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UK LIFE NCP

# LIFE SUPPORT: from concept to application

## UK LIFE NCP assistance

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## Application process

- The Commission publishes its annual call for applications  
The 2016 call will be announced in May for traditional LIFE projects
- Deadline for applications: mid-September to mid-October
- Dont wait - It is never too early to start!!



## What can LIFE *not* fund?

- Compensatory action under Art. 6 of the Habitats directive
- Actions that should be (or are) financed under Structural Funds (e.g. Rural Development Fund) or CAP
- Research projects – possibly Horizon 2020?
- Purely domestic objectives – must **further EU policy or objectives**, with **focus on implementation**
- What the **Commission** consider is for **MS action**
- **Biodiversity projects** unless truly ‘innovative’ including trials/pilots in EU context (outside Natura 2000)



## Projects must be well developed!

- Be clear on your **specific project objective (very important!)**
- Be clear on **underlying environmental problem**, not symptoms; realism of what can be achieved – develop a logical framework with key participants
- A great project not delivering **MAWP priorities & EU additionality will fail**
- **Focus** on project topics – to help you earn more points
- **Use experts** to help you! UK LIFE NCP/Agencies and Defra colleagues can help frame the EU policy context/additionality.
- **The selection procedure for LIFE is a very tough, thorough and detailed**
- **Can you help/work with others** – find partners in UK and other MS e.g. **mentor, critical friend**; get experience
- Expect to spend **6+ months** developing a project bid
- Be clear and precise – applications are evaluated on what is submitted (not on the potential of the idea)



## Reasons for rejection!

- No clear EU relevant environmental or climate action focus or insufficient link to policy
- Less than 25% 'Concrete Conservation' actions (NAT)
- Doesn't deliver the MAWP description
- Not convincingly demonstrative or pilot



## Application process

- Read the LIFE Multi Annual Work Programme. **TWICE.**
- Has your project been done before? Check the EC LIFE Project Database.
- Your project must have longevity and lead to continuing action.
- It does not hurt to be prepared – start as early as possible. A six month run up period is average, complex projects can take two years to develop.
- Is your project focused on research and monitoring? then it is not LIFE!
- Use the National Contact Point



- Helpline – 01733 562626 or [UKLIFE@jncc.gov.uk](mailto:UKLIFE@jncc.gov.uk)
- Advise on the components of the programme
- Provide advice on EC guidance documents
- Project concept check
- Pre-screening of proposals
- Training workshops and webinars
  
- **Upcoming events**
  - 29 February 2016 LIFE Information Day, Belfast
  - 1-2 March 2016 Log Frame training, Belfast
  - 14-15 March 2016 Log Frame training in Cardiff
  - Early May 2016 Application writing workshop - Scotland
  - Late May 2016 Application writing workshop – England
  - Webinars – ongoing look out on the UK LIFE webpages





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JNCC are the new UK LIFE National Contact Point (NCP) from 01 January 2016.

**This is the indicative plan for the 2016 LIFE call we anticipate will be launched on 19 May 2016.**

Traditional projects will continue to have staggered different submission deadlines per priority area.

Traditional projects submitted through eProposal with a total indicative budget of €239,000,000

- Climate (all objectives: CCA, CCM and GIC) – 07-Sept-2016
- Environment (ENV and ERE) – 12-Sept-2016
- Environment (NAT and GIE) – 15-Sept-2016

- Preparatory Projects Environment\* - 20-Sep-16 €1,920,000
- Technical Assistance Projects Environment - 20-Sep-16 €800,000
- Technical Assistance Projects Climate - 20-Sep-16 €160,000
- Integrated Projects Environment - 26-Sep-16 €79,200,000
- Integrated Projects Climate - 26-Sep-16 €16,000,000

\* There will be no Preparatory project call under the Climate sub-programme for 2016

Pre-screening deadlines

- Latest programme and call news
- Register for eNews
- Presentations from events and workshops
- Tips and advice
- Concept note template

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