

Presentation of the EU LIFE Programme

Funding Opportunities for Environment,
Climate Action and Clean Energy Transition



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PROJECT eHUB4LIFE

Coherent actions for national capacity
building for LIFE Programme
in North Macedonia



Municipality of Gostivar, 26 June 2026

Panel Session

Topics

LIFE Programme Achievements and National Capacity Building

LIFE Funding Opportunities

Key Aspects of LIFE Project Preparation and Evaluation

Experts

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EU LIFE Programme



To support the transition towards a sustainable, climate-neutral and resource-efficient economy while protecting the environment and biodiversity.

Bringing green ideas to LIFE!



12

approved projects
(2023 - 2025)



€4.3M

EU contribution

EU Contribution
in national project activities



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Leveraging LIFE Funding in North Macedonia

North Macedonia formally associated with the EU LIFE Programme on 2023 July 3, opening access to funding for environment, climate action, and clean energy transition projects.

As a newly associated country, North Macedonia is currently building institutional capacity to leverage these funds, particularly through initiatives like the **eHUB4LIFE** project.



12 Projects



10 Participating institutions



6 Projects in CET



4 Projects in LIFE Nature



1 PLP project (finished)



1 Capacity building project



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Leveraging LIFE Funding in North Macedonia

1 Participation in EU LIFE



Associated country
to LIFE in 2023.



Only Western Balkan country
so far to be associated with
LIFE (joined before Montenegro
in 2025).



“Pioneer” in the region
for accessing EU-level
environmental and climate
co-funding.



Compared to large EU
member states, North
Macedonia's absolute
participation (number of
projects and total budget
share) is still low.



2 Number of LIFE projects



**12 approved
LIFE projects**

By mid 2026, only a small number
of projects involving Macedonian
partners have been launched.

Projects are strategically clustered in:



NATURE & BIODIVERSITY

Most of the projects are in
LIFE Nature, often in partnership
with Western EU partners.



CLIMATE ACTION – CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION (CET)

- LIFE23-CET-OSS-HABITAT
- LIFE24-CET-BUSUnited



ENVIRONMENT – CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Projects promoting circular economy,
waste management and better quality
of life.



3 Success patterns and success rate



Successful LIFE projects

North Macedonia has already
secured flagship projects, including
LIFE23-CET-OSS-HABITAT,
demonstrating its ability to compete
successfully for LIFE funding.



Capacity building

The LIFE25-CAP-MK-eHUB4LIFE
project is strengthening national
capacities for the development of
high-quality LIFE proposals.



Growing prospects

Although no official LIFE success rate
is available, current results indicate
growing capacity and strong
prospects for future success in the
LIFE Programme.



Insights into Successful LIFE Participation



- The number of applicants is rising each year. On average there are **8 participants per project** and the most typical duration is **36 months** but **71.5%** are longer projects.



- **Circular Economy and Quality of Life** sees strong activity also in **Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, and the Netherlands**, often linked to urban scale circular economy and pollution reduction projects.



- Across the full LIFE programme the average success rate is roughly **20–25%**, depending on the sub programme and call year. For example, for the 2023–2024 calls, success rates were reported around **24%** for **Climate Action** and about **21%** for the **Circular Economy and Quality of Life**, although for 2025 call it dropped to **15%**.



- In practice, no official “highest success rate country” is published, but **Belgium (almost 75%), Spain (50–75%), and France** are often cited as having particularly strong track records and high success in submitting competitive LIFE proposals, especially under **Nature and Biodiversity** and **Circular Economy**.

eHUB4LIFE Project Fact Sheet

Project title: Coherent actions for national capacity building for LIFE Programme in North Macedonia

Project acronym: LIFE25-CAP-MK-eHUB4LIFE

Topic: LIFE 2024 Capacity Building

Duration: 1 October 2025 - 30 September 2028

Project partners:

- Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning (Coordinator)
- The Knowledge and Skills Management Centre K&S Skopje (Partner)



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General Objective

Increasing participation in calls for proposals and enhancing the overall quality of submitted applications.

The eHUB4LIFE Project aims to strengthen the effective participation of national beneficiaries in the LIFE Programme through:

- **Capacity-building of National Contact Points (NCPs)** aims to empower them to more effectively engage with and support potential applicants in the preparation and submission of project proposals.
- **Development of LIFE MK eHUB** as a sustainable and comprehensive digital platform aimed at delivering professional, streamlined support for accessing and utilizing LIFE funding.



