Projektutveckling inom LIFE

27 augusti 2021



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Mål: Fler projekt & åtgärder

Tillsammans hjälps vi åt att uppfylla kraven i vattendirektivet!

Fler aktiviteter finns på:

- <u>www.malaren.org</u>
- <u>www.richwaters.se</u>





9.00 – 9.45, första passet	Välkomna! – Linda Röjning, Mälarens Vattenvårdsförbund/LIFE IP RW	Dagens upplägg – presentation av Christina Flint Celsing
LIFE-nya programmet FEIMA och Eurofunding	9.45 – 10.15 Gruppdiskussion Konnektivitet eller Miljögifter	10.15– 10.30 paus
Genomgång av hur man gör ansökan	11.15 Paus 5 min	Gemensam diskussion Hur går vi vidare? Temasamordnare sammanfattar
	11.50 Avslut – tack för idag	

LIFE — En introduktion

LIFE utlysningarna

Relevans för Vattentemat och Mälaren en sjö för miljoner

Reminders from the last webinar

- The LIFE Programme is structured in two fields and four sub-programmes
- Environment:
- - sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity
 - May also be relevant for the ideas expressed so far
- - sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of Life
 - This is where you find the Water theme
- Climate Action:
- - sub-programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- - sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.

LIFE Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

- SAPs represent the 'traditional LIFE projects' aimed to:
- develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches
 - 'Innovative techniques, methods and approaches' means solutions which are new when compared to the state of the art at Member State and sector level and which are implemented at an operational scale and under conditions that allow the achievement of the impacts set out in the award criterion 'Impact' first paragraph
- contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practice
 - 'Best practice' means solutions, techniques, methods and approaches which are appropriate, cost-effective and state of the art

LIFE Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

- support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the EU 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 EU 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.

SAPs are flexible

- SAPs are a flexible tool available to entities from all sectors (public, non-governmental and private).
- They can be close-to-market (i.e. aim not only at delivering improved environmental solutions, but also at making sure such solutions are widely taken up by society in general and, more particularly, by the economy through an explicit market-oriented approach).

LIFE-2021-SAP-ENV-ENVIRONMENT

Circular Economy, resources from Waste, Air, Water, Soil, Noise, Chemicals, Bauhaus

- aims at facilitating the transition toward a sustainable, circular, toxic-free, energy-efficient and climate-resilient economy and at protecting, restoring and improving the quality of the environment.
- It will contribute to the EU priorities inter alia by:
- achieving and maintaining a good status of the EU water bodies
- ensuring clean surface water and ground-water, in sufficient quantities for human and other species, including by increasing efficiency of water use

LIFE-2021-SAP-ENV-ENVIRONMENT Water

- One of the aims of the new Green Deal is to restore natural functions of ground and surface water. This is essential to preserve and restore biodiversity in lakes, rivers, wetlands, marine ecosystem, and estuaries, and to prevent and limit damage from floods.
- Implementing the Farm to Fork' Strategy will contribute to reducing pollution from excess nutrients.
- In addition, the Commission will propose measures to address pollution from urban runoff and from new or particularly harmful sources of pollution such as micro plastics and hazardous chemicals, including pharmaceuticals. There is also a need to address the combined effects of different pollutants.

Water, continued

- The focus of water actions, both legislative and non-legislative, will be on both water quality and quantity management, as well as coastal and marine waters management:
 - integrated approaches for the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive
 - actions targeted at the implementation of Floods Directive
 - actions targeted at the implementation of Marine Strategy Framework Directive
 - activities to ensure safe and efficient use of water resources, improving quantitative water management and resilience, preserving a high level of water quality and avoiding misuse and deterioration of water resources.

- Improvement of **water quality** via one or both of the following:
- Integrated management of nutrients and organic pollution of human (urban) and/or agricultural origin by directly removing pollution. The solutions foreseen should be innovative and should be identified as a result of a comprehensive gap analysis defining the measures needed on a river basin scale or catchment scale.
- Innovative solutions for the reduction of pressures from chemical pollutants in the water environment by reducing emissions of priority substances and other chemicals identified as river basin specific pollutants at source, through the use of appropriate substitutes or alternative technologies. This should include, where relevant, other pollutants such as pharmaceuticals and (micro) plastics.

