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LIFE NEWS

2015 call - LIFE Nature & Biodiversity applications and A8 forms requirement

Along with a reminder of the LIFE call closure dates..

- 15th Sept. 2015** - Climate Action sub-programme
- 1st Oct. 2015** - Environment & Resource Efficiency sub-programme
- 7th Oct. 2015** - Nature & Biodiversity / Environmental Gov. & Info

..as noted in the previous e-bulletin in July, the pre-screening deadline for is proposals in development is Friday 7th August, and as stated in Nature & Biodiversity guide to applicants *'Project proposals frequently include actions for which the coordinating and associated beneficiaries are not empowered to take the necessary decisions to ensure their successful completion... For these proposals it is essential that the competent authority formally expresses its support and commitment to the proposal. The choice of the authority that should complete and sign the A8 form depends on the national / local administrative context.. Proposals including actions requiring this type of support for which the corresponding A8 form has not been completed and signed are likely to receive a low score during the award phase of the selection procedure..'*

In the UK, the responsibility for seeking completion by the appropriate authority is the co-ordinating beneficiary, and as stated in the guide, the option is available to '...ask the competent authorities to use the editable Word template document included in the Application package and upload it afterwards as a separate document in the 'Attachments' section of eProposal.'

The relevant contact details for submission by the 7th August of the A8 form, accompanied by appropriate background information drawn from Part B of the draft proposal are:

- Scotland - ECLIFE@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
- Wales - NatureConservation@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK
- England – Life.Env@defra.gsi.gov.uk
- NI – eufunding@doeni.gov.uk.

Correction to 2015 Call for LIFE proposals information: guideline corrigendum for the sub-programme for Climate Action

Last month on the LIFE portal, corrigenda of the two guidelines of the 2015 Call for proposals under the sub-programme for Climate Action were published in the LIFE Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, and Governance & Information application package:

A corrigendum of the "**LIFE Climate Action Guidelines for Applicants 2015**" clarifying in page 45 the monitoring of the impact of the C-implementation actions through the D-monitoring actions.

A corrigendum of the "**LIFE Climate Action Guidelines for evaluation of project proposals 2015**" modifying in page 6 the reference to other sections of the **Guidelines for Applicants** and clarifying in page 7, the calculation of the minimum pass score.

All applicants to LIFE Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, and Governance & Information are requested to download the latest application package on the [Call 2015 page](#).

Updated FAQ now published for the 2015 LIFE call for proposals:...

An updated version of the most useful 'Frequently Asked Questions' has been published as a 27 page downloadable PDF document on the LIFE portal. Along with a general section, there are 'one click' navigation aids to allow selection of an appropriate section in the contents page to the various priority areas, along with the usual 'word search' facility etc.

All applicants wishing to submit a LIFE 2015 proposal are kindly reminded to consult the 2015 FAQs section on a regular basis throughout the preparation period, or to subscribe to the [LIFE RSS](#), where new versions will be announced as they become available.

The 2015 FAQ is also available on the [LIFE programme portal](#)

New environment projects funded through Horizon 2020

As part of the wider support available beyond the LIFE Programme to tackle environmental issues, the European Commission has selected 23 proposals for funding under Horizon 2020's 'Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials' Societal Challenge.

The new projects were chosen from a total of 105 in reply to three calls for proposals under Horizon 2020 on the topic of 'Waste: a resource to recycle, reuse and recover raw materials'.

A total of 18 projects won funding under the call for 'growing a low carbon, resource efficient economy with a sustainable supply of raw materials', which attracted the most proposals at 75. This call focuses on, amongst other topics, Earth observation, climate services and sustainable exploration technologies and geomodels. Three 'water innovation' projects are to receive funding, whilst two projects will be supported under a call for raw materials partnerships, 'waste as a resource of raw materials', which attracted just six proposals.

Grant agreements are now being prepared so that the new projects can start as of January 2016, and altogether, they will receive an EU contribution of more than €130.5m.

PUBLICATIONS

UK project MoorLIFE releases apps to increase moorland awareness

As part of the some of innovative dissemination of the five-year project's impressive results, in the context of landscape-scale efforts to restore Europe's most degraded active blanket bog, the South Pennine Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC), a Natura 2000 network site, the UK's Moors for the Future Partnership has created four new smartphone and tablet apps through its [MoorLIFE](#) project (**LIFE08 NAT/UK/000202**). The free apps provide photographic guides to help identify the wildlife, vegetation and landscape features found on moorland.

"We produced the apps so that people can learn more about the wonderful landscapes that we have worked on to restore to their former glory," said MoorLIFE project manager, Laura King. "Thanks to the EU funding we've completed conservation works to protect 2 500 hectares of moorland, that will increase the numbers of plants, and Sphagnum mosses that you'll be able to spot out on the moors. And we hope that you'll have more chances to see more wildlife as our works improve these vital habitats."

The apps, which were developed in conjunction with the firm Natural Aptitude, have been designed with the Peak District and South Pennines in mind but can be used on all moorland in the UK.

The four apps are:

MoorMOSS – a guide to sphagnum and other mosses;

MoorPLANTS – a guide to moorland plants, including ferns, flowering herbs, shrubs, trees and grasses;

MoorSIGHTS – a guide to moorland landscape features; and

MoorWILD – a guide to the birds, insects, mammals and reptiles found on the moors.

The apps may be downloaded from: <http://www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/moorapps> but they are also available as a **printable pdf** for non-tablet/smartphone users.

LIFE Programme country participation

An informative interactive graphic has been produced to highlight the participation of the various member states since the launch of the LIFE programme by the European Commission in 1992, indicating 227 co-financed projects for the UK. The information can be found at https://infoqr.am/life_programme_infographics.

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