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Stakeholders & Beneficiaries



Authorities

- Municipalities
- Ministries
- Governmental bodies and institutions responsible for environmental protection
- Public bodies and policymakers
- Units implementing national environmental legislation



Industry

- Large industrial facilities
- Energy production companies
- Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- Employees within the industrial and energy sectors



Professional Organizations

- Chambers of commerce
- Engineering chambers
- Professional associations
- National councils promoting green agendas and climate change mitigation



Education Sector

- Academic institutions
- Research centers
- Training providers
- Organizations in the non-formal education sector



Civil Society

- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working toward environmental protection, nature conservation, and climate change mitigation



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Priority Areas for LIFE Intervention

Priority Level	Priority Area	Description / Focus	Relevant LIFE Sub-programme
 VERY HIGH PRIORITY	 Waste Management and Circular Economy	Development of integrated waste systems, recycling infrastructure, and circular economy solutions.	 Circular Economy and Quality of Life
	 Climate Governance (MRV, NDC Implementation)	Establishment of monitoring, reporting and verification systems; implementation of climate policies.	 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
	 Air Quality and Depollution	Reduction of emissions, improvement of air quality monitoring, and implementation of mitigation measures.	 Circular Economy and Quality of Life
 HIGH PRIORITY	 Water Management and Wastewater Treatment	Development of wastewater infrastructure and river basin management systems.	 Circular Economy and Quality of Life
	 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	Deployment of renewable energy solutions and energy efficiency improvements.	 Clean Energy Transition
	 Biodiversity Protection and Natura 2000	Protection of habitats and species; establishment of Natura 2000 network.	 Nature and Biodiversity
 MEDIUM PRIORITY	 Climate Adaptation	Development of resilience measures and adaptation strategies.	 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
	 Sustainable Agriculture and Land Use	Promotion of sustainable farming practices and land management approaches.	 Nature and Biodiversity / Climate Change

Key Recommendations

Category	Recommendation Area		Description / Action	Expected Outcome
 STRATEGIC		Implementation of EU Legislation	Strengthen implementation of EU environmental and climate legislation	Improved compliance with EU acquis and accelerated accession progress
		Policy Integration	Integrate environmental and climate objectives across sectors	Better cross-sector coordination and more coherent policy framework
		LIFE Participation Strategy	Develop a national strategy for LIFE Programme participation	Strategic and systematic engagement in LIFE Programme
 OPERATIONAL		LIFE Coordination Structures	Establish dedicated LIFE coordination and support structures	Improved project development, coordination, and application success
		Project Pipeline Development	Develop a pipeline of project ideas aligned with LIFE calls	Increased number and quality of project proposals
		Capacity Building	Promote capacity building for proposal preparation and project management	Stronger institutional capacity and higher success rate in applications
 FINANCIAL		Co-financing Mechanisms	Improve access to co-financing mechanisms	Enhanced financial readiness for LIFE and other EU projects
		Funding Leverage	Leverage LIFE funding to mobilise additional resources (IPA, IFIs, private sector)	Increased investment and blended financing opportunities
 TECHNICAL		Monitoring and MRV Systems	Strengthen monitoring, reporting, and verification systems	Improved data quality, reporting, and policy tracking
		Pilot and Demonstration Projects	Support development of pilot and demonstration projects	Testing and scaling of innovative solutions

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capacity building
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Project eHUB4LIFE

Project eHUB4LIFE is a national initiative dedicated to strengthening of North Macedonia participation in the LIFE Programme, the EU leading funding instrument for environment, climate action, and clean energy.

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ROUND TABLE “Driving Climate Action: National



NEWS

National EU LIFE Info Day 2026



Stakeholders are invited to register in the eHUB4LIFE project database to be involved in project activities and stay informed about its progress and results. The registration will support the identification and engagement of relevant actors to collaborate, improve their capacity, and increase the number of successful applications under the LIFE Programme.

Name *

First Last

Email Address *

Phone

Your Institution or Company

Do you have experience working on LIFE projects?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you have experience working on projects and if so, on which ones? (one or more choices)

- ☐ LIFE
- ☐ Erasmus+
- ☐ Horizon 2020
- ☐ Other

Which areas of the LIFE program are you interested in participating in? (one or more choices)

- ☐ Nature and biodiversity
- ☐ Circular Economy and Quality of Life
- ☐ Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- ☐ Clean Energy Transition