- Implementation of flood and/or drought risk management actions by applying at least one of the following:
- Nature-based solutions consisting in natural water retention measures that increase infiltration and storage of water and remove pollutants through natural or "natural-like" processes including re-naturalisation of river, lake, estuary and coastal morphology and/or re-creation of associated habitats including flood- and marsh plains;
- Innovative prevention and protection tools and techniques for support of policy, land use planning, risk reduction, post-event resilience and emergency management and/or
- Innovative integrated risk assessment and management approaches taking into account social vulnerability and aiming at improved resilience while ensuring social acceptance.

• Implementation of innovative water saving measures in order to reduce the quantitative and qualitative pressures on water bodies/resources. This includes measures for reduction of over-abstraction of water taking into account circular economy measures.

- Innovative projects addressing hydro morphological pressures identified in River Basin Management Plans and originating from land or water uses in order to achieve good water status or potential as required by the Water Framework Directive objectives and attain the objectives of the EU Biodiversity Strategy.
- This could include projects working on development of sediment transport management techniques and solutions, ensuring ecological flow, removal of obstacles, etc.

Marine and coastal water management

- Application of innovative solutions (tools, technologies or practices) to ensure the protection and conservation of the seas, oceans and their coasts, by fostering sustainable human activities within the marine environment. This would include initiatives aimed at reducing the pressure of human activities on the marine environment, and addressing at least one of the following topics of high concern:
 - Underwater noise
 - marine litter and/or contaminants (addressed at source or in the sea giving priority to prevention rather than clean-up),
 - disturbance of and damage to the sea floor,
 - examination and reduction of impacts of deep sea exploitation and exploration,
 - over-fishing and/or incidental by-catch,
 - nutrient and organic matter inputs from agriculture or aquaculture and/or
 - navigation (e.g. from dredging navigation channels, from shipping highways).

Water services

- Application of innovative tools ensuring the resource efficient provision of water services compliant with the revised Drinking Water Directive and the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive to population living in rural areas.
- Improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness of innovative solutions and/or innovative treatment options regarding recycled/reclaimed water, implementing one or more of the following:
 - Concepts for (alternative) water supply, wastewater treatment, reuse (where applicable, in accordance to Regulation (EU) 2020/741 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 2020 on minimum requirements for water reuse PE/12/2020/INIT) recovery and recycling of resources
 - Source control methods and on-site technologies for decreased discharges of pollutants of emerging concern (e.g. pharmaceuticals13, nanoparticles, textile fibres) and/or pathogens with wastewater effluent;
 - Systematic approaches to avoid loss of water, energy and resources in industrial production and/or in provision of water services.

Water services

- Application of innovative technologies and tools for drinking water and urban wastewater treatment systems, through at least one of the following:
 - the use of resource efficient processes for the provision of water services,
 - the use of **processes to diminish the presence of pollutants** of emerging concern,
 - the treatment of drinking water and/or waste water for reuse that can ensure highest safety levels, e.g. treatment efficacy for pathogen (viruses, bacteria) removal.

LIFE-2021-SAP-ENV-GOV — Environmental Governance

- The specific objective is to cover one or more of the following topics:
- 1. Activities in support of public administrations' decision-making and voluntary approaches
- 2. Environmental compliance assurance and access to justice
- 3. Behavioral change and awareness-raising initiatives

The call formalities LIFE-2021-SAP-ENV-ENVIRONMENT

- Maximum 60% funding rate
- Available budget EUR 95 420 656
- Average size EUR 2-10 Million
- Expected number of projects 50 projects
- Deadline 30 november 2021
- Evaluation results April 2022
- Grant Agreement signed July / August 2022
- Proposals must be submitted electronically via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System

LIFE-2021-SAP-NAT-NATURE — Nature and Biodiversity

- Intervention area: "Space for Nature"
 - improving the condition of species or habitats through area-based conservation or restoration
- Intervention area: "Safeguarding our species"
 - Any project aimed at improving the condition of species (or, in the case of invasive alien species, reducing their impact) through any relevant activities other than area-based conservation or restoration measures
- Invasive Alien Species Regulation
 - Priority will be given to invasive alien species included on the list of invasive alien species of Union or other invasive alien species that negatively affect the conservation status or trends of species and habitats of EU importance, other species protected under EU legislation, or listed as threatened species in EU or global red lists (the latter for species groups and/or regions not covered by EU red lists).

