

Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Information category	Description
Programme name	Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)
Objective(s) and scope	<p>The LIFE Programme (2021-2027) is a European Union initiative with a broad objective of facilitating the transition towards a sustainable, circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy. Its mission is to safeguard, restore, and enhance the quality of the environment, including air, water, and soil. It aims to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, tackle ecosystem degradation, and support the implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Additionally, the LIFE Programme seeks to support the execution of general action programmes in line with Article 192(3) TFEU.</p> <p>The LIFE Programme contributed towards these priorities through four distinct subprogrammes, which include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Nature and Biodiversity (environmental field) (2) Circular Economy and Quality of Life (environmental field) (3) Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (climate action field) (4) Clean Energy Transition (climate action field) <p>The LIFE Programme is committed to supporting innovative and impactful projects that demonstrate tangible results and best practices. These projects can be replicated and scaled up across Europe, thereby amplifying their impact.</p>
Type of finance provider	Public
Administering body	European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)
Financing product	Grants
Financing value	A total of EUR 571 million for LIFE Calls for proposals 2024.
Eligible countries	EU Member States, EFTA countries which are part of the EEA (Iceland), and EU acceding countries (Moldova, North Macedonia, Ukraine)
Eligibility criteria (if available)	<p>The applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be legal entities (public or private bodies) • be established in one of the eligible countries • the coordinator must be established in an eligible country.
Further information on eligibility criteria	Additional details regarding eligibility criteria can be found in Section 6 of the specific calls associated with the LIFE Programme.
Application period	The LIFE Calls for proposals 2024 were published on 18 April 2024 (Funding & tender opportunities portal).
Technology type	Multiple
Technology readiness level (TRL)	Multiple
Previous projects financed example(s)	Fuel Cell and Methanol Reforming system for clean energy on board (Reference: LIFE21-ENV-DE-LIFE-OCEAN/101074503 Acronym: LIFE21-ENV-DE-LIFE OCEAN)
Additional information	
Links	<p>LIFE - Support for applicants - European Commission</p> <p>Frequently Asked Questions - LIFE-2024-Calls</p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2021/ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE), and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013</p>
Contact(s)	National Contact Points (NCP)

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