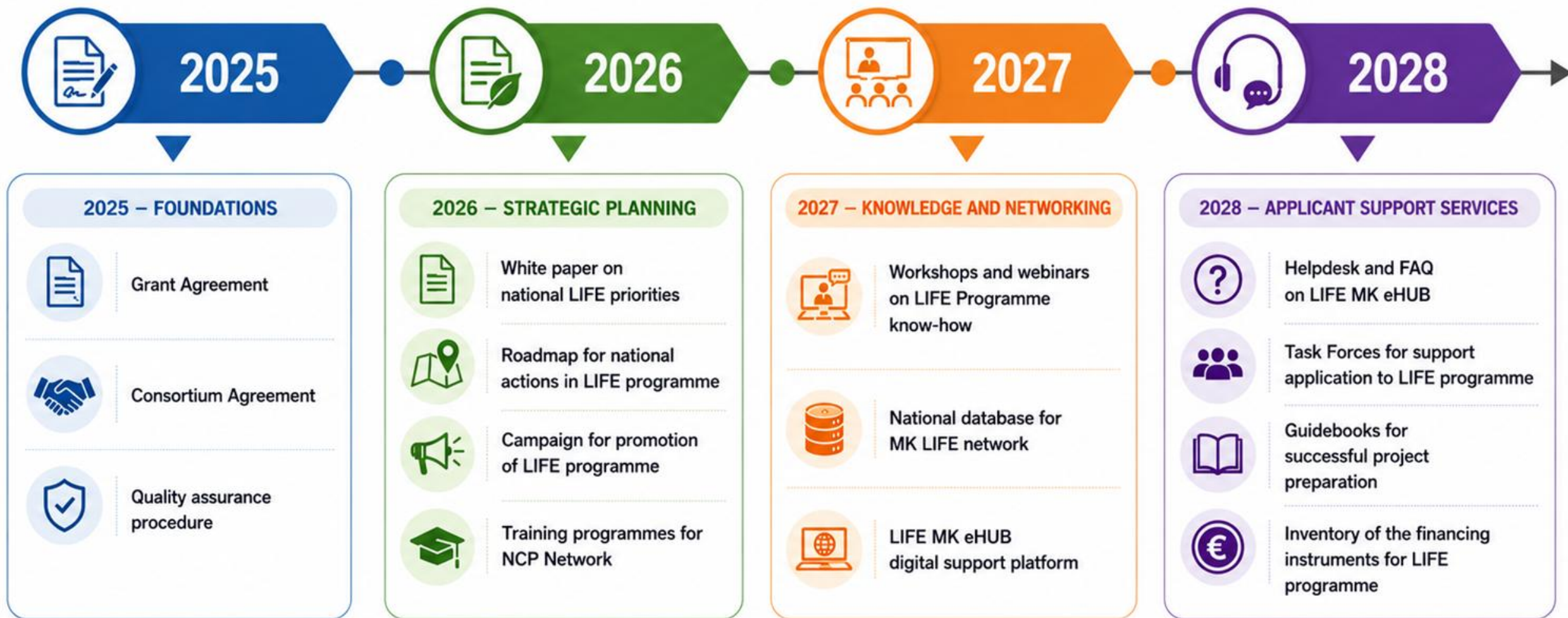
Consent *

☐ I consent to my data being used for the purposes of the e-HUB4LIFE project.

Notifications and news

☐ I would like to receive notifications and news regarding the e-HUB4LIFE project.

eHUB4LIFE Timeline



2025 – FOUNDATIONS

Establishing the legal and operational basis for the programme.



2026 – STRATEGIC PLANNING

Defining priorities, plans and building capacity.



2027 – KNOWLEDGE AND NETWORKING

Sharing knowledge and strengthening tools and networks.



2028 – APPLICANT SUPPORT SERVICES

Providing practical support and resources for successful projects.

LIFE Programme for Sustainability and Climate Action

The LIFE Programme is the EU's main funding instrument for environment and climate action and a **key driver of the European Green Deal, with €601.5 million available for 2026**. It supports efforts to:



halt biodiversity loss



promote a circular economy



protect natural resources



achieve EU climate goals



enable energy transition



climate neutrality by 2050

Key actions: by fostering capacity-building, investments and policies for energy efficiency and renewable solutions.



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LIFE Programme 2026 - Key Facts & Highlights

The EU's dedicated funding instrument for environment and climate action



€601.5M

2026 Calls Budget



€5.4B

2021-2027 Budget



60-95%

Co-funding Rate



CINEA

Managing Agency

Four Strategic Strands

4 Key Areas



Nature & Biodiversity

Protecting ecosystems and endangered species across Europe



Circular Economy

Reducing waste and improving quality of life



Climate Mitigation

Adapting to climate impacts and building resilience



Clean Energy

Enabling energy efficiency and renewables



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Applications open now



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Why LIFE matters? Areas of intervention of the EU's dedicated funding instrument for environment and climate action

The LIFE Programme is structured into four sub-programmes that represent the key areas of intervention, out of which TWO sub-programmes are related to Environment:

- Sub-programme «**Nature and Biodiversity**»: reinforcing and mainstreaming the implementation of EU policies for safeguarding and reviving wildlife habitats and species across sectors, in line with the Biodiversity Strategy objectives for 2030;
- Sub-programme «**Circular Economy and Quality of Life**»: facilitating the transition to a circular economy while enhancing the quality of natural resources such as air, soil, and water within the EU.
- Sub-programme «**Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**»: Supports the transition to a climate-neutral and resilient economy by funding projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and foster adaptation to climate impacts.
- Sub-programme «**Clean Energy Transition**»: Builds on previous EU energy programmes to drive the shift toward a renewable, energy-efficient and climate-neutral economy. Key areas include policy support, technology deployment, financing, local investment, and citizen participation. The Clean Energy Transition sub-programme includes 13 specific topics.



