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Proposal development and the application process...

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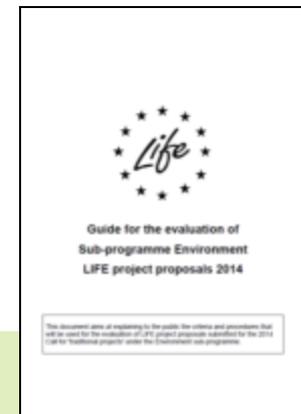
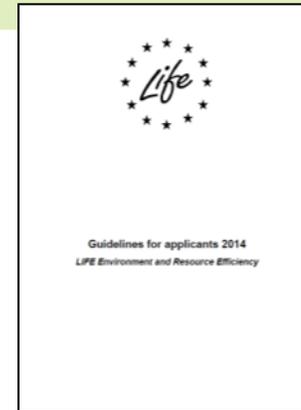




Essential Reading

Read the guidance documents at least TWICE

- Multiannual Work Programme
- Guidelines for Applicants
- Model LIFE Grant Agreement
- Evaluation Guidelines



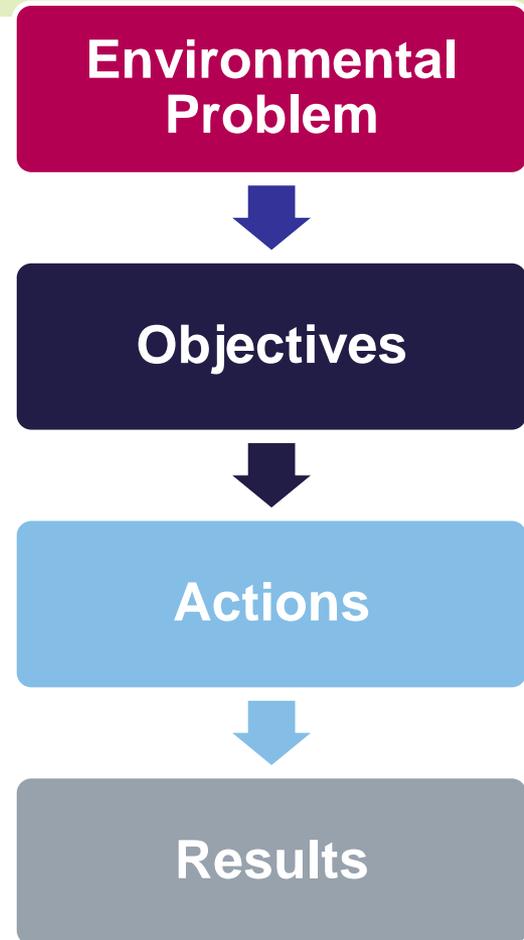


Where to Start?

Writing a clear, well constructed, logical application; you need to show exactly:

- What the problem is you are looking to solve
- Why it is needed
- How you will do it
- Who will do it
- How much it will cost
- How you will prove it worked

(and don't forget, all this wrapped up in the European context)





Following a Logical Framework Approach

- Sets out the project in a logical structured way from overall aim all the way down to each individual action showing how it all links together
- Can reveal inconsistencies or oversights
- Helps identify risks and aids planning for contingencies
- Provides the structure from which writing the detail of the bid becomes far simpler- including budget, timetable and monitoring plans
- Makes it easier for progress to be assessed and reported



Project Concept Note

- Designed to help applicants compile a basic project structure.
- Enables Defra and other parts of government to keep in touch and help you with your application.
- Eligible for additional help from Beta and national authorities including a writing workshop.
- Download from www.BetaEurope.co.uk



PROJECT INFORMATION (Max 3 pages)

Project Title		
Environmental Problem <i>What problem is the project is targeting?</i>		
Multi Annual Work Programme <i>Please paste in from the Multi Annual Work Programme the topic being targeted by this proposal. NB - the environment 'Guidelines for applicants 2015' states there should be a maximum two project topics.</i>		
Project Outcome <i>How does your project address this topic?</i>		
Causes of the Problem <i>Identify the underlying causes of the environmental problem (in order of relevance)</i>	Outputs <i>What is the outcome of addressing the causes of the problem</i>	Activities <i>What actions do you need to carry out to counteract the cause and achieve the impact and objective</i>
1		
2		
3		
4		



POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS

Participants	Organisation	Country
1. Coordinating Beneficiary		
2. Associated beneficiary		
3. Associated beneficiary		
4. Associated beneficiary		
5. Associated beneficiary		
6. Associated beneficiary		
7. Co-financier		
8. Co-financier		
9. Co-financier		
10. Co-financier		

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY/LEGISLATION

Which policies and legislation does your project address? For example, Habitats Directive; Water Framework Directive, etc.

