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# LIFE Programme 2014-2020

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# IE Past Performance under LIFE 2007 - 14

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Year	No. of Applications submitted	No. of Successful Applications	Total Budget (Successful applications)	EU Contribution
2007	3	2	€3,266,640	€1,652,804
2008	3	0	-	-
2009	5	2	€4,147,154	€2,226,447
2010	2	1	€3,157,910	€1,562,672
2011	4	1	€2,225,205	€1,108,872
2012	4	1	€2,597,685	€1,941,188
2013	13	3	€11,700,000	€5,780,254
2014	5	1	€5,408,249	€4,056,186
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11 (28%)</b>	<b>€32,502,843</b>	<b>€18,328,440</b>



### 3. Irish projects 2007-14

Year	PROPOSAL TITLE	APPLICANT NAME	
2007	Control of aquatic invasive species and restoration of natural communities in Ireland	Central Fisheries Board	Nature
2007	Restoration of the Lr.Shannon SAC for Sea lamprey, Atlantic salmon and European otter	The Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Nature
2009	Restoration of the Upper River Blackwater SAC for the Freshwater Pearl Mussel, Atlantic Salmon, European Otter and Kingfisher	IRD Duhallow Ltd.	<b>Nature</b>
2009	Demonstrating Best Practise in Raised Bog Resotration in Ireland	Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board	<b>Nature</b>
2010	Depolymerisation Technology for Rubber with Energy Optimisation to produce Carbon Products	Erneside Engineering Limited	<b>Environment</b>
2011	Burren Tourism for Conservation (Oct 2012 – Dec 2017)	Clare County Council Ongoing	<b>Environment</b>
2012	Aran LIFE - The sustainable management of the priority terrestrial Habitats Directive Annex 1 habitats of the Aran Islands. (2014 -2017)	DAHG Ongoing	<b>Nature</b>
2013	LIFE Kerry - Sustainable land use management for the conservation of the freshwater pearl mussel	DAHG/NPWS Ongoing	<b>Nature</b>
2013	RAPTOR LIFE - Connecting and Restoring habitats for Hen Harrier, Merlin, Atlantic Salmon and Brook Lamprey in Duhallow,Ireland	IRD, Duhallow Ongoing	<b>Nature</b>
2013	WISER LIFE - Working with Industrial Spaces to Exemplify Reuse	Rediscovery Centre, Ballymun	<b>Environment</b>
2014	Restoring Active Raised Bog in Ireland's SAC Network 2016 - 2020	NPWS	<b>Nature</b>



- **Overall walking, cycling, angling and water-based tourism worth €1.2 billion to the Irish Economy (Fáilte Ireland – 2008)**



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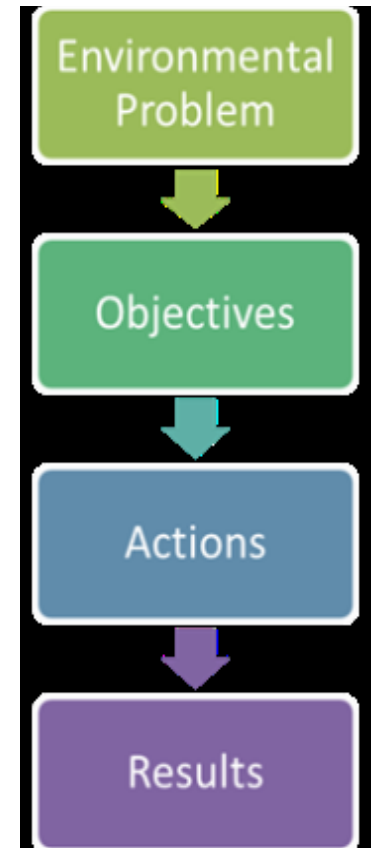
# First Steps

1. Identify a clear and specific project aim
2. Link that project aim to one (at most two) of the LIFE project topics listed in the guidelines or in the Multi Annual Work Programme
3. Research previous projects online (LIFE EU project database)
4. Scope out your project idea using a project planning tool such as logical framework planning and or Concept Note/Template
5. Proposal should be Pilot/Demonstration/Best Practice
6. It is crucial that you approach the public bodies responsible for policy as soon as possible e.g. in the area of Nature conservation and Biodiversity policy (NPWS in ROI, NIEA in NI)