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Funding instruments

The LIFE Programme includes Action grants and Operating grants (grants represent at least 85% of the budget) and different types of grants respond to specific actions:

- ✓ Standard action projects (SAP)
- ✓ Strategic nature projects (SNAP) for Nature & Biodiversity and Strategic integrated projects (SIP)
- ✓ Technical assistance projects
- ✓ Coordination and support actions (CSA)
- ✓ Projects addressing ad hoc Legislative and Policy Priorities (PLP)
- ✓ Operating Grants



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Funding instruments

1- Standard Action Projects:

Aim to **develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches** and catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions for implementing EU legislation and policy.

- Circular economy and Zero Pollution – Environment : €79 M
- Nature and Biodiversity : €166 M
- Nature Governance: €7.5 M
- Environmental Governance: €6.5 M
- Climate change adaptation: €28 M
- Climate change mitigation: €28 M
- Climate governance: €4 M



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Funding instruments

2- Strategic Nature Projects:

Aim to **support the full implementation of prioritised action frameworks** for Natura 2000 and other plans/strategies to implement European nature and biodiversity policies with measurable actions and clear timeline and budget. Total budget: €75 M

3- Strategic Integrated Projects:

Aim to implement – from a regional to a transnational scale – **environmental or climate strategies** or action plans developed by Member States' authorities.

- Strategic Integrated Climate Projects: €30 M
- Strategic Integrated Environment Projects: €58 M



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Funding instruments

4- Technical assistance:

For preparing SIPs and SNaPs: €1 M

5- Coordination and support action grants:

For the clean energy transition sub-programme: aims to support projects focused on **capacity building, information sharing and raising awareness** of renewable energy and energy efficiency.
Total budget: €85.5 M

6- Specific Operating Grant Agreements. (SGA OGs) for NGOs: €15 M

In general: Eligible costs include **personnel, subcontracting, equipment and other direct costs**. LIFE can cover 60–70 % of eligible costs, up to 95 % for certain actions and depending on the type of company.



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Distribution of the LIFE budget

The LIFE programme's total budget for 2021–2027 is commonly cited as about €5.45 billion in external programme material.

Subprogramme	Budget	Share of total LIFE budget
Nature and Biodiversity	€2.15 billion	39.4%
Circular Economy and Quality of Life	€1.35 billion	24.8%
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	€0.95 billion	17.4%
Clean Energy Transition	€1 billion	18.3%



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Indicative budgets 2026

Activity	SIP/SNAP	SAP - GOV	SAP Bauhaus	SAP - other	LIFE CET grants	LIFE CET IBA	TA-PP	TA-PLP	NGO
Percentage of first pre-financing	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	60%	30%	60%
09 02 01 - Nature and Biodiversity	75.000.000	7.500.000	3.000.000	166.000.000	0	0	500.000	10.000.000	6.500.000
09 02 02 - Circular Economy and Quality of Life	58.000.000	6.500.000	1.000.000	75.000.000	0	0	300.000	3.500.000	2.750.000
09 02 03 - Climate Mitigation and Adaptation	30.000.000	4.000.000	0	56.000.000	0	0	200.000	0	2.500.000
09 02 04 - Clean Energy Transition	0	0	0	0	85.550.000	5.500.000	0	4.500.000	2.750.000
TOTAL	163.000.000	18.000.000	4.000.000	297.000.000	85.550.000	5.500.000	1.000.000	18.000.000	14.500.000



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Who can apply to LIFE?

Eligible to submit a proposal under the LIFE Programme:

- Public or private legal entity registered in the EU or an overseas country or territory linked to it;
- Entity from a third country associated to the LIFE programme;
- Legal entity created under Union law or any international organisation.



