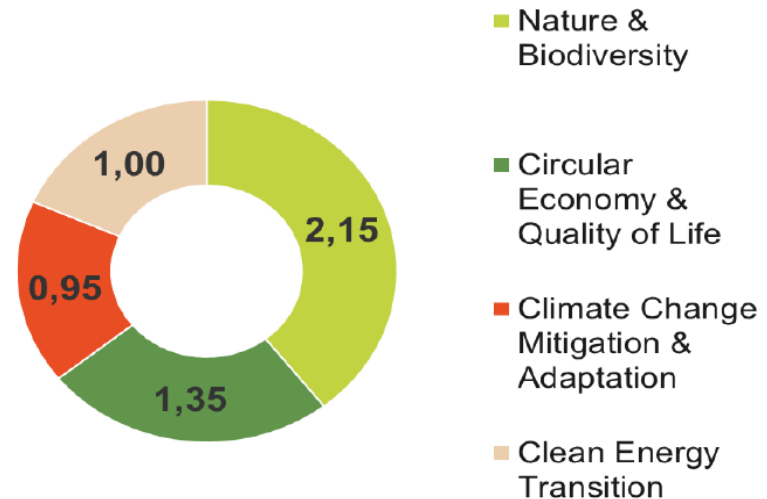




The new LIFE program 2021-27



LIFE 2021-2027



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What is LIFE ?



LIFE is **the only EU programme** dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action



LIFE has a budget of 3.4 billion EUR for 2014-2020. The Commission has proposed an **increase** to 5.43 billion EUR for the period 2021-2027



LIFE **plays an important role in improving** the quality of the environment, in halting biodiversity loss and in supporting the shift towards a resource efficient and low carbon economy



Flexibility

NEW

Strategic Flexibility

- **Streamlining of the Regulation – no definition of fixed priority areas**
- **Targeting of key and emerging issues through the multiannual work programmes and calls (prohibited in the present programme)**



MAWP priorities (2021-24)

- innovative techniques, methods and approaches (including nature-based solutions and ecosystem approaches) - related to nature and biodiversity, ... knowledge base, application of best practices,support of the Natura 2000 network;
- development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant EU legislation and policy on or related to nature and biodiversity, capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society, ...citizen science;
- large-scale deployment ... implementing relevant EU legislation and policy on nature and biodiversity, e.g. CBD, the Bern Convention, objectives of the **EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030**, the **EU Birds and Habitats Directives**, the **Regulation on Invasive Alien Species** – and relevant objectives under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the Water Framework Directive



Priorities 2021 Nat-Bio - SAP

Intervention area: **"Space for Nature"**

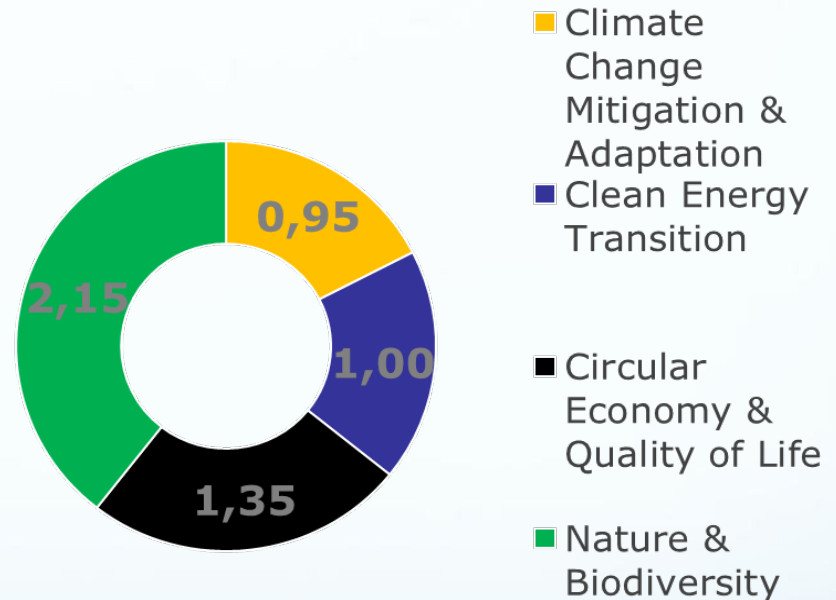
- improving the condition of species or habitats through area-based conservation or restoration measures: restoring or improving natural or semi-natural habitats, or habitats of species, both within and outside existing protected areas, creating additional protected areas ... ecological corridors or other green infrastructure

Intervention area: **"Safeguarding our species"**

- Any project aimed at improving the condition of species (or reducing impact of invasive alien species any relevant activities other than area-based conservation or restoration measures .

