of the 7th Environment Action Programme

What does LIFE look for?

- ❑ It does **not** focus on **research** (\neq H2020)
- ❑ It does **not** finance **large infrastructure** (\neq European structural and investment funds-ESIF)
 - Projects are encouraged to coordinate with ESIF to create synergies
- ❑ EC contribution:
 - **55% of total eligible costs (ENV, GIE, CCA, CCM, GIC)**
 - **60% of total eligible costs (NAT)**
 - up to 75% for specific Nature & Biodiversity projects
- ❑ Strong emphasis on:
 1. Long-term **sustainability**
 2. **Replicability** and **transferability**
 3. **Impact** (quantified 'impact indicators')



General characteristics

- Eligible types of beneficiaries: **Public entities, NGOs, SMEs**
- Average number of beneficiaries per project: 4-5 (**all contribute financially**)
- Possibility to implement actions/include beneficiaries in **non-EU countries** under certain conditions
- Average eligible budget: **1,5 - 3 million €**
- General and specific objectives & **thematic priorities**
- **Types of projects** - pilot, demonstration, best practice, information

LIFE Programme Structure

✓ 3.456,7 million € [2014-2020]

✓ 2 sub-programmes

✓ **Environment (75%)**

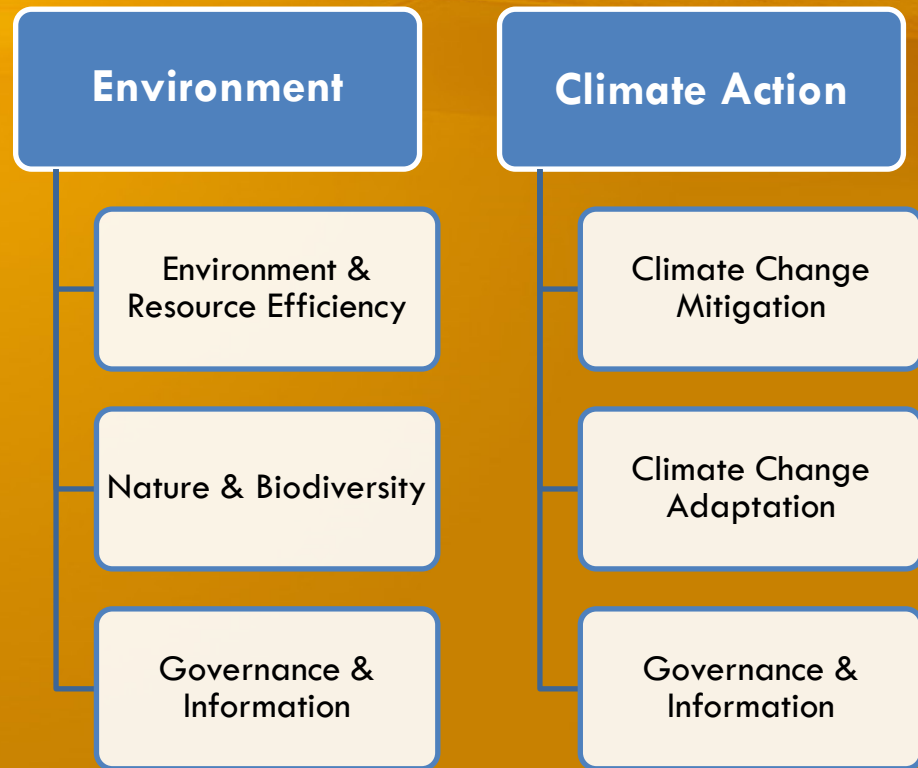
55% Nature/Biodiversity (2014-2017)

60.5% Nature/Biodiversity (2018-2020)

✓ **Climate Action (25%)**

≈450 million € (2014-2017)

> 413 million € (2018-2020)



LIFE Programme in Europe

In the period 1992-2013, LIFE has co-financed 4.171 projects with 3.1 billion contribution.