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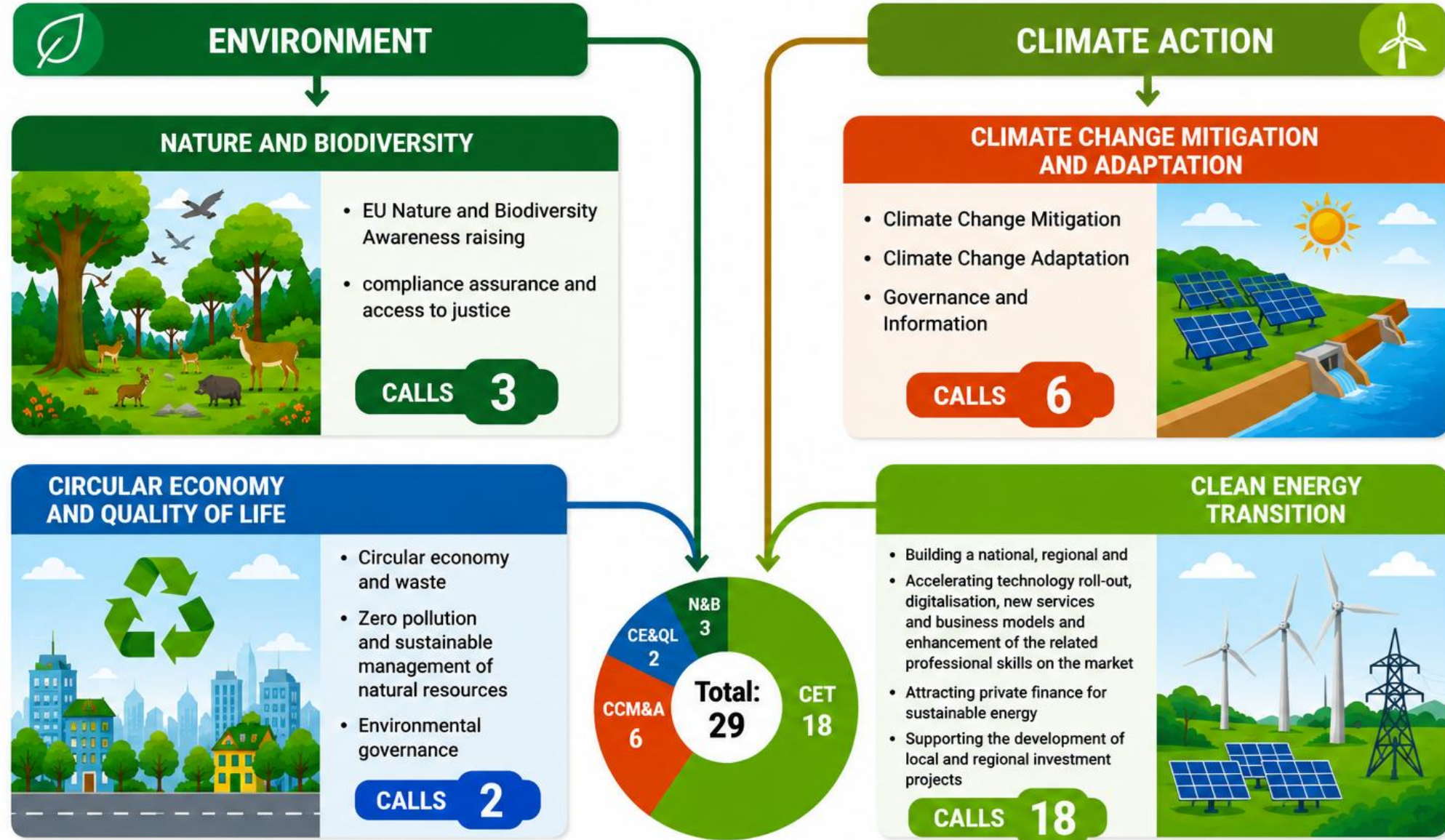


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EU LIFE CALLS 2026



+ 2 Calls for NGOs. To strengthen the participation of civil society in the EU policy dialogue.

LIFE Programme

The Calls for proposals 2026 are open



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LIFE Calls for proposals 2026

Most LIFE Calls for proposals are now published in the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

Calls for proposals for Framework Partnership Agreements and Specific Grant Agreements for **operating grants to support non-profit organisations** will follow soon.

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LIFE-2026-NGO-OG-FPA | Calls for proposals

Opening date: **12 May 2026** | Deadline date: **08 September 2026** | Single-stage

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Programme: **Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)** | Type of action: **LIFE Operating Grants Framework Partnerships**

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LIFE-2026-NGO-OG-SGA | Calls for proposals

Opening date: **12 May 2026** | Deadline date: **22 September 2026** | Single-stage

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Programme: **Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)** | Type of action: **LIFE Operating Grants Framework Partnerships**

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Topic Call for proposal

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General information

Programme
Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Call
[LIFE Clean Energy Transition \(LIFE-2026-CET\)](#)

Type of action LIFE-PJG LIFE Project Grants	Type of MGA LIFE Action Grant Budget-Based [LIFE-AG]	 Open For Submission
Deadline model single-stage	Opening date 21 April 2026	Deadline date 16 September 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time

Topic description

Expected Impact:

Proposals should present the concrete results which will be delivered by the activities and demonstrate how these results will contribute to the topic-specific impacts. This demonstration should rely on a solid analysis of the current situation, realistic assumptions and baselines, and establish clear causality links between proposed activities, results and impacts.

In terms of qualitative impact, proposals under this topic should demonstrate how they will contribute to the following outcomes:

- Increased collaboration between key stakeholders, including public authorities, towards the goal of upskilling professionals in the construction and renovation value chains
- National skills roadmap with detailed measures and action plan addressing the identified skills gaps, endorsed by key stakeholders
- Increased visibility and attractiveness of energy efficiency professions through communication and awareness raising campaigns

Relevant documents

- ✓ LIFE Regulation 2021-2027
- ✓ Multi-annual Work programme 2025-2027
- ✓ **One Call document per LIFE subprogramme**



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Application forms

Structure of the proposal

- **Part A:** Administrative Forms > generated from your information in the Portal Submission System
- **Part B:** Technical Description > uploaded as pdf (+annexes) in Submission System
- **Part C:** LIFE Key Performance Indicators> writing in the Portal Submission System



