



# LIFE eNews

April 2016

Please note it is 9 weeks until the prescreening deadline - 27 June 2016

## UK LIFE Events

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### Application Writing Workshops

Register now for Edinburgh and Cardiff workshops (Please note there is no England-based workshop in 2016)

**12 May 2016**

[Eventbrite Edinburgh](#)

**16 May 2016**

[Eventbrite Cardiff](#)

The agendas for the workshops will be uploaded to the [UK LIFE website](#) shortly

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## Webinars

15 June 2016

**2016 Call: review of changes**

## Forthcoming EU Events

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### Freshwater pearl mussel project's final conference

**3-4 May 2016, Braemar, Scotland**

The Pearls in Peril ([LIFE11 NAT/UK/000383](#)) project is holding an end of project conference on 3-4 May 2016 at the Mar Lodge Estate, Braemar, within the Cairngorms National Park, Scotland. The conference is free to attend, but prior booking is recommended as places are limited. Use the registration form that is available [here](#), and download the programme through this [link](#).

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## Beyond Wood - forest ecosystems

End June/ early July 2016

## Finance

For more information check out the UK LIFE pages and follow on LinkedIn.

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## UK LIFE Water Platform Meeting

**24-25 May 2016, Manchester, UK**

A Water Platform Meeting, 'WATER WORKS – overcoming challenges to achieving good water status in urban areas' will be held at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester on 24-25 May 2016. Hosted by the Environment Agency, the beneficiary of LIFE-IP RBMP-NWRBD UK - Integrated water management approach to delivery of the North West England River basin management plan ([LIFE14 IPE/UK/000027](#)). The large scale project aims to improve the status of water bodies in North West England. Places are limited and by invite. If you are interested please contact [Lynne Barrett](#) for more information.

## services policy conference

**23 May 2016, Brussels, Belgium**

The European Commission is organising a policy conference on Europe's forest ecosystems. [Beyond wood - the multiple services provided by Europe's forests](#), which takes place on 23 May 2016 in Brussels, will gather key players in the field to discuss what needs to be done and how the EU can help. More information about the Beyond Wood [programme](#) and to register online [click here](#).



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## Pre-screening deadlines

In order to support you in the build up to the 2016 Call we have set a pre-screening deadline of **27 June 2016**. Please submit your project to: [UKLIFE@jncc.gov.uk](mailto:UKLIFE@jncc.gov.uk).

We will review concept notes (<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-7132>) at any time of the year but encourage early submission to allow sufficient time for project development. A copy of the template can be found on the '[what we do](#)' tab on the UK LIFE NCP webpages.

## A8 Forms

Nature and Biodiversity project requirements. Remember to request your A8 forms from the appropriate competent authority. Give yourself plenty of time to make sure you have these ready for your project submission. If your project covers multiple UK countries remember you will need to send the request to all relevant authorities. The national contacts are:

Wales	<a href="mailto:WalesLIFE@wales.gsi.gov.uk">WalesLIFE@wales.gsi.gov.uk</a>
England and Northern Ireland	<a href="mailto:UKLIFE@jncc.gov.uk">UKLIFE@jncc.gov.uk</a>
Scotland	<a href="mailto:ECLIFE@gov.scot">ECLIFE@gov.scot</a>

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## Rejection/ life support for resubmission

**We are aware that the results of the 2015 LIFE evaluation were released earlier this month. If you received the disappointing news that you were unsuccessful please do contact the UK LIFE team. We are able to help re-evaluate for resubmission to LIFE or identify other EU / domestic funding streams.**

## Best of the Best LIFE projects 2015

Congratulations to the UK LIFE Projects who have been nominated for the 2015 Best of the Best awards. The announcement of the winners is due at the award ceremony at Green Week on Tuesday, 31 May. Good luck to all the UK project nominees.

**ACUMEN** – ([LIFE11 ENV/UK/000402](#)) **ACUMEN** was a demonstration project led by the [Environment Agency](#). The project demonstrated new options for utilising and managing landfill gas from closed landfills. The project started in September 2012 and finished in August 2015. The [Layman's report](#) provides a summary of the project.

**EDOC** ([LIFE09 ENV/UK/000023](#)) The **EDOC** project was led by the Environment Agency. The Electronic Duty of Care (EDOC) project planned to develop a national, internet-based interface to record the collection, transportation, treatment

and disposal of waste materials. The interface would enable monitoring and mapping of waste management without creating a mountainous paper trail. More information is provided in the [Layman's report](#).

**Futurescapes** ([LIFE10 INF/UK/000189](#)) - [Futurescapes](#), an RSPB led project, aimed to encourage the development and implementation of landscape-scale conservation initiatives, involving many partners, in 38 priority areas across the UK. These Futurescape areas cover a total area of over 2.2 million ha and include populations of around 3.8 million people. The 38 areas were chosen to give good geographical coverage and to reflect both their need and potential. Additional objectives were to carry out high-level advocacy work to promote the landscape-scale approach and to disseminate information to relevant stakeholders. A key message was that landscape-scale conservation can bring major benefits to local communities as well as to wildlife.

**MoorLIFE** ([LIFE08 NAT/UK/000202](#)) - [MoorLIFE](#) project aimed to protect the 1,600 ha of active blanket bog in the South Pennine Moors by reducing the erosion on adjacent degraded peatland. To achieve this, the project aimed to restore 862 ha of active blanket bog through stabilisation, diversification and gully blocking. To ensure the future sustainability of the blanket bog, the project also aimed to carry out wildfire mitigation actions while also raising public awareness of wildfire risk and restoration. The final objective was to develop knowledge and understanding by effective communication to practitioners and policymakers.

**SEWeb** ([LIFE10 ENV/UK/000182](#)) – Led by Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), Scotland's environmental web ([SEWeb](#)) project aimed to present a wide view of Scotland's environment, through a website that brought together data and information as well as expertise from a number of organisations' into a single centralised “gateway to everything you want to know about Scotland's Environment” to deliver four key objectives.

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## Transnational Project Partners – Hungary

Hungary were successful in gaining a LIFE Capacity Building project last year to strengthen their ability to reach environmental and climate policy goals. They have since identified the need for more effective knowledge sharing and experience transfer as key to do so and consequently Hungary is looking to participate in more cross-border LIFE project in the future.

This would benefit UK applicants through additional evaluation points from having a transnational component to the project and could help with replication and transferability – key components of LIFE projects.

If you are interested please contact the listed contacts below depending on topic area:

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UK LIFE webpages:	<a href="http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/UKLIFE">jncc.defra.gov.uk/UKLIFE</a>
Twitter:	<a href="https://twitter.com/UKLIFENCP">UKLIFENCP</a>
LinkedIn:	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1234567890123456789/">EU LIFE Community for the UK</a>

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