

JNCC took on the UK LIFE National Contact Point from 01 January 2016 and these presentations/documents are from events under the previous LIFE NCP, Beta Technology. For further information on UK LIFE please see the dedicated webpages at: [jncc.defra.gov.uk/UKLIFE](http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/UKLIFE)



## LIFE Stop Press - Reminder: Deadline date for 'concept note' submission is 30th November 2015

As indicated on the Beta Europe portal, and highlighted during the LIFE Information Day event on Monday, as part of the preparation for the anticipated 2016 call for applications, the '**concept note**' stage is designed to help applicants by providing a basic project structure for the EU LIFE Programme to relate to their project planning and development, but it is essential that the relevant guidance material that is provided on the [EU LIFE website](#) is read before completing all sections of the form.

Whilst concept notes for projects can be submitted at any time, to access additional support services for the 2016 call, they **must be completed and returned** to Beta Technology by **Monday 30th November**, to allow the requests to be evaluated, and feedback obtained from the various bodies involved in advising Defra on environmental issues, as the managing authority for the Programme. Only proposals submitted by the deadline will be eligible for a place at an intended 'application writing workshop', and may be eligible for additional help from Beta Technology and national authorities in proposal preparation for the 2016 call.

The one-day event on Monday, hosted by *Defra*, along with *JNCC* and the *UK LIFE National Contact Point, Beta Technology*, presented a range of information on the European Union's LIFE Programme, as part of raising awareness of the programme, and to allow potential applicants to begin their project proposal preparations well in advance of the 2016 call, which is anticipated will open in the first half of next year.

Well attended by a range of organisations, with differing levels of experience of the Programme, the agenda included various presentations, including contributions from previously successful applicants to the Programme who described their experiences and lessons learned from the processes involved. Other inputs provided further background around the EU priorities and topics involved in the previous call in 2015.

The presentations listed below, along with background information referred to during the event, including the 'concept note' (see below) are now available for download from the [BetaEurope](#) website under the '[events](#)' tab.

- LIFE Programme 2014 – 2020; UK LIFE NCP; background context, Multi Annual Work Programme;
- Integrated Projects in the UK; Defra
- Lessons from previous LIFE proposals – how not to fail at LIFE; Beta
- The Ins and Outs of LIFE; SNH
- Practical tips on financial management of a LIFE project; EA
- Developing a Resource Efficiency proposal; Groundwork
- Experiences of the LIFE Programme; WRAP
- Proposal development and the application process; UK LIFE NCP
- Best LIFE Environmental projects 2013
- LIFE project concept note (2016)
- LIFE structure 2015 – Beta schematic

I look forward to receiving concept notes from those interested in participating the 2016 call, but please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in developing your plans around potential participation in the programme.

Best regards

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