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Application form - Part A

Part A: Administrative Forms > generated from your information in the Portal Submission System

1. General information
 - Acronym, title, panel, descriptor
 - **Abstract (project summary)**
2. Participants
 - Form for each participant
 - Organisation data
3. Budget



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Application form - Part B (1)

Structure of Part B (*.rtf)

- Cover page
- Table of contents
- Project Summary (from Part A)



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Proposal Part B (2)

1.Relevance

- Background and general **objectives**
- Specific project objectives
- Compliance LIFE objectives and **call topic**
- **Concept** and **methodology**
- Complementarity with other actions
- **Synergies** and **co-benefits** with other EU policies



Relevance to the **objectives** of the targeted LIFE sub-programme and to the specific priorities of the call for proposals and, when relevant, topic description



Concept and methodology: soundness of the overall intervention logic



Extent to which the proposal offers **co-benefits** and **promotes synergies** with other policy areas relevant for achieving environment and climate policy objectives



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Proposal Part B (2)

2. Impact

- **Ambition** of the impacts
- **Credibility** of the impacts
- **Quantification** of impacts and targets
- **Sustainability** of results
- Exploitation of results
- Catalytic potential – **replication** and **upscaling**



Award criterion 2: **Impact**

(0–20, weighting factor 1.5)



Ambition and **credibility** of impacts expected during and/or after the project due to the activities, including ensuring that no substantial harm is done to the other specific objectives of the LIFE Programme



Sustainability of the project results after the end of the project and quality of the measures for the exploitation of project results



Potential for the project results to be replicated in the same or other sectors or places, or to be up-scaled by public or private actors or through mobilising larger investments or financial resources (catalytic potential)



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Proposal Part B (4)

3. Quality of the proposal

- **Workplan**
 - Work packages and activities
 - Objectives and results
 - Activities and division of work
 - Milestones and deliverables
 - Timetable
- **Stakeholder** engagement (support letters)
- Impact **monitoring** and reporting
- **Communication**, dissemination and visibility

Award criterion 3: **Quality** (0–20 points)



Clarity, relevance and **feasibility** of the work plan; appropriate geographic focus of the activities



Identification and mobilisation of the relevant stakeholders



Quality of the plan to monitor and report impacts



Appropriateness and quality of the measures to **communicate and disseminate** the project and its results to different target groups



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Proposal Part B (5)

4. Resources

- Consortium set-up
- Project management
- Green management
- Budget
- Risk management

	Award criterion 4: Resources (0–20 points)
	Composition of the project team - in terms of expertise, skills and responsibilities and appropriateness of the management structure
	Appropriateness of the budget and resources and their consistency with the work plan
	Transparency of the budget, i.e. the cost items should be sufficiently described
	Extent to which the project environmental impact is considered and mitigated, including through the use of green procurement. The use of recognised methods for the calculation of the project environmental footprint (e.g. Project Environmental Footprint (PEF) or Organizational Environmental Footprint (OEF) methods or similar ones) or environmental management systems (e.g. Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS)) would be an asset
	Value for money of the proposal



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Annex- Detailed budget table

1. Staff costs
2. Subcontracting
3. Other direct costs
 - Travel & subsistence
 - Equipment (incl. infrastructure)
 - Other goods, works and services
 - Land purchase

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Detailed Budget Table															
2																
3	[proposal acronym]															
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5																
6	Staff effort allocation															
7	Fill in the effort per work package and Beneficiary/Affiliated Entity. Please indicate the number of person-months over the whole duration of the planned work. Adapt the columns to the number of work packages in your proposal. Identify the work-package leader for each work package by showing the relevant person-month figure in bold.															
8																
9	Participant Number/Short Name	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	WP6	WPx...	Total							
10	1.								0							
11	2.								0							
12	Total person-months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
13																
14	Personnel costs															
15	Present your estimated "Personnel costs" split into 3 categories as per the table below. If you do not have any personnel costs falling under "A.4 SME owners and natural person beneficiaries" or "A.5 Volunteers", all personnel costs should be budgeted under "A1. Employees (or equivalent); A2. Natural persons under direct contract and A3. Seconded Persons".															
16																
17	Participant Number/Short Name	Country	Number of person months (staff effort per beneficiary)	Average monthly salary rate	A1. Employees (or equivalent); A2. Natural persons under direct contract and A3. Seconded Persons (costs)	A.4 SME owners and natural person (sole trader) beneficiaries (Unit costs in €)	Subtotal personnel costs without volunteers (A1+A2+A3+A4) must be the same as in part A section 3	A.5 Volunteers (Unit costs) must be the same as in part A section 3	Total Personnel costs							
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19	2.		0	#DIV/0!			0 €		0 €							
20	Total		0 €		0 €	0 €	0 €	0 €	0 €							
21																
22	Subcontracting															
23	Give details on subcontracted action tasks (if any) and explain the reasons why (as opposed to direct implementation by the participants). Subcontracting — Subcontracting means the implementation of action tasks, i.e. specific tasks which are part of the action and are described in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement															
24																
25	Participant Number/Short Name	Subcontract Description			Cost (€)	WP	Justification (Why is subcontracting necessary?)									
26																
27																
28		Total estimated costs			0 €											
29	If subcontracting for the entire project goes beyond 30% of the total eligible costs, give specific reasons.															
30	Insert text															
31	Other direct costs															
32	Please ensure that the information provided is sufficient to assess the relevance of the costs in relation to the activities proposed. For major cost items add lines below, in order to provide a detailed breakdown within one cost category.															
33																
34	Participant Number/Short Name (1)	Cost (€)	Justification													
35	Travel & subsistence															
36	Equipment (incl. infrastructure)															
37	Other goods, works and services															
38	Financial support to third parties															
39	Land purchase															
40	Total	0 €														
Resources																