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- Indicative project duration: between 36 and 84 months

The grant Nature and Biodiversity

- The grant will be a budget-based mixed actual cost grant (actual costs, with unit cost and flat-rate elements). This means that it will reimburse ONLY certain types of costs (eligible costs) and costs that were *actually* incurred for your project (NOT the *budgeted* costs).
- You can apply for a higher project funding rate if your project is:
 - a 'project targeting exclusively priority habitats/species' (75%),
 - a 'project targeting priority and non-priority habitats/species' (67%),

How to apply? A 2 step process

• a) create a user account and register your organisation

- To use the Submission System (the only way to apply), all participants need to create an EU Login user account.
- Once you have an EULogin account, you can register your organisation in the Participant Register. When your registration is finalised, you will receive a 9-digit participant identification code (PIC).

• b) submit the proposal

 Access the Electronic Submission System via the Topic page in the Search Funding & Tenders section (or, for calls sent by invitation to submit a proposal, through the link provided in the invitation letter).

The application forms

- Application Form Part A contains administrative information about the participants (future coordinator, beneficiaries and affiliated entities) and the summarised budget for the project (to be filled in directly online)
- Application Form Part B contains the technical description of the project (to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed and then assembled and reuploaded)
- Part C (to be filled in directly online) containing additional project data



- Mandatory annexes and supporting documents (to be uploaded):
 - detailed budget table (mandatory excel template available in the Submission System)
 - participant information
- Non mandatory annexes (but crucial to complement Application Form Part B when applicable)
 - Maps (template available in the Submission System)
 - description of sites (*template available in the Submission System*)
 - description of species and habitats (*template available in the Submission System*)
 - co-financing declaration (template available in the Submission System)
 - letters of support (no specific template available)

Applicants must...

- Applicants must have **stable and sufficient resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share.
- Applicants must have the **know-how**, **qualifications** and **resources** to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share
- All LIFE projects will have to report on their expected outputs and impacts taking into account the LIFE Key Performance indicators (KPIs). These KPIs will contribute to evaluating the impact of the LIFE project on an environmental but also socio-economic level (e.g. via actions impacting the local economy and population).

LIFE Key Performance indicators

• Part C: project KPIs

• Part C consists in selecting, quantifying and justifying the project's KPIs

Please select the relevant indicators for your project. For each selected indicator please provide any required values and comments. Please note that if you deselect an indicator, all values entered will be lost.



Link to the **Part C form**: <u>https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/df/client/dfclient/87c69617-65fd-411b-b308-eca1df69207d</u>

Award criteria Relevance

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

Award criteria Impact

- 2. Impact (0-20 points)
- Ambition and credibility of impacts expected during and/or after the project due to the activities, including ensuring that no substantial harm is done to the other specific objectives of the LIFE Programme
- Sustainability of the project results after the end of the project
- Quality of the measures for the exploitation of project results
- 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).

Award criteria Quality

- 3. Quality (0-20 points)
- Clarity, relevance and feasibility of the work plan
- Identification and mobilisation of the relevant stakeholders
- Appropriate geographic focus of the activities
- Quality of the plan to monitor and report impacts
- Appropriateness and quality of the measures to communicate and disseminate the project and its results to different target groups

Award criteria Resources

• 4. Resources

- Composition of the project team in terms of expertise, skills and responsibilities and appropriateness of the management structure
- Appropriateness of the budget and resources and their consistency with the 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 such as PEFCRs/ OEFSRs*) or environmental management systems (*e.g. EMAS*) would be an asset
- Value for money of the proposal

Bonus points

- Bonus 1: The proposal offers exceptional synergies and promotes significant co-benefits between LIFE sub-programmes. (2 points).
- Bonus 2: The proposal is primarily implemented in the Outermost Regions. Where specific regional features are relevant to the needs addressed in the call for proposals, *e.g. islands for waste, coal-intensive regions for clean energy, etc.,* the bonus could be extended to other geographical areas with specific needs and vulnerabilities (2 points).
- Bonus 3: The proposal substantially builds on or up-scales the results of other EU funded projects. (2 points).
- Bonus 4: The proposal offers an exceptional catalytic potential. (2 points).
- Bonus 5: The proposal envisages a transnational cooperation among Member States essential to guarantee the achievement of the project objectives. (2 points).

Points

- In total 90 points on Relevance, Impact, Resources, Quality (20 on each criteria but 30 on Impact).
 - Impact is weighted 1,5
- Threshold for each criteria is 10 points.
- Threshold on total points 55 points
- Max bonus 10 point
- Max total 100 points

The application template - Relevance

- Upscaling results of other EU funded projects
- Complementarity with other actions
 - Explain how the project is complementary to other regional, national or international initiatives/activities/projects. How will it integrate the results from these other actions?
- Synergies and co-benefits with other LIFE sub-programmes
 - Describe synergies with other LIFE sub-programmes (Nature and Biodiversity, Circular Economy and Quality of Life, Climate Change or Clean Energy Transition).
- Synergies and co-benefits with other EU policy areas (for example agriculture, health, civil protection, jobs and growth, etc.).
The application template - Relevance

Background and general project objectives

- Describe the previous technical preparatory work and results of previous research and development activities
- Explain the scale at which such results have been obtained and if prototypes have been already developed and tested.
- best practices in the relevant sector (state of the art) and clearly and concisely explain the environmental, technical and economical improved performances/ advantages introduced by the proposed solution in case this is claimed to be innovative/ demonstrative.