Planned LIFE financing 2021-24 - MAWP

- Total budget 2,8 mia
- Two main areas:
 - **Environment**
 - **Climate**
- Nature and biodiversity **1,1 billion** or **0,39 %** of total





What does not change!

- Bottom-up approach has proved successful
- Standard action projects **SAP** for development of demonstration and exchange of experience for solving environmental and climate problems
- Implementing 'Best practice' solutions for Nature and Biodiversity
- Contribute to better environmental management
- (Strategic) integrated projects – for implementation of key plans.
- Support for to facilitate public participation. .

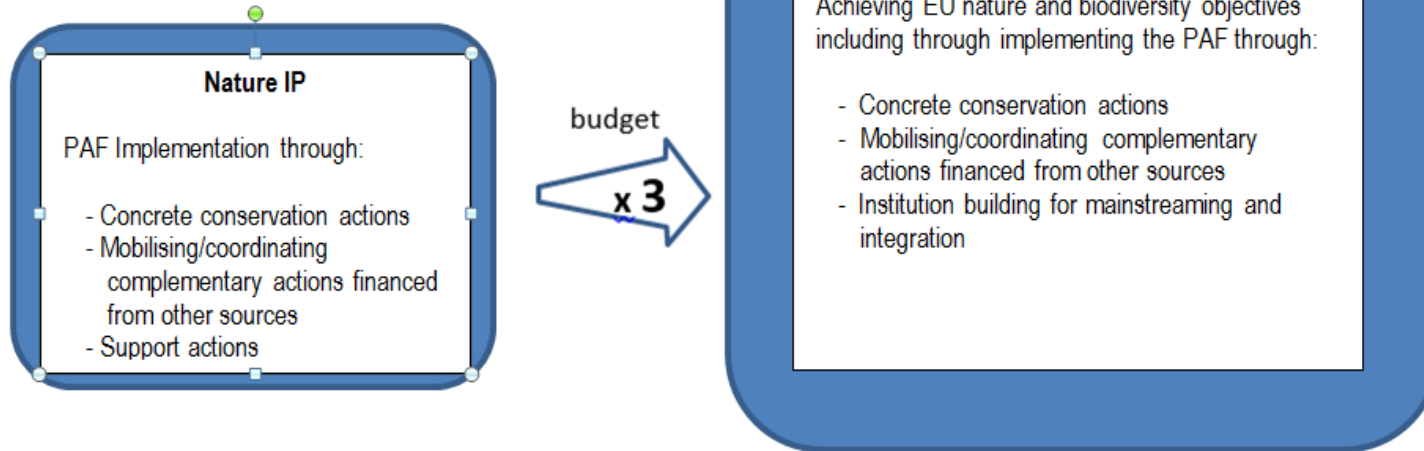


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Strategic Nature Projects

- **Mainstreaming of nature and biodiversity into other policies and programmes**
- **Particular focus on Priority action Frameworks for developing the Natura 2000 Network**
- **Support for coherent programmes of actions in each Member State**
- **Mobilization of other Funds (like SIPs)**





- Will get 1/3 of budget for NAT and BIO
- Targeting national and regional authorities with aim to implement PAF & other plans

NEW

Enhanced Replication

- ➔ **Support for measures to upscale or replicate successful approaches**
- ➔ **Preparation for accessing other financing instruments**
- ➔ **Blending operations**





Synergies with Other Programmes

- ➔ **Uptake and development of innovations first tested in Horizon Europe in Standard Action Projects**
- ➔ **Technical Assistance Projects can assist beneficiaries to upscale successful projects in larger instruments (CAP, ERDF, InvestEU...)**
- ➔ **Strategic Integrated Projects mobilise funding from other sources, including other EU instruments, for complementary actions that contribute to implementation of the target plans.**
- ➔ **Strategic Nature Projects support and help coordinate mainstreaming of nature and biodiversity into other policies and programmes**



Funding rates

- NAT&BIO (60% , 67% up til 75 % for prioritets arter)
- ENV (60%)
- Clima (60%)
- Clean energy (60%)
- Preparation projects (CSA) -80-100%
- NGO grants (70 %)



Read more

- MAWP: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/life/wp-call/2021-2024/wp_life-2021-2024_en.pdf
- The calls: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life/life-calls-proposals_en#ecl-inpage-1774
- Or 'live' : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BU_iihnxE6M
- Horizon: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf