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UK LIFE Support

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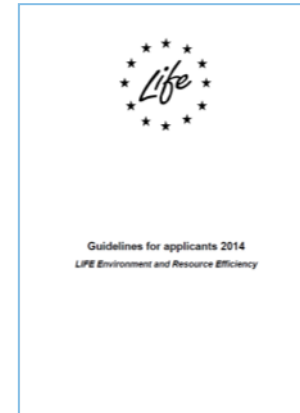
Where to Start

Essential Reading



Read the guidance documents at least TWICE

- Multiannual Work Programme
- Guidelines for Applicants
- General Conditions
- Evaluation Guidelines



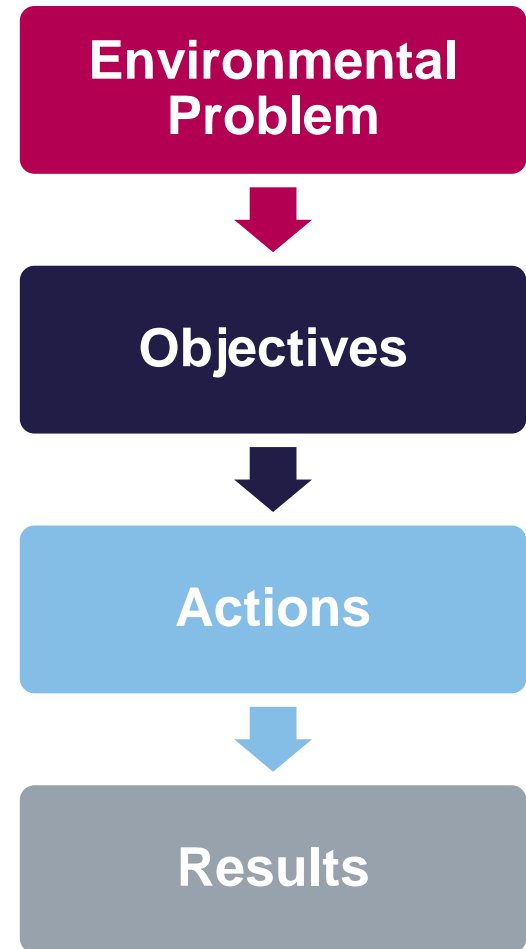
Where to Start?



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

How Long Will it Take?



Resources required/roles

- Technical lead/PM (developer): 8 weeks FTE (min)
- Funding technical lead/co-ordinator: 4-8 weeks
- Consultant bid writer: 4-8 weeks (optional; advisable for big projects)
- Legal support: 1-2 weeks
- Finance support: 3 weeks
- Post submission, pre start: 6 weeks

Slide by Ed Clegg, Environment Agency at the Proposal Writing Workshop

Concept Note

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 What problem is the project is targeting?			
Multi Annual Work Programme Please paste in from the Multi Annual Work Programme the topic being targeted by this proposal			
Project Outcome How does your project address this topic?			
	Causes of the Problem Identify the underlying causes of the environmental problem (in order of relevance)	Outputs What is the outcome of addressing the causes of the problem	Activities What actions do you need to carry out to counteract the cause and achieve the impact and objective
1			
2			
3			
4			

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 COST

Project Costs	£s
Estimated total project cost	

Project Concept Note



Deadline is **Friday 28th November 2014**

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Nature and Biodiversity projects in Scotland

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

UK LIFE Support - The National Contact Point

National Contact Point Service



- 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



- Latest programme and call news
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The LIFE Programme

LIFE is the EC's financial instrument supporting environment and nature conservation projects throughout the EU. It is the only financial instrument aimed purely at improving the environment and is complementary to the other Community research programmes (such as Horizon 2020), the structural funds (such as ERDF) and other rural development programmes.

The LIFE programme will contribute to sustainable development and to the achievement of the objectives and targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the 7th Union Environmental Action Programme and other relevant EU environment and climate strategies and plans.

The programme is divided into two sub-programmes, 'Environment' and 'Climate Action' and has a budget €3.4 billion for 2014-2020.

LIFE Programme €3,456.7M (2014-2020)					
Sub-programme for Environment €2,592.5/75%			Sub-programme for Climate Action €864.2/25%		
Nature & Biodiversity	Environment & Resource Efficiency	Environmental Governance & Information	Climate Change Mitigation	Climate Change Adaptation	Climate Governance & Information

The 'Environment' strand of the new programme covers three priority areas: environment and resource efficiency; nature and biodiversity; and environmental governance and information. The 'Climate Action' strand covers climate change mitigation; climate change adaptation; and climate governance and information.