The application template - Relevance

• Specific project objectives

- Describe the specific objectives of your project (clear, measureable, realistic and achievable within the duration of the project).
- Compliance with LIFE programme objectives and call topic
- Concept and methodology
 - Describe the overall intervention logic of the project, including the main idea and assumptions
 - Explain the methodology, i.e. the main tools, techniques, methods and procedures you will use to implement the technical part of your project.
 - Justify why the proposed methodology is the most suitable for achieving the project's objectives
 - Describe the technical details of the proposed solution
 - Specify the scale and output of the project

The application template - Impact

• Ambition of the impacts

- Identify and quantify the effects of the project (during the implementation and up to 5 years after its end).
- In addition to the description, include quantified indicators in Part C of the application forms (both horizontal KPIs for the LIFE programme as well as any specific KPIs relevant to the proposal).
- Credibility of the impacts
- Sustainability of project results
- Exploitation of project results
- Catalytic potential: Replication and upscaling

The application template - Implementation

• Work plan

- Provide a brief description of the overall structure of the work plan (list of work packages or graphical presentation (Pert chart or similar)).
- Stakeholder input and engagement
- Work packages and activities
- WP1 should cover the project management and coordination activities (meetings, coordination, project monitoring and evaluation, financial management, progress reports, etc.) and all the activities which are cross-cutting and therefore difficult to assign to just one specific work package (do not try splitting these activities across different work packages).
- WP2 (and further WPs) should be used for the other project activities. You can create as many work packages as needed by copying the structure of WP1.
- Include a mandatory work package called 'Sustainability, replication and exploitation of project results'

The application template - Implementation

- Duration
- Lead participant
- Objectives and expected results
- Activities (what, how, where) and division of work
- Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)
- Staff effort per work package
- Staff effort per participant
- Time table

The application template - Implementation

Impact monitoring and reporting

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding

The application template - Resources

- Consortium set-up
- Project management
- Green management
 - Describe the measures proposed to reduce the environmental impact of your project, for example through the use of green procurement, environmental management systems, etc.
- Budget
- Risk management

The application template

- Other
 - Ethics
 - Security
- DECLARATIONS
- Higher funding rate
- Double funding
- Financial support to third parties

LIFE RESULTS PREVIOUS PROGRAM 2014-2020

160M Environment Spain 140M Italy Sweden 120M Denmark 100M 0 Money allocated 80M 60M Spain 40M Italy Sweden 20M Denmark 0 0 Italy Sweden Spain Denmark

Budgets per topics per country

Number of participants



Number of projects funded



LIFE RESULTS PREVIOUS PROGRAM 2014-2020

Budgets per topics per country



54 PARTNERS	13 COORDINATORS	1 COUNTRIES	22 PROJECTS	36,94M€ Allocated	
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Projektutveckling inom LIFE IP Rich Waters

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Hör av dig till Linda Röjning, projektledare för Mälaren - en sjö för miljoner på: <u>linda.rojning@lansstyrelsen.se</u>

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Kommande tillfällen inom projektutveckling

Projektutveckling inom LIFE

- Workshop konnektivitet: 1 oktober kl. 08:30-12:30
- Workshop vattenplanering: 12 oktober kl. 08:30-12:30
- Workshop övergödning: 19 oktober kl. 08:30-12:30
- Workshop miljögifter: 26 oktober kl. 08:30-12:30

Att hitta finansiering till åtgärder för bättre vatten

- Kurs 1: 31 september kl.09:00-12:00
- Kurs 2: 23 september kl. 09:00-12:00
- Kurs 3: Oktober/november

Utveckling av gemensam projektansökan kring hästar och övergödning

• Webbinarium: 15 september kl. 09:00-12:00

Anmälan till: linda.rojning@lansstyrelsen.se







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Tack för att ni har lyssnat!

Välkommen till flera LIFE workshops med tematisk fördjupning

1 oktober

12 oktober

19 oktober

26 oktober