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Please note it is 14 weeks until the pre-screening deadline

Congratulations!

UK Integrated Project

The Environment Agency, as lead partner, has successfully secured the UK's first LIFE integrated project. This €20m [project](#) aims to integrate water management approaches to deliver the North West England River Basin Management Plan. In particular, the project will address barriers holding back the achievement of "good" ecological status for the region's water bodies, as required by the Water Framework Directive.

Keith Ashcroft, Project Sponsor from the Environment Agency said: "We are absolutely delighted to have secured the funds for this exciting project in the North West of England. The project will run over 10 years and aims to promote more innovative solutions leading to improvements in water quality, flood risk management and the natural environment in the North West. While huge improvements have been made to our rivers and streams over the past 30 years, one third of the poorest quality rivers in England and Wales are currently found in our region. We are looking forward to working with our project partners United Utilities, Natural England, Rivers Trust and the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) to deliver a better environment for communities in the North West." For more information contact: damian.crilly@environment-agency.gov.uk

Best of LIFE

We are also pleased to announce that several UK projects have been awarded Best LIFE project. This is an annual award for those projects which finished the previous year and are in all contention for winning the Best of the Best LIFE award. Winners of the Best LIFE include:

[ACUMEN](#) -Assessing, Capturing & Utilising Methane from Expired and Non-

operational landfill, Environment Agency

[EDOC](#) - Electronic Duty of Care, Environment Agency

[Futurescapes](#) - Promoting the development of green infrastructure in 34 priority areas throughout the UK, RSPB

[MoorLIFE](#) - Active blanket bog restoration in the South Pennine Moors, Peak District National Park Authority

[SEWeb](#) - Scotland's environmental web, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency

LIFE Updates

New LIFE poster on bioenergy

The latest LIFE poster focuses on bioenergy. It shows how LIFE, in a bid to support the EU's transition to a low-carbon economy and move away from fossil fuels, is instrumental in helping develop innovative technologies that transform biomass resources, such as agricultural residues, organic waste or energy crops, into useful energy carriers such as heating, electricity and transport fuel. The [new bioenergy poster](#) presents four examples of innovative technology

Request for feedback

We always want feedback from the courses we arrange and you take part in. If you have not returned your feedback forms from the Information Days or Log Frame training please do so. If you do not have the feedback form please [contact us](#) and we will send one to you.

We are also very keen to hear where you need help, support or think further training could be explored – let us know.

UK NCP website

We are currently developing the UK NCP LIFE country webpages. These will be

Events

UK LIFE NCP

12 May 2016 **Edinburgh, Scotland**

Application writing workshop
[Registration](#) is now open: Watch out on LinkedIn for the programme and more details.

16 May 2016 **Cardiff, Wales**

Application writing workshop
[Registration](#) is now open: Watch out on LinkedIn for the programme and more details.

Webinars - [Look out on the UK LIFE webpages or LinkedIn](#)

EU Events

15 - 17 June 2016

LIFE platform meeting on restoration of sand dune habitats
Zandvoort, Netherlands



This platform meeting and networking event on the restoration of coastal and inland dune habitats will bring together projects focusing on restoration of these habitats ahead of the next Atlantic and Boreal Seminars for the Natura

dedicated country pages which highlight specific activities in each of the Countries. Check out the [WalesLIFE](#) to find out more on events to develop LIFE bids in Wales.

Successful projects: 2014 call

Six Integrated Projects were funded from the 2014 call; 3 from the Environment (€52.4 million) strand and 3 from the Nature strand (€56.3 million). More information can be found on the [LIFE Programme site](#).

2000 Biogeographical Process. The main aim of the platform meeting will be to extract and compile the contributions of the LIFE programme to the Process, in order to encourage the creation of expert networks and to bring about coordinated regional actions. Results of the meeting will be made available on the [Natura 2000 Communication Platform](#), as well as via the LIFE website.

To register your interest please contact [John Houston](#)

Inspiring Stories

If you have a positive message you want to convey to the UK LIFE community then [get in touch](#) with us. This month we highlight [Shiant Isles Recovery Project](#).



Puffins and guillemots, Shiant Isles: Davide Scridel

Shiant Isles Recovery Project

The UK-based Shiant Isles Recovery Project is working over four years to protect and improve the Shiant Isles for nature in the Hebrides. The Shiant Isles are internationally important for breeding seabirds and are home to 10% of the UK's Puffins along with tens of thousands of other seabirds. One of the key objectives is to eradicate the non-native and invasive black rat which feed on seabird eggs and chicks as well as native vegetation and invertebrates. Not only will this make the Shiant Isles better for the wildlife already living there but we hope to encourage Manx shearwater and European storm petrel to breed in the future.

During the winter of 2015/2016 a team of island restoration specialists from Wildlife Management International and a group of dedicated long term volunteers were based on the Shiant Isles working hard to eradicate the black rats. This land based operation has involved accessing all areas of the rugged islands to place bait in special stations every 25-50 meters.

The Shiant Isles' remote location in the Minch along with Scottish weather increases the challenges and complexity of this project. Without the expert knowledge and assistance of local boat operators we would not have been able to safely access the islands during a tough Scottish winter.

As we move towards spring and the rat eradication comes to an end so the important work to prevent rats returning starts. Strict biosecurity measures will be in place with work to raise awareness amongst all groups that use the islands and local fishermen who come close by. Monitoring of the seabirds, vegetation and invertebrates will continue to measure the Shiant Isles' response. It will be two years until the Shiant Isles can be declared rat free by which time we may already be able to see the positive impact of their removal.

The Shiant Isles Recovery Project is a partnership between the RSPB, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Nicolson family. For more information on this project please visit the [website](#) or contact [Thomas Churchyard](#).



Garbh Eilean, Shiant Isles: Tara Proud

Indicative plan for the LIFE 2016 call

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

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

Project type	Sub-programme/priority objective	Deadline	Indicative Budget (EUR)	Submission route
Traditional projects	Climate (CCA, CCM & GIC)	07-Sep	239,000,000	eProposal
	Environment (ENV - Environment and Resource Efficiency)	12-Sep		
	Environment (NAT - Nature and			

	Biodiversity and GIE - Environmental Governance and Information)	15-Sep		
Preparatory Projects	Environment*	20-Sep	1,920,000	paper to DG ENV
Technical Assistance Projects	Environment	20-Sep	800,000	paper to DG ENV
Technical Assistance Projects	Climate	20-Sep	160,000	paper to EASME
Integrated Projects	Environment	26-Sep	79,200,000	paper to DG ENV
Integrated Projects	Climate	26-Sep	16,000,000	paper to EASME

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

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 them to: 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 about us tab on the website.

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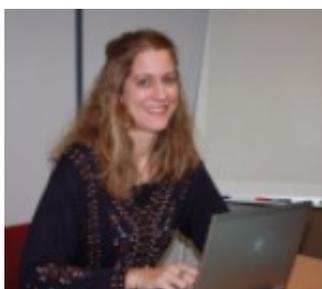
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