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LIFE NEWS

Additional background to the 'simplified' guidance made available for the 2015 call...

As part of the recent event (June) hosted by the Commission for NCPs from across the member states, the main aspects of the **amended and enhanced call documentation** produced for the 2015 call were highlighted. The 'new' call documentation reflects responses to 'frequently asked questions' across the 3 priority areas for the Environment sub programme, along with the Climate Action sub programme, and their appropriate 'priority areas' and 'topics', which along with the evaluation guides, **provides the essential detailed information required to shape a competitive proposal.**

The wider general point was clearly made, that whilst detail is required in response to specific questions, care should be taken to provide a coherent 'whole story' in the project proposal, which can sometimes be lost in concentrating in preparing answers to questions in isolation.

Along with the enhanced information in the application and evaluation 'guides for applicants' which now include illustrative examples to clarify the information being requested, pdfs of the presentation slides from the event are now available for download through the Beta Europe portal, [Events - <http://www.betaeurope.co.uk/events.htm>] along with access to the content provided in the 3 recent webinars [through WebEx] around LIFE finance, application writing, and the expanded clarification around the 'new' aspects of the call.

Reminder that the second pre-screening deadline and submission of A8 forms is 7th August...

Following on from the first proposal pre-screening deadline in May [post concept note and log-frame development & including an initial draft of part B], the second deadline for those projects already in discussion is approaching, along with - where required for nature and biodiversity projects - the submission of 'Form A8; Declarations of support', **direct to Defra at Life.Env@defra.gsi.gov.uk**

In order to accelerate the administrative process and avoid potential delays, applicants intending to submit an A8 form are requested to inform Beta at this point in their application development process, in order that Defra can be made aware of the anticipated number of applications involved.

PUBLICATIONS

LIFE and climate change report now available on LIFE Programme portal...

As we approach the first of the 2015 call closing dates for the Climate Action sub-programme, a study of the climate change mitigation and adaptation practices demonstrated by previous projects in the LIFE programme is now available online. The study is targeted at experts in the European Commission as well as the general public. A high number of LIFE projects (366) have direct or indirect implications for climate change. The study identified and classified these projects in order to make it easier to search for them. (<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/publications/lifepublications/generalpublications/generalpub.htm>)

The study, moreover, groups the projects together under sub-topics and is accompanied by a spreadsheet database. The graphs and lists produced underline the wide scope of solutions and innovative approaches that have been carried out by the LIFE programme. LIFE projects have dealt with all but one of the more than 50 identified climate change sub-topics.

From 2000 to 2012, the EU contributed about €350 million to projects relevant for climate change. Nevertheless, the study highlighted regional and thematic imbalances in the programme. It also found that LIFE projects have not yet addressed the topic of migration, social tension and jobs in relation to climate change. The report was produced by Astrale GEIE on behalf of the LIFE Environment and Eco-Innovation Unit (now LIFE Environment Unit).

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