



LIFE Programme

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Highlight

Member States to benefit from over €222 million investments for environment, nature and climate action

The European Commission has approved an investment package of €222 million from the EU budget to support Europe's transition to more sustainable and low-carbon future under the LIFE programme for the Environment and Climate Action. The EU funding will mobilise additional investments leading to a total of €377 million going towards 139 new projects in 20 Member States. Short summaries of each project can be found in the annexes of the press release.

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News

Applicants seek more than €1 billion in EU funding from LIFE

The European Commission has received 629 proposals for environment and climate protection projects by the LIFE programme's deadlines in September 2017. Applicants come from all 28 EU Member States and have requested more than €1 billion in EU funding – four times the available budget of €254 million.

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LIFE projects help reduce ocean pollution

With the livelihood of three billion people at stake, world leaders are meeting in Malta next week to protect the seas on which jobs and food chains depend. The two-day Our Ocean conference will bring together 50 heads of state and government ministers to address the mounting strains imposed on Earth's oceans by overfishing, pollution and climate change. Two LIFE projects have been invited to share their know-how.

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LIFE supports climate action in agriculture and forestry



Agriculture and forestry have great potential to help the EU meet its ambitious climate goals. Peter Wehrheim from the European Commission's Climate Action directorate-general calls LIFE a "field laboratory" for developing and testing new methods and knowledge. His colleague Simon Kay also emphasises the programme's importance in this in-depth interview.

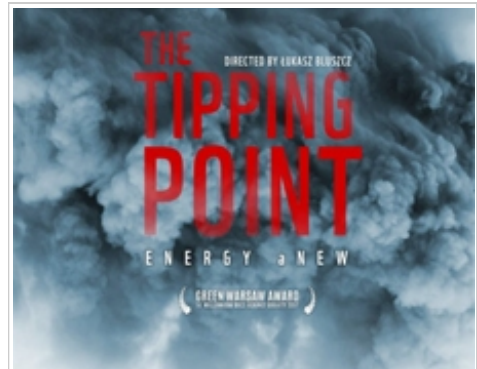
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Polish energy project launches documentary

The Energy aNew project has just launched a hard-hitting movie. Directed by documentary filmmaker Łukasz Bluszczyk, and produced by project beneficiary, WWF Poland, The Tipping Point. Energy aNew is the first Polish feature film about climate change and the inevitable energy revolution. To watch it, visit the project website.

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Deadline extended for Natura 2000 Awards

The call for application for the 2018 Natura 2000 Awards, which honours leading nature conservation achievements, is open until 15 October 2017. Hurry up and send your application, and get the recognition you deserve!

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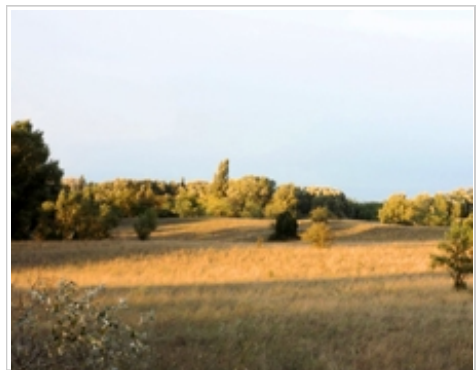
Events

11 - 12 October 2017

LIFE platform meeting on 'Reintroduction of species: a tool for the restoration of habitats'

LIFE's latest platform meeting is focusing on how species reintroductions can contribute to habitat restoration. It will bring together experts, practitioners and policy-makers to exchange know-how and collate best practice in the ecological restoration of habitats degraded by human activities. The meeting will take place at the Botanical Garden of Meise in Belgium.

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International conference on the conservation of the lesser spotted eagle

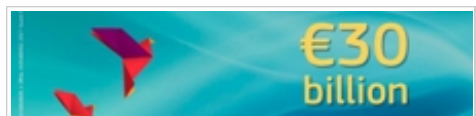
The LIFE for Eagles Forests project is supporting the conservation of the lesser spotted eagle by ensuring the sustainable management of the forest habitats that are crucial for its existence. Next month it is hosting a conference in Burgas (Bulgaria) that will gather experts from across Europe to share information on recent research into the eagle's ecology and habitats as well as on the different conservation measures taking place in different countries.

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8 - 9 November 2017

Horizon 2020 Info Day in Brussels



An Information Day for prospective applicants for Horizon 2020 funding will take place in Brussels on 8-9 November. The event targets potential applicants to the 2018 calls for project proposals under Horizon 2020 Challenge 5 "Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials".

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Clean tech meets clean air

Three LIFE-funded projects will take the stage this year at the European Clean Air Forum in Paris, France. The event brings together policy-makers from across EU institutions, national governments and cities throughout Europe. Over two days, they will discuss with NGOs, academics, private companies and the general public, how to reduce air pollution in the EU. The LIFE-funded projects Chimera, CLINSH and Małopolska Region will share their expertise in a session dedicated to business opportunities in the clean air sector.

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Project news

Bringing sustainable mobility to life on campus

To mark EU Mobility Week earlier this month, we visited Erasmus University Rotterdam (the Netherlands), one of the partners in U-MOB LIFE, a project that is promoting sustainable mobility on university campuses through a new knowledge-exchange network.

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Detective Teseo goes barking up the beetle tree

An Italian LIFE project has trained a dog to nose around hollow trees in the hunt for hermit beetles. The clever mutt named Teseo uses its great sense of smell to detect the odorous larvae of this protected insect.

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Wireless solution for water wastage

About a third of Europe's drinking water seeps away before it even reaches the consumer. Today, utility companies battling the loss have little access to the sort of smart technology that routinely flies planes, controls energy networks or assists delicate surgery. From January 2018, LIFE funds will help explore how remote-controlled motors for water valves can spot and contain distribution system leaks, in a project that could set new standards for water conservation.

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