



MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, MARKÉTA KONEČNÁ

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LIFE PROGRAMME

https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en

- Financial Instrument for **the Environment and Climate**
- Regulation of the EP and EC No. 2021/783 – valid for 2021 – 2027
- Multiannual work programme 2021 – 2024
- Complementary to other EU financial instruments
- Since 1992, over 5 500 projects funded; 1 100 running projects
- **Last call in 2022 – 598 mil. Euro**

- **CALL 2023:**
 - mid March, submission September – Circular Energy, Climate Subprogramme
 - mid May, submission November – Energy Transition Subprogramme





COMPLEMENTARITY TO HORIZON

Objective of LIFE PROGRAMME: bring a positive change to the state of the environment and climate by supporting proposed solutions to environmental problems defined in EU legislation, that offer a **measurable quality change**.

➤ *Why to connect LIFE and HORIZON programmes?*

- LIFE programme as a follow-up programme to HORIZON's results
- Common priority themes to Cluster 6 of the Horizon programme
- Similar administration rules based on identical core documents – Annotated Grant Agreement:
 - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf





COMPLEMENTARITY TO HORIZON

LIFE programme:

- ✓ Is based on and takes upon the results of research projects.
- ✓ Aims at **testing** new/ **demonstrating** pilot/ innovative solutions under real, close-to market conditions.
- ✓ Thrives at **replicating** promising new technologies/ methods/ techniques and their further **dissemination** to commercial markets.
- ✓ Supports international projects within EU community and inter-national cooperation.
- Does **not** support basic research activities, nor common operation of institutions, does not fund great infrastructure excluding prototypes.



STANDARD ACTION PROJECTS

'Traditional' LIFE projects aimed to:

- develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches;
 - contribute to the knowledge base and to the application of best practices;
 - support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;
 - catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices.
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- **Co-financing rate: 60%, for specific projects up to 90%**
 - **An average budget: 3 – 6 mil. Euro, 5 partners**
 - **Project lifespan: Maximum 10-year duration**



THEMATIC PRIORITIES

SUB- PROGRAMME CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

- **Circular economy, noise, air, chemicals, industrial accidents, marine and coastal management, soil, waste, water, and the urban environment.**

SUB-PROGRAMME CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

- **The transformation of the European Union into a climate neutral and climate resilient society.**

SUB-PROGRAMME ENERGY TRANSITIONS

- **Predefined topics**, up to **90%** of EU co-financing.
- For specific **priority topics** related to given sub-programme, please visit:
 - https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life/life-legal-basis_en





ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS ?

- Legal entities based in the EU (exceptions Iceland, the Ukraine):
 - **Public entities** (regional authorities, municipalities, universities)
 - **Private commercial entities and research institutions**
 - **Private non-commercial entities** - NGOs.
- Experienced applicants with a clear vision of measurable change that can help fulfil the programme objective and hence support the EU environmental and climate legislation.



MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT - NCP

- **National Contact Point for LIFE in the Czech Republic**
- **A partner** in several implemented LIFE projects.

- **Where can we help?**
 - Thorough consultancy service – during preparing for submission as well as during the implementation phase of the project
 - **National call for project concepts** aspiring to be submitted to the LIFE call – to support successful applicants in the EU call. In 2022:
 - up to 20% of the total budget but no more than 15 mil. CZK per project,
 - financial benefit for submitting a proposal to the LIFE call.



USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

CINEA websites: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_en - call documents, presentations, entry to electronic proposal

MoE websites: https://www.mzp.cz/cz/komunitarni_program_life – overview of Czech LIFE projects, programme documents, information on national call

- Contacts to the **Czech LIFE NCP:**
Unit of International Programmes and Projects, Department of Financial and Voluntary Instruments, Ministry of the Environment: life@mzp.cz,
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THANK YOU



The future is green. The future is *Life*
Discover the EU's new LIFE programme for the environment and climate action