

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



Next steps and support arrangements





In the short term do....

- **Realism** – it takes longer than you think to plan; to get a project up and running; to write up/complete end processes inc sustaining results – add 6 months; no penalty for early completion
- Think about after LIFE
- Build a team with all the expertise eg finance; include partners
- Involve Defra/Agencies/DAs at an early stage
- Plan for staff turnover towards the end of the project



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- Embed dissemination & monitoring plans from the start
- Include a critical friend, relevant authorities
- Take time to consider and reconsider **EU added-value**'



Medium term - team GB

- Become more proactive, forward looking, strategic and aspirational
- Suggest we work to develop a pipeline of prospective projects
- Use this to plan/seek possible inputs from others eg Defra/Agency/DA
- Basis for shared or co-ordinated projects, getting experience – and support
- We are considering whether we can
 - Develop a programme of more planned support activities; & responsive
 - Develop a longer support cycle – 12/18 months eg possibly -
- Prepare to mentor others



Your ideas please

- Does that sound reasonable?
- We are all operating in a much more resource constrained world
- UK's performance has been poor despite some exemplary successes by individual applicants – 67% national allocation accessed over last 7 years (full spend last year).
- Only 'allocation' for environment for next 4 years
- Full EU competition from 2018- be prepared!



Key LIFE activities and dates

→ Key activities:

- Beta technology (the UK National Contact Point) to ask potential applicants to complete concept forms
- Deadline for completion of concept forms (28 November)
- Holding of 2 day 'Log Frame' Training session to help develop project objective (January/February 2015)
- LIFE application writing workshop (March 2015)

→ Other key dates (traditional projects):

- Commission announce 2015 annual call - **Spring 2015** (tbc)
- Initial Pre-screening of applications: **June 2015**
- 2nd pre-screening: **September 2015**
- **Deadline for 2015 applications – October 2015** (tbc)



Support

- Speak to those who have been successful - lots of experience and help out there.
- Commission website is full of tools, templates, guidance, best practice and best project database.
- Register with Beta and use 'Linked In' forum on Beta website to raise questions/issues



Where can I find more information on LIFE?

- The EU LIFE website:
- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2014/index.htm>
- Beta: www.betaeurope.co.uk
- sign up to their monthly LIFE news letter
<http://www.betaeurope.co.uk/register.htm> or follow them on twitter