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## LIFE NEWS

### Concept Note Deadline for the 2015 Call - 28th November 2014

If you are thinking about submitting a proposal to the 2015 (or later) LIFE call, we recommend that you complete and submit a proposal concept note. The concept note template is structured to help you start thinking about your proposal and allows us to comment on the idea and scope of your project. It also opens up additional support services, for example, concept notes with the greatest development potential are invited to a proposal development workshop and have access to mentoring support from national authorities.

Please download the [template](#) and provide as much information on your project as possible. We do recognize that at this early stage the proposal idea may be incomplete or may change, but hopefully this process will help you start to form the basis of your proposal.

Email [life@betatechnology.co.uk](mailto:life@betatechnology.co.uk) by Friday 28th November 2014 with your completed form.

An indication of other key dates for the 2015 call can be found below, however, please note these are indicative only and may change.

- January/February 2015 - log frame training
- March 2015 - application writing workshop
- May/June 2015 - expected 2015 call publication
- June 2015 - first proposal pre-screening deadline
- September 2015 - second proposal pre-screening deadline
- September/October 2015 - expected 2015 call deadline

### Kick Off Meeting for 2013 Projects

The kick off meeting for the successful 2013 projects took place last month and the presentations are available to download. With presentations from each funded project as well as the Commission on the financial, reporting and management requirements of a LIFE project, you may find them useful when planning the actions and resources for a LIFE proposal. Please note however, that the EC presentations are based on the 2013 regulation so please refer to the latest call documentation for the latest rules and eligibility criteria.

[EC presentations](#)

[Project presentations](#)

### UK LIFE Project Update: Celtic Seas Partnership

The LIFE project [Celtic Seas Partnership](#) is supporting the implementation of EU environmental and maritime policy using a stakeholder-led approach. The project, which runs until the end of 2016, is focused on the Celtic Seas, a Marine Strategy Framework Directive sub-region encompassing Ireland, the western seaboard of the UK, and extending as far south as Brittany in northern France. It also covers coasts and territorial waters to the north of Scotland.

Key objectives include improving stakeholder engagement within and between the countries, reducing conflicts between coastal and marine-resource users, and enhancing the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the region.

Project Manager Dr Lyndsey Dodds says, "*The main thing we are trying to address is the competition for space in a busy marine environment and the potential for conflict. We are trying to create a unique cross-border and cross-sectoral platform to bring Celtic Seas stakeholders together, to collaboratively develop solutions for management at this scale. This will give them the opportunity to hear different perspectives and about things happening in other areas, so they can learn from each other.*"

The stakeholders comprise industry (such as the fishing, renewables and aggregates sectors), recreational users, NGOs, governments (including statutory agencies), and scientists or academics with an interest in marine management or policy.

Information resources such as video clips explaining the marine directive and the importance of involving stakeholders have been produced to show how stakeholders can be part of the solution and become more involved in decision-making.

To read the full article on the EC LIFE website, please click [here](#).

## LIFE Information Days - Presentations

Defra together with Beta Technology organised two afternoon information events to present information on the European Union's LIFE Programme. The presentations are now available to download from the BetaEurope website or from clicking the links below.

5th November – Introduction to the LIFE Programme: Environment

- [Introduction to LIFE](#), Defra
- [Developing LIFE bids](#) – an Environment Agency perspective
- [MoorLIFE' LIFE project](#), Peak District National Park Authority
- [Waders for Real LIFE project](#), Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust
- [National Contact Point support](#), Beta Technology
- [Next steps and further support](#), Defra

6th November - The LIFE Programme: Climate Change

- [Introduction to LIFE](#), Defra
- [ACUMEN LIFE project](#), Environment Agency download
- [Climate Proofing Housing Landscapes LIFE project](#), Groundwork London
- [Government priorities on adaptation and mitigation](#), Defra
- [Government priorities on adaptation and mitigation](#), DECC
- [Climate change adaptation – a local perspective](#), Climate UK
- [National Contact Point support](#), Beta Technology
- [Next steps and further support](#), Defra

## Integrated Project Development Update

A quick update on the two Integrated Projects that are being developed in the UK

- Urban Waters IP - a concept note was submitted to the EC last month and we now await comments from the Commission.
- Peatland IP - Defra will be holding a 3 day workshop in Peterborough next month to develop the proposed Peatlands IP further.

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1) Helpline providing information ranging from general questions about LIFE funding to detailed advice on proposal content.

2) Assistance with project planning, partner searching, proposal writing and preparation.

3) Liaison with UK government and the EC. If you have a question or query we are happy to ask it on your behalf.

4) Website [www.betaeurope.co.uk](http://www.betaeurope.co.uk)

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