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What a good project looks like: From idea to funded project

Use a simple 5-step path!



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Success factors

Application process

01



Familiarization with the LIFE Programme and its sub-programme calls

02



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03



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04



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05



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Implementation process

01



Timely delivery of tasks and deliverables

02



Solid understanding of LIFE rules for budget spending

03



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04



Effective engagement of relevant stakeholders

05



Clear methodology for measuring KPIs

06



Development of a sustainability plan

07



Inclusion of replication component

— Passing admissibility and eligibility checks —



Admissibility



Submitted before deadline
& electronically



Complete & using the
forms/templates provided



Readable (no smaller
than Arial 10) printable (A4)



Max 64 pages
(including the instructions)



Eligibility



Eligible participants



Consortium composition



Eligible activities



Geographic location



LIFE Programme Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

The LIFE Programme projects are evaluated based on four award criteria.

1.  **Relevance** =  Policy +  Project approach

2.  **Impact** =  Impact +  Sustainability, exploitation & replication

3.  **Quality** =  Clarity +  Feasibility +  Appropriateness

4.  **Resources** =  Project team +  Budget +  Footprint

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score	Weighting
 Relevance	10	20	1
 Impact	10	20	1.5
 Quality	10	20	1
 Resources	10	20	1
Overall weighted (pass) score (without bonus)	55	90	N/A



To pass the evaluation, proposals must achieve the minimum pass score of 55 (out of 90) without any bonus points.

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Each criterion is scored between 0 and 20. The weighted scores are then calculated based on the weighting factor.

How the scores are awarded

0

0 The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.

1-5

3 or 5 The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.

6-9

7 or 9 The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.

10-13

11 or 13 The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.

14-17

15 or 17 The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.

18-20

19 The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

20

20 The proposal perfectly addresses the criterion, there are no shortcomings.

LIFE Programme: From Application to Implementation

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2. Preparation of application

- 
 - Familiar with CORDIS system for online application
- 
 - Timeline for preparation of application
- 
 - Collection of data related to project objectives
- 
 - Writing proposal according to given templates
 - Annexes A and B
 - Participants information
- 
 - Preparation of budget
- 
 - Letters of Support