For the 2014-2020 funding period, LIFE will contribute approximately €3.4 billion to the protection of the environment and climate action.



LIFE projects related to legislative enforcement in Europe

There are LIFE 8 projects related to legislative enforcement in the period 2010-2018 with total budget of €10.2 million.

These projects were implemented or are ongoing in Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Poland, UK and Austria.

LIFE Programme in Greece

Since the launch of the LIFE Programme by the European Commission in 1992 and until 2018, a total of **254 projects** have been co-financed with a Greek beneficiary as a Coordinator.

The total investment of these projects amounts to **€ 388.1 million**,
of which the EU's contribution is **€ 212.1 million**.



LIFE Programme in Greece (1992-2018)

Sub-Programme	Number of projects	Percent of total	Total budget	EC contribution
ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY	143	56.3%	190,786,258	89,472,968
NATURE/BIODIVERSITY	73	28.7%	107,329,228	72,706,252
CLIMATE ACTION	24	9.4%	46,118,442	24,198,386
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION	10	3.9%	10,305,351	5,608,388
INTEGRATED PROJECT	2	0.8%	31,189,548	18,533,169
CAPACITY BUILDING	1	0.4%	1,304,708	953,600
NGO	1	0.4%	1,120,000	672,000
TOTAL	254	100%	388,153,536	212,144,763

Source: [Database of LIFE projects - European Commission](#), interpreted by the Greek LIFE Task Force

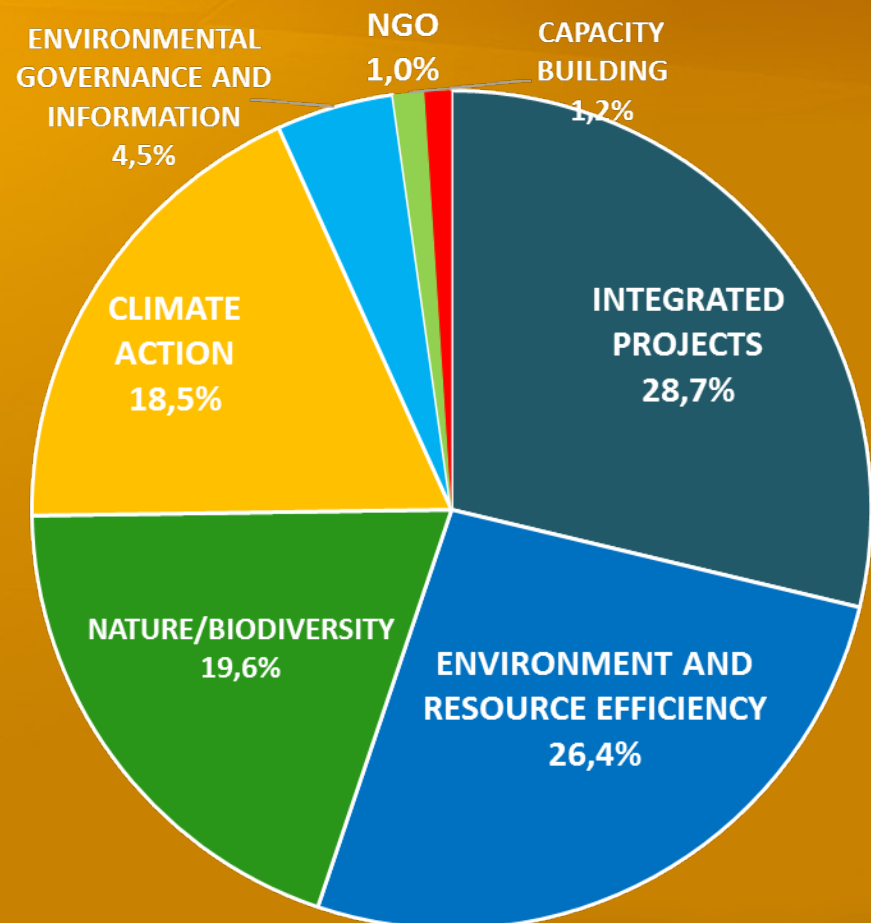


Projects in progress

There are **39 projects** with Greek beneficiaries as coordinators that are in progress with a total budget of **€ 108.5 million**, of which the EU's contribution is **€ 64.9 million**.