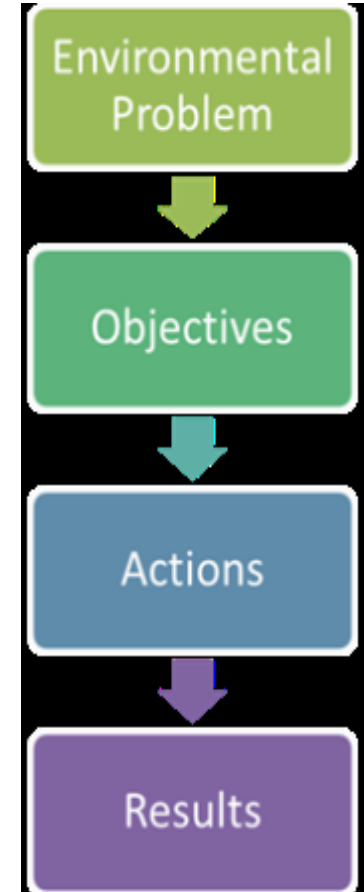
# 6 .What makes a Good Proposal

- Set the scene. Explain how the identified problem is of EU importance. Justify what you hope to do.
- There should be a logical link between the threats/problems identified and the objectives, actions and expected results of the project.
- The project results should be realistic and have a significant impact on the environmental problem identified



# 7. What Makes a Good Proposal

- As all actions need to be appropriately monitored, relevant indicators should be identified to measure progress.
- The proposal should identify and involve relevant stakeholders/competent authorities where possible
- The project should include appropriate risk management measures
- The importance of illustrating good project management and financial management should not be underestimated





# Finance

- Securing co finance is one of the biggest barriers to overcome to submitting a Life proposal
- Secure Buy in of management of your own and partner organisations – this is critical
- Look for co financing and project partners **early**
- N.B. co-funding commitments from partners need to be fully confirmed in writing and unambiguous.



# Timing

- Life application form is challenging and cannot underestimate the time involved in preparing a good application
- A good proposal is likely to take about **3 to 6 months** in planning and writing



# application process – Do's

- Need to liaise with Competent authority
- Allow plenty of time for competent authority approval ( letter of support or in some cases funding)
- Factor in any licenses and planning that will be required
- Other delays – weather or external events
- Note Competent authority are also potential applicants.



# 11 application process – Do's Contd.

- Designate competent staff person/persons or hire in expertise to prepare
- Be absolutely clear on what actions you will undertake – include Dissemination Actions & Concrete Conservation Actions for Nature & Biodiversity 25% of budget
- Be accurate in your costing for staffing & actions – often too high esp daily rates
- Sharing science and new methodologies etc expected



# 12 Application process – Pitfalls to Avoid

- Activities/plans to ensure sustainability often poor
- Clear description of staff involved sometimes missing
- Green procurement and carbon footprint often not considered



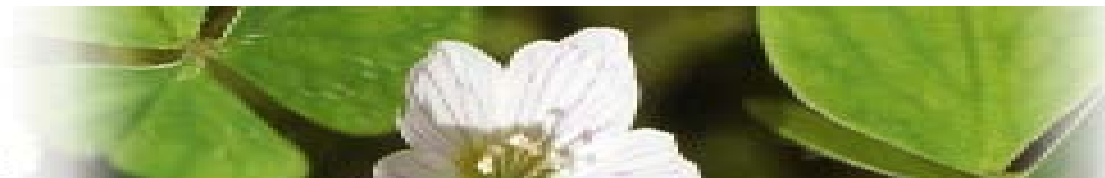
# Application Process

- Ensure financial coherence; Watch COST EFFECTIVENESS
- FOCUS - Do NOT include actions not related to the objective of your proposal
- Remember: If your project doesn't fit a priority project topic, you will receive fewer points!
- The SELECTION procedure of LIFE is very tough, thorough and detailed.
- GOOD LUCK



# 2016 Indicative Deadlines

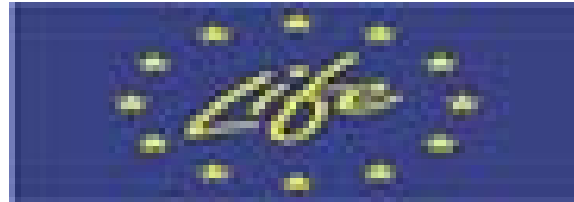
<b>Climate Action(CLIMA)</b>	Common opening date 19 May 2016	<b>Closing date 07 September 2016</b>
<b>Environment &amp; Resource Efficiency(ENV)</b>		<b>Closing date 12 September 2016</b>
<b>Nature and Biodiversity(NAT)/Environment Government &amp; Information(GIE)</b>		<b>Closing date 15 September 2016</b>



# LIFE CALL 2016



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