3. Implementation process

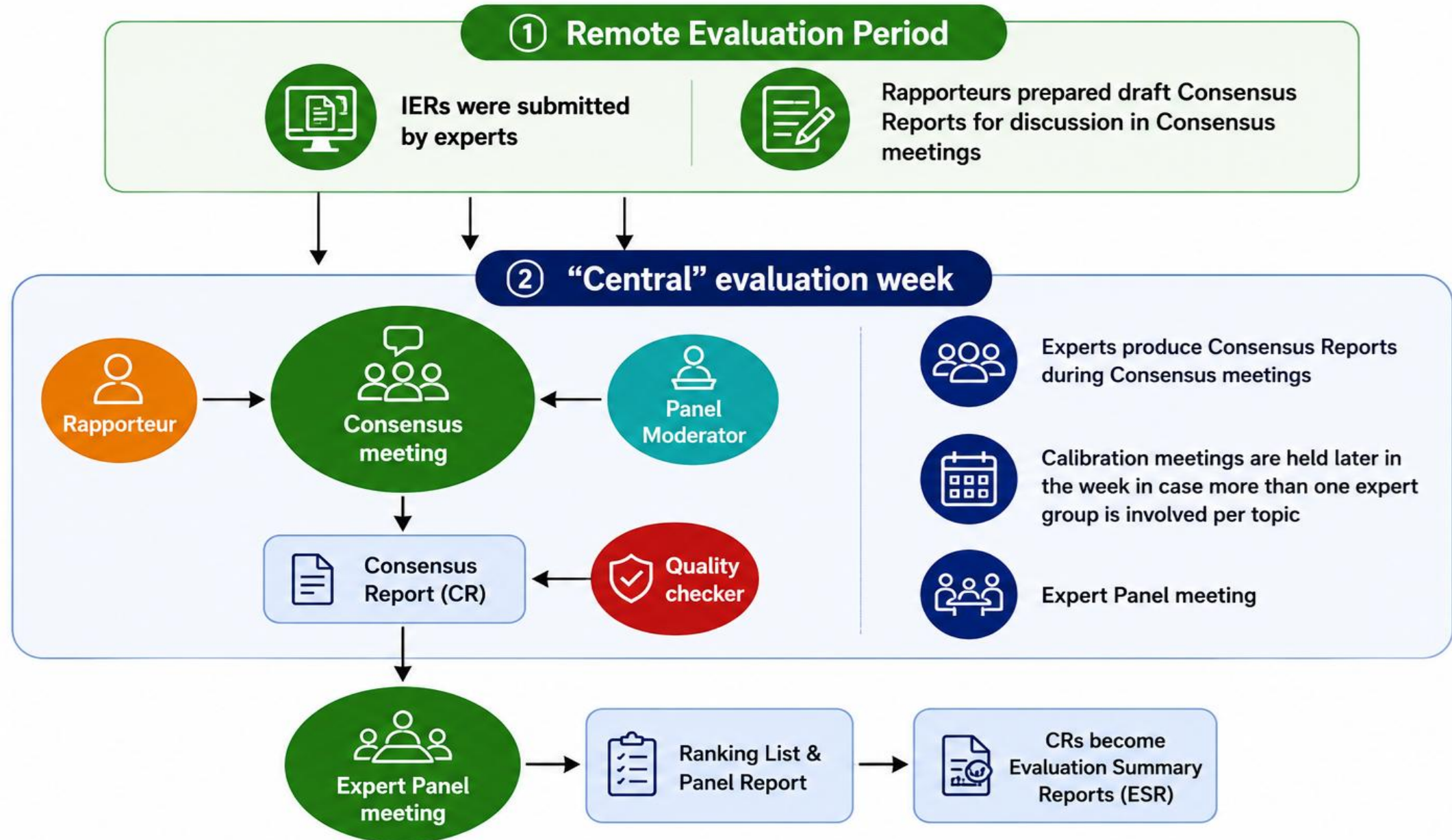
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LIFE Programme Evaluation Process

The proposals are evaluated through a multi-step process by independent evaluators and an expert panel to ensure fairness, quality and transparency.



Evaluation overview



Expression of interest as expert evaluator in the LIFE

Expert profiles

The evaluation panels are composed of experts from diverse backgrounds and various sectors.

We are looking for professionals working in the following sectors:

- Industry, business associations and innovation agencies
- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other civil society organisations
- Local, regional and national administration
- International organisations
- Universities and research organisations
- Banks and business capital ventures

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TOPIC: BETTERRENO (Read more)

Energy renovation solutions – Boosting building renovation through effective markets and instruments

The topic aims to speed up and scale affordable, high-quality building energy renovations to support the EU Renovation Wave and EPBD. It supports market-ready approaches, replicable business models and it also strengthens EPBD information tools (EPCs, Renovation Passports, SRI, Digital Building Logbooks, IEQ) via real-life pilots so data better supports renovation decisions and financing.

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TOPIC: BUILDSKILLS (Read more)

National Platforms on energy efficiency skills for the clean energy transition

Following up on previous efforts under the BUILD UP Skills initiative, the topic aims to support further eligible countries in updating their national skills platform and roadmap, while also conducting a large-scale national communication and awareness raising campaign to attract more people to energy efficiency professions.

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TOPIC: DIGITAL (Read more)

Video 1: Supporting digitalisation of Distribution System Operators for a smart energy transition - Policy context

The clean energy transition requires a modernised, smart energy system that can manage decentralised and variable power sources, ensure grid stability and security of supply, and improve energy efficiency and overall system efficiency, including through digitalisation-enabled demand flexibility. The digitalisation of electricity Distribution System Operators (DSOs), within the framework of Electricity Market Design and the Digitalisation of Energy Action Plan, enables smarter operation of distribution networks, facilitates active consumer participation and flexibility markets, and supports the EU's long-term objective of climate neutrality by 2050.

Video 2: Supporting digitalisation of Distribution System Operators for a smart energy transition - Topic presentation

The topic aims to support capacity building for the roll-out of digital technologies and processes in Distribution System Operators, covering data management systems, network observability, and the safe deployment and operation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies.

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The LIFE-2026-CET-BUILDSKILLS topic: National Platforms on energy efficiency skills for the clean energy transition



- The topic focusses on eligible countries not having yet updated their national skills platform and roadmap:
 - EU Member States: Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden
 - Countries associated to the LIFE Programme: Iceland, Moldova, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Ukraine
- Funding rate: **95%**
- Indicative budget for the topic: **EUR 3 million**
- Expected contribution per selected project: up to **EUR 1 - 1.5 million**
- Proposals may be submitted by a single applicant or by applicants from a single eligible country.
- National focus of the activities, but a proposal may cover several eligible countries. **Only one platform** will eventually be supported in a given country
- Proposals must demonstrate a **substantial preliminary interest from a range of relevant national stakeholders, including public authorities, through letters of support**



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