Sub-Programme	No. of projects	Total budget
IP	2	31,189,548
ENV & RE	13	28,675,028
NAT/BIO	10	21,277,898
CA	9	20,034,834
GIE	4	4,914,331
CAP	1	1,304,708
NGO	1	1,120,000
TOTAL	39	108,516,347

% TOTAL BUDGET OF PROJECT IN PROGRESS IN GREECE





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GREEN FUND

**is a funding
organisation**

**Public Body, supervised by the
Ministry of Environment and Energy
founded in 2010**





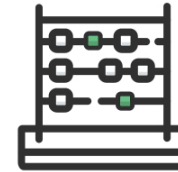
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Scope

- ✓ Enhance development through environmental protection,
- ✓ Support the country's environmental and energy policy
- ✓ Serve public and social interests through the management of GF resources



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Resources

- ✓ Fines from environmental offences in the **urban, rural & marine areas**
- ✓ Revenues (e.g. from Special Forest Entity)
- ✓ GF Resources: M.D. 4503/2012



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Funding Programmes

Green Fund Resources are made available through planning and implementation of **Funding Programmes** for the:

- **protection**
- **enhancement &**
- **restoration**

of the natural and urban environment in the framework of the National Environmental Strategy priorities.





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Funding Programmes

Funding Programmes are structured in:

- ↪ **Priority Pylons**
- ↪ **Measures**
- ↪ **Actions**

The following elements are defined in the Programmes:

- ↪ **the Beneficiaries**
- ↪ **the Funding Amount**
- ↪ **the Eligibility Criteria**

Transparency is ensured throughout the selection process





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2018 Budget

98 million €

Each year only the 2.5% of the available balance is accessible per utilization, sets by the current legislation.





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2018 Funding Programmes

- **Protection of the Marine Environment & Prevention of the Marine Pollution (Blue Fund)**
- **Forest Protection & Restoration**
- **Natural Protected Areas**
- **Natural Environment & Innovative Actions**
- **European Programme LIFE**
- **Environmental Balance**





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2018 Funding Programme:

➤ **Environmental Balance 38 m €**

- **Actions for improving Urban Environment**
- **Beneficiaries : Municipalities**
- **Actions targeting Urban & Rural abnormalities / deviations (e.g. removing polluting materials, demolishing illegally constructed structures / buildings)**
- **Beneficiaries : Regional Administrations**





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➤ **European Programme LIFE - 2 m €**

- **GF as Coordinator – Capacity Building**
- **GF as Beneficiary of LIFE Programs**
- **Part of National Contribution in E.U. approved projects**



Interested? Where can you get more info?

«LIFE14/CAP/GR/000003 – GR LTF»

Capacity Building project:

provides financial support to activities required to build the capacity of Member States, with a view to enabling Member States to participate more effectively in the LIFE Programme

Duration:

01/01/2016 – 30/04/2019*

Budget:

Total amount: € 1,304,708

Requested EC funding: € 953,600

Beneficiaries:

Green Fund, Coordinating Beneficiary

Ministry of Environment and Energy, Associated Beneficiary



GR LTF Role

- ❑ **Inform** potential beneficiaries
- ❑ **Support** in the preparation of proposals
- ❑ **Provide** technical assistance & consulting to potential beneficiaries
- ❑ **Promote** the exchange of experiences and best practices
- ❑ **Enhance** the uptake of LIFE projects results
- ❑ **Operate** the platform on LIFE in Greece
- ❑ **Enhance** the operation of the LIFE National Contact Points



More efficient participation of Greece in the LIFE programme



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