The programme also consists of a new category of projects, jointly funded integrated projects, which will operate on a large territorial scale. These projects will aim to implement environmental and climate policy and to better integrate such policy aims into other policy areas.

Help and Support

BetaEurope is a free and confidential support service for the LIFE Programme in the UK, run by Beta Technology, the UK LIFE National Contact Point on behalf of Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).

Beta Technology's National Contact Point service includes a helpline, pre-screening of proposals for eligibility and fit and advice on administrative and contractual issues. For further information on the support and advice on offer, please click [here](#).

LIFE News

You can also keep up to date with the latest news via our [Twitter](#) feed [UK LIFE NCP](#) and the [LinkedIn](#) Group [EU LIFE Community for the UK](#)

23/10/14 - Latest [eBulletin](#) newsletter out

16/10/14 - 2014 call deadline extended to 3pm, 24th October

09/10/14 - LIFE [Information Event](#), 5th & 6th November 2014, London

07/10/14 - Scottish Info Day on EU funding: Glasgow, 20th November



SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (Max. 3 pages; to be completed in English)

Project title: Restoring alkaline fen and calcareous fen within the Corryddon Mon and Llyn (Anglesey and Llyn Fawr) SACs in Wales.

Objectives:
The objective of this project is to bring 751 ha of fen within the Corryddon Mon/Anglesey Fens SAC and Corryddon Llyn/Llyn Fawr Fens SAC into favourable or recovering condition through measures aimed at tackling the factors adversely affecting their condition and by delivering more sympathetic management.

Specifically we will:

- address each of the factors responsible for the unfavourable condition of the Annex I fen features of these sites
- direct and facilitate change within the catchments of the project area to further tackle the causal factors of unfavourable condition.

Actions and means involved:
The factors to be addressed each represent a critical threat and are: management neglect or inappropriate management on and adjacent to sites nutrient enrichment drainage successional change (leading to scrub development and other undesirable changes) inappropriate management of land outside direct conservation management, leading to cultural enrichment and ecological fragmentation uncontrolled burning climate change ecological fragmentation lack of information about the importance of the project sites and the need for wetland conservation management

The actions taken by this project will address each of these threats, which are detailed further in section B2d.

Neglect and inappropriate management (Threat 1) have led to ecological dereliction and the development of rank, derelict vegetation at the expense of both Annex I habitats. The following actions and means will address this:

- Mowing and harvesting of rank derelict vegetation to enable the implementation of appropriate grazing management. Mowing and simultaneous harvesting of cut material will be carried out using specialist machinery. Sensitive areas will be hand mown and raked/baled. Cut biomass will be used together with stripped peat to establish and support a local composting enterprise.
- Appropriate maintenance and restoration grazing will be secured and will involve introduction of suitable livestock, seasonal grazing regimes and optimal grazing intensities, and development of a sustainable local market.
- Scrub encroachment will be managed by cutting, hand-pulling and appropriate after-treatment.

Nutrient enrichment (Threats 2 and 5), direct reductions in nutrient inputs will be achieved by the following actions and means:

- installation of one-off nutrient reduction facilities on land owned by the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) or negotiated with landowners on and around the project area
- installation of measures or removal of nutrient sources at locations before or where nutrients enter the project area will be delivered through CCW's delivery mechanism (Section 15 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act)
- existing enriched substrate will be removed on 5 sites, and grazing and biomass removal will be applied on all sites to remove nutrients.

- Example proposals from Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales
- Financial spreadsheet from Environment Agency

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "FINANCIAL SUMMARY - LIFE+" with a currency symbol of €. The spreadsheet is organized into several sections:

- Summary Section:** Includes input fields for "Project Area" and "Duration of activity (years)".
- Activity Cost Table:** A table with columns for "Activity", "Cost of activity (£/ha)", "Number of sites", "Total cost (£)", and "Cost per site (£)".
- Revenue Table:** A table with columns for "Activity", "Revenue (£/ha)", "Number of sites", "Total revenue (£)", and "Revenue per site (£)".
- Main Data Table:** A large table with columns for "Activity", "Cost of activity (£/ha)", "Number of sites", "Total cost (£)", "Revenue (£/ha)", "Number of sites", "Total revenue (£)", and "Net cost (£)".

The spreadsheet includes various formulas and data points, with some cells highlighted in yellow. The bottom of the spreadsheet shows a total net cost of £1,000,000.



01/ February 2014

LIFE NEWS

Changes to the eBulletin Newsletter

The UK National Contact Point support structure for LIFE and Horizon 2020 is changing, and part of this change is that the eBulletin will be now be sent as two separate newsletters - one focussing on Horizon 2020 and the other on the LIFE programme. This eBulletin will focus on LIFE and if you would like to register your interest in the Horizon 2020 eBulletin, please click 'Manage Your Subscription' at the bottom of this email, followed by 'Edit Profile' and update your areas of interest. If you have any problems please [contact us](#).

