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Update on the 2017 LIFE Call

The European Commission have announced that the 2017 LIFE Call will be launched on the 28th April with staggered deadlines in September. The new Call is expected to be very similar to the 2016 Call and so we recommend applicants utilise the 2016 Guidelines to prepare. We will run a webinar in May to outline the key differences between the Calls.

- Call is launched - 28th April
- Climate Action deadline - 7th September
- Environment & Resource Efficiency deadline - 12th September
- Nature & Biodiversity and Environmental Governance & Information deadline - 14th September
- Preparatory projects - 20th September
- 1st deadline for Integrated Projects - 26th September
- 2nd deadline for Integrated Projects - mid March 2018

Update on the Evaluation of the 2016 LIFE Call

We have received an update on the timetable for the evaluation of the 2016 LIFE Calls from EASME.

All applicants will be informed of the results of the Evaluation phase and will know if their proposal has been admitted to the Revision phase as follows:

- **Climate Action:** Beginning of February
- **Environment and Resource Efficiency:** Beginning of March
- **Information and Governance:** Beginning of March
- **Nature and Biodiversity:** Mid - March

UK LIFE NCP events

Logical Framework Training

13 - 14 March 2017

Limited spaces are available

Webinar

LIFE: from concept to submission

March 2017

Application Writing Workshop

24 May 2017, Bristol

Please contact the [team](#) if you have any questions or are interested in attending any of the above events.

External events

UK/IE LIFE Platform Meeting on Managing Project Risks

8th June, Cambridge

This event will be run by NEEMO, the LIFE Project monitors and will be focused on producing a risk management guidance for LIFE projects.

Please contact [Neil Wilkie](#) at NEEMO for more information.

Climate change, impacts and vulnerability in Europe 2016

This EEA report is an indicator-based assessment of past and projected climate change and its impacts on ecosystems and society. It also looks at society's vulnerability to these impacts and at the development of adaptation policies and the underlying knowledge base. This edition aims to support the implementation and review process of the 2013 EU Adaptation Strategy, which is foreseen for 2018, and the development of national and transnational adaptation strategies and plans.

LIFE Partner Request

10:10 is a UK NGO whose mission is to build the movement needed to tackle climate change. They equip people with tools, know-how and inspiration to help build the low carbon world. Whether it's draught busting at home, putting solar power on a community centre or making smart use of energy, 10:10 brings people together to take practical, positive action. They would be interested to hear from organisations whose LIFE bids would be strengthened by adding some of 10:10's expertise, as outlined below:

- Public engagement - inspiring people to take action against climate change through cutting carbon or increasing clean energy.
- Behaviour change - developing projects and resources that engender change in people's day to day lives.
- Communication - accessibly communicating science, policy and research. Our particular USP is creating a positive and hopeful voice within the climate space.
- Policy and advocacy in the UK.
- Innovation - developing new practical projects and approaches e.g. testing feasibility for solar powered trains.
- Media and public speaking - pitching stories, press appearances.
- Graphic design - branding, front end web design, infographics etc.

If you think there are ways you might collaborate, please contact Helen Stack, Director of Development on helen.stack@1010uk.org or +44 207 388 6688.

Inspiring Stories

You can now find a range of inspiring stories on [our webpages](#).

If you have a positive message you want to convey to the UK LIFE community then please get in touch with us. This month we talked to the LIFE Smart Waste project.

LIFE SMART Waste LIFE13 ENV/UK/000549

The LIFE SMART Waste project is an innovative pan-European partnership between key bodies involved with addressing waste crime.

Waste streams that are of low quality and value, or are difficult to treat, persistently attract criminal activities that profit at the expense of the environment and legitimate operators in Europe's waste industry. These illegal practises are ever-changing and are not easily visible. For environmental and partner bodies, there are big gaps in understanding how such illegal markets behave and how to tackle criminal behaviour. This poses major challenges, but also opportunities for innovation.

Rising to these challenges, LIFE SMART Waste aims to demonstrate innovative ways of understanding, tackling and reducing waste-related crime. To achieve this, the project is

developing, testing and applying new and modern ways of working, and demonstrating direct interventions to assess and target illegality in waste streams.

LIFE SMART Waste is coordinated by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) in partnership with Institut Bruxellois pour la Gestion de l'Environnement (Belgium), Natural Resources Wales and the Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and sustainable Resource management (Belgium).

Adopting a collaborative approach, LIFE SMART Waste is encouraging environmental bodies in Europe to set intelligence and investigatory objectives using common tools around shared areas of concern, before collectively identifying and tackling illegality. To date, pilot inter-agency interventions have also involved non-environmental enforcement bodies - such as the police, customs and financial authorities – and this style of collaboration will continue throughout the life of the project.



How does the project anticipate its sustainability once funding has stopped and how will the project ensure the results are replicated/transferred across the UK and Europe?

Although LIFE SMART Waste's EU LIFE funding will cease in 2019, it is anticipated that many of the innovative intelligence-led approaches, tools and techniques developed and tested during the project will become embedded within partner organisations indefinitely. The culture of inter-agency collaboration engendered by the project is also expected to create a lasting legacy.

A key catalyst for sustaining the project's collaborative activities beyond 2019 will be the LIFE SMART Waste communications 'Hub'. The Hub is an innovative online platform that is enabling participating enforcement agencies throughout Europe to share and evaluate information about challenging waste streams and related waste crime issues that could help to identify areas vulnerable to criminal activities. A pilot version of the Hub is currently being used by SEPA, its partners and select INTERPOL Pollution Crime Working Group representatives. Once fully deployed, it is expected that the online 'communities of interest' created will continue to use the Hub beyond the life of the project.



Dissemination is also a key element of LIFE SMART Waste. SEPA and its partners have been busy networking and engaging with a wide variety of organisations, individuals and related EU projects to raise awareness of the project's goals, harness expertise and to seek additional partners for collaboration. The project has been actively engaging with enforcement agencies, industry representatives, policy makers and legislators at a range of events and through inter-agency collaborations. In addition to this ongoing activity, there are plans to train interested enforcement agencies to use the innovative techniques and tools that have been developed by the project.

A final dissemination conference will take place in Brussels during 2019 to present the outputs, findings and recommendations of the LIFE SMART Waste project to industry and agency representatives. Dissemination activities will, however, continue beyond the life of the project with resources and funding provided by SEPA and its partners. This will include the use of planned EU briefing papers and policy recommendation reports to provide evidence in support of recommendations for changes to future policies and legislation related to waste issues and crime.

Key lessons learnt?

Although still at a relatively early stage of the project, LIFE SMART Waste is gathering significant momentum. Early engagement activities indicate that there is a healthy appetite amongst regulatory bodies and enforcement agencies in EU Member States for considering new techniques and collaborating to tackle waste crime.

The project's preliminary research has highlighted that there are a wide range of barriers to joint working between agencies, nationally and transnationally, on interventions to tackle waste crime that need to be overcome. Further research and evaluation has prompted LIFE SMART Waste to identify a possible solution for overcoming common barriers to joint working.

The project's ongoing research and analysis activity continues to provide useful insights that will shape the development of new tools and techniques that will be tested and demonstrated in forthcoming direct interventions to assess and target illegality in waste streams.



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For further information, visit the [project's website](#) or [register for the project e-newsletter](#). To contact the project team or make an enquiry, please e-mail the [LIFE SMART Waste mailbox](#).

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