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PROJECT LOCATION

In which UK countries will the project take place?

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PROJECT COST

Project Costs	£s
Estimated total project cost	



CONTACT DETAILS

We would also like to share your contact details with potential support organisations, and if there are similar projects, with other prospective applicants. If you are not willing to allow this, please indicate here:

Contact name

Position

Organisation

Address

Telephone

Email

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Date received

Beta contact

National Authority contact

Comments

Recommendations

**Date of Beta/Defra
response**



Project Concept Note

Deadline is **Monday 30th November 2015**

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EXCEPT

Nature and Biodiversity projects in Scotland

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www.snh.gov.uk/funding/life+-nature-and-biodiversity



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- Helpline - life@betatechnology.co.uk
- Advise on the components of the programme
- Provide advice on EC guidance documents
- Project concept check
- Pre-screening of proposals
- Training workshops



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- Concept note template



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13th October 2015

LIFE NEWS

MoorLIFE 2020 becomes UK's largest ever LIFE Nature project...

The recent news article on the [LIFE portal](#) confirmed that the **Moors for the Future Partnership**, which works to protect priority international habitats in the Peak District and South Pennines, has received €16 million to deliver the MoorLIFE 2020 project.

This includes €12 million from LIFE, the largest award the programme has ever given to a UK-based conservation project. Additional funding is provided by the utility companies, Severn Trent Water United Utilities and Yorkshire Water. The new project builds on 12 years of partnership work protecting large areas of the moors, including actions carried out as part of an earlier LIFE project ([MoorLIFE – LIFE08 NAT/UK/000202](#)).

The €16 million of funding will enable the partnership to expand its work hugely, protecting the integrity of 9 500 hectares of active blanket bog through re-vegetating bare peat, improving hydrology and diversifying existing vegetation.

Further information is available at www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk including their own [press release](#)

Protecting Europe's nature: more ambition needed to halt biodiversity loss by 2020...

The mid-term review of EU biodiversity strategy shows progress in many areas, but highlights the need for greater effort by Member States on implementation to halt biodiversity loss by 2020.

[The mid-term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy](#), assesses whether the EU is on track to achieve the objective of halting biodiversity loss by 2020. The results show progress in many areas, but highlight the need for much greater effort to deliver commitments on implementation by Member States. Nature's capacity to clean the air and water, to pollinate crops and to limit the impacts of catastrophes such as flooding is being compromised, with potentially significant unforeseen costs to society and our economy. An [EU-wide opinion poll](#), published (2 Oct 2015), confirms that the majority of Europeans are concerned about the effects of biodiversity loss and recognise the negative impact this can have on human health and wellbeing, and ultimately on our long-term economic development.

The EU is calling for entries for the 2016 Natura 2000 Awards...

The [Natura 2000 network](#) consists of over 27,000 terrestrial and marine sites and is a vital part of the EU's nature and biodiversity policy. They help ensure the protection and survival of Europe's most valuable and threatened species, and their functioning ecosystems benefit human health, society and the economy (to the tune of €200 to €300 billion per year).

Also, around 4.4 million jobs are directly dependent on the maintenance of healthy ecosystems, a significant proportion of which are situated within Natura 2000 sites. But despite all these benefits, most EU citizens don't even know about them. This is why, in 2014, the European Commission launched the annual [European Natura 2000 Award](#).



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Webinar Tuesday 16th June 10.00-11.00...What's new in LIFE 2015

This webinar will explore the main differences between the 2015 which opened last week, and the 2014 call. Register through the link below. [more](#)

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Key Things to Remember

- Read the call documents
- Be sure LIFE is the appropriate funding programme for you – it is not a structural fund, do not see it as an operational business financing tool
- Be aware of all the exceptions and rules that may apply to you
- Ensure financial coherence; watch for cost effectiveness and value for money
- Do not include actions not related to the objective of your proposal
- If your project doesn't fit a priority project topic, you will receive fewer evaluation points!
- The selection procedure of LIFE is very tough, thorough and detailed



Thank you for listening