New LIFE Regulation Published

The new [LIFE Regulation](#) has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union. The regulation establishes the Environment and Climate Action sub-programmes of the LIFE Programme for the next funding period, 2014–2020 with a budget set at €3.4 billion.

Although the legal basis for the new programme has now been published, it may be some time before the 2014 call application guidelines are available. However, if you are planning a 'traditional project', i.e. not an Integrated Project, you can use the [2013 application guidelines](#) as a broad guide on how to structure your proposal.

New Twitter Service

Beta has started a new Twitter service for the UK LIFE community - UK LIFE NCP.

If you would like to receive updates on the LIFE programme as well as notification of events and calls, please sign up to [@UKLIFENCP](#).

Integrated Projects

The new LIFE programme for 2014-2020 sees the introduction of a new type of project, Integrated Projects, along with some other key programme changes. Defra's understanding of some of the key changes is set out below:

- Enlargement of the geographical scope to include Overseas Countries and Territories: an important principle although the conditionality requirements will limit opportunities in practice.
- Multi-annual work programmes (in place of annual prioritisation) that have to be agreed with Member States, offering greater continuity for applicants to develop well-thought-through projects over longer time scales.



2014 JOINT UK/IRELAND LIFE+ INFORMATION DAY

The 2014 LIFE+ Information Day is taking place next Tuesday (25th March) and thanks to the Environmental Sustainability Knowledge Transfer Network ([ESKTN](#)), we are able to offer a webcast of the event.

Please visit [ESKTN-TV](#) from 10.00am where you will be able to view and hear the presenters and ask questions via the forum function. No pre-registration, log in or password is required and the use of Firefox is recommended over Internet Explorer.

Copies of the presentations will also be available to download from the [BetaEurope](#) website after the event.



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 **UK LIFE NCP** @UKLIFENC · Oct 29
RT @UKLIFENC: Interested in learning more about the LIFE Programme - register now for one of our info days betaeurope.co.uk/events.htm next week

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 **Vicki Hazley** @DrVHazley · Oct 28
For a chat about the Scottish Recycling Fund, catch up with with [@ZeroWasteScot](https://twitter.com/ZeroWasteScot) at the [#ScottishResourcesConference](https://twitter.com/ScottishResourcesConference) (today!)

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 **UK LIFE NCP** @UKLIFENC · Oct 28
19 UK #LIFE projects submitted at the deadline. Good luck to all.

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 **UK LIFE NCP** @UKLIFENC · Oct 24
Grant of £2.3m for moors bog conservation work - Doncaster Free Press: doncasterfreepress.co.uk/news/grant-of-...

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 **UK LIFE NCP** @UKLIFENC · Oct 23
Latest LIFE eBulletin out from Beta Technology. Download it at betaeurope.co.uk



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Logical framework project planning training

Michelle Waller

Senior Development Officer at Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Top Contributor

Hi - I'm looking to complete some logical framework project management training. Can anyone recommend a company to contact (ideally in the UK!)

Thank you

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Huw Davies Hi Michelle, I think Defra may be sponsoring some more training on Logical Frameworks next spring. Try Richard Findon or Paul Ballinger at ...

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Key Information



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LIFE Programme

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PUBLICATION



Welcome to LIFE

LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed some 3954 projects, contributing approximately €3.1 billion to the protection of the environment.

[Read more >>](#)

News

New LIFE Regulation published: programme continues to 2020

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New LIFE Regulation 2014–2020

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Highlights

Final Evaluation of LIFE+ Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations

Prioritised Action Framework initiative for the Natura 2000 network

Events

14-15 March

Control of nitrogen in livestock farming Reggio Emilia, Italy

21 March

Joint seminar on soil recuperation in abandoned areas Ayoó de Vidrales, Zamora, Spain

25 March

LIFE sigAGROasesor Technical Workshop on Public Agricultural WEBGIS Transfer Systems Madrid, Spain

25 March



Application package will include:

- Guidelines for Applicants (and forms)
- Evaluation Guidelines
- Model Grant Agreement and General Conditions

Orientation document:

- Is LIFE the right instrument? LIFE vs. Horizon 2020 vs. structural funds?
- Which strand?: NAT vs. BIO vs. ENV vs. CCA vs. CCM & GIE vs. GIC?

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

NCP Support Dates



- 28th November 2014 - Deadline for completed concept forms
- January 2015 - Log frame training
- March 2015 - Application writing workshop
- June 2015 - First proposal pre-screening deadline
- September 2015 - Second proposal pre-screening deadline

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