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LIFE NEWS

2014 Call Deadline Extended - 24th October

Following several problems with accessing and using the eProposal system for submitting LIFE proposals, the decision was made to extend the deadline until Friday 24th October 2014 at 3pm UK time.

The eProposal system is working again and at a normal speed (at the moment!). There were two main problems, both of which have now been solved. Submitted proposals could not be re-edited and draft proposals did not show all the data that had been entered and saved. Applicants that still encounter editing problems may need to do the follow to refresh the cache memory of their browser:

For issues on editing submitted forms, please force refresh the page (at least once) using 'Ctrl F5' (while holding CTRL down, press F5). This procedure works for Windows PCs while for MAC it is 'Apple R' or 'Command R'.

One other issue was the removal of the .pdf proposal generation and this has now been reactivated. However, if the site traffic builds up again before the deadline, this feature might be de-activated again to gain server time and speed.

The eProposal helpdesk is still replying to individual message and if you still face problems please let them [know](#).

Marine Thematic Report Published

The LIFE Monitoring Team has published a thematic report on marine-related LIFE projects: 'The future of Europe's seas'.

The study analyses the LIFE Programme's contribution to protecting and improving the marine environment with the objectives of:

- Reviewing current marine-related legislation
- Review marine-related LIFE projects to examine trends and the costs of implementation (both total and EU contributions)
- Review selected projects relating to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and associated Programmes of Measures (POMs), using SWOT analysis
- Review selected projects that provide new solutions and best practice for implementation of EU legislation and policy in the most efficient way and a high potential for transferability within the EU
- Understand the relevance of project approaches, including factors for failure or success of certain approaches

For more information about the publication and to download the Marine Thematic Report, please click [here](#).

UK LIFE+ Project: Up and Forward Published New Recycling Films

Greater Manchester based recycling project, UP and Forward has added three more films to its awareness raising campaign to persuade hard to reach communities to recycle more of their household rubbish. The project, which runs until June 2015, has also held its first seminar – attracting professionals in the field of recycling from across the UK. The films, produced by students at the University of Bolton with the help of production company Bellyfeel, target inner-city areas of Greater Manchester that are traditionally low-performing in terms of recycling. They can be viewed by clicking [here](#) and cover the following topics:

- “The Recycler” is a comedy drama about a woman who is confused about her household recycling until a local ‘ambassador’ comes to her ‘rescue’ in the style of an action film.
- “Beat the Bin Men” is about a fun recycling game for local residents and depicts people floundering around in gunge and enjoying inflatable obstacle courses.
- “Golden Ticket” shows the awarding of a prize for community recycling to a local school.

The project has also held its first seminar with the main aim of providing UK wide recycling professionals with information about the project’s experiences that could hopefully then be adapted to other areas and communities.

For more information about the project please visit the project [website](#).

UK LIFE+ Project: Celtic Seas Partnership Produces Animated Video to Communicate the Value of Marine Strategy

The LIFE+ Environment project, Celtic Seas Partnership, has produced a short animation to help explain how the EU is protecting its marine environment. The three-minute video explains the goals of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and the Celtic Seas Partnership project.

The LIFE project is bringing together sea users, industry, governments and the scientific community across the Celtic Seas - an OSPAR-defined region of the North-East Atlantic that includes the Celtic Sea, Bristol Channel, Irish Sea and parts of the Atlantic Ocean - in order to find ways of achieving healthy and sustainable seas.

To view the animation please click [here](#), or to find out more about the project, click [here](#).

New Publication Highlights LIFE's Impact on Air Quality

The latest LIFE Focus publication 'LIFE and Air Quality' focuses on LIFE's role in helping to effectively and cost-effectively implement EU policy instruments relating to air.

The publication includes an introduction to the topic, interviews with an air quality expert from the European Environment Agency and one of the participants in a pioneering pilot exercise designed to help European cities better implement EU air policy.

Thematic chapters look at LIFE's contribution to air quality across a number of key sectors: transport and urban mobility; monitoring and modelling; capacity building; encouraging behavioural change; agriculture; and industry, waste and energy. This programme-level analysis is supported by specific project examples from across the EU, including in-depth case studies that can serve as an inspiration to policy-makers and project leaders, farmers and enterprises, organisations and citizens throughout Europe.

To download the publication, please click [here](#).

EVENTS

LIFE Information Event, 5th and 6th November 2014, London

Defra and Beta Technology are organising two afternoon information events (2pm – 5pm) to present information on the European Union’s LIFE Programme.

The LIFE Programme is open to all organisations, in particular, local government, charities, NGOs and SMEs and provides funding for nature conservation, climate change measures and improving the environment through raising awareness and the novel use of technologies.

LIFE is divided into two sub-programmes, 'Environment' and 'Climate Action' and an information session is taking place for each area.

5th November – Introduction to the LIFE Programme: Environment

This event will provide an introduction to the LIFE Programme and is aimed at organisations new to the funding programme with little or no knowledge of the rules and application procedure. Specifically targeting the environment sub-programme of LIFE, the themes that are covered by this sub-programme include species and habitat conservation, biodiversity and green infrastructure, resource efficiency, waste, water, air and the urban environment. For a full list of themes covered please click [here](#).

As well as providing participants with an introduction to the LIFE programme, successful applicants will share their experiences and provide examples of funded projects, and sources of further information (including key dates in the run up to the 2015 annual call) and the support available in the UK will be explained.

Please note, if you have previously attended a LIFE information event there may be limited value in attending this event.

If you would like to register for this event, please click [here](#).

6th November – The LIFE Programme: Climate Change

This session will provide an introduction to the LIFE Programme and, in particular the Climate Action sub-theme. It is primarily aimed at organisations that are new to the funding programme with little or no knowledge of the rules and application procedure, but those with some LIFE experience and who are interested in finding out more about the Climate Action sub-programme specifically may also benefit.

Successful applicants will share their experiences and provide examples of funded projects, and sources of further information and the support available in the UK will be explained. The session will also offer the opportunity to discuss the Climate Action sub-programme in the context of government priorities on adaptation and mitigation and to network with a range of people interested in developing LIFE climate-action bids.

If you would like to register for this event, please click [here](#).

If you are unable to attend either of these events, further information about LIFE can be found on the Beta [website](#).

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