

# LIFE Programme - Call 2019 & Establishment and Operation of the **Greek LIFE Task Force**

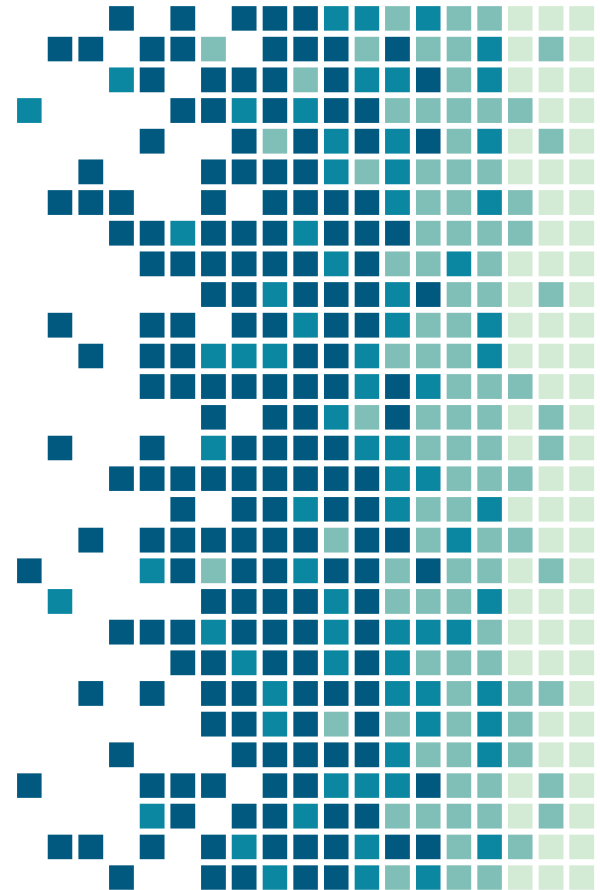
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# LIFE Programme

- The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for the **environment and climate action**.
- It contributes to the implementation, updating and development of EU **environmental and climate** policy and legislation by co-financing projects.

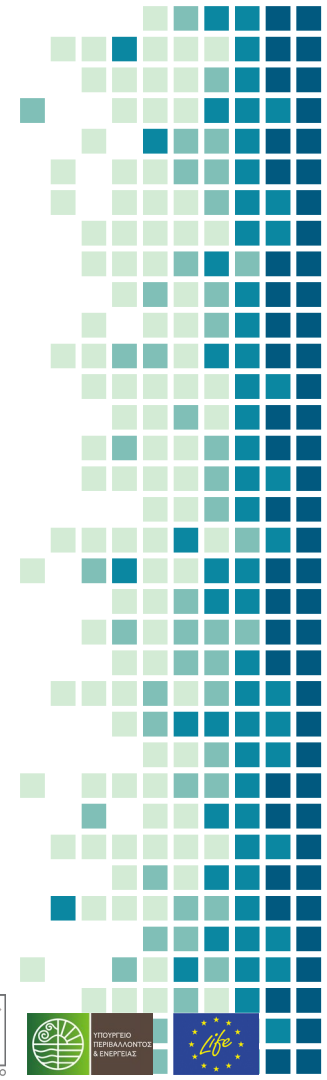
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# LIFE 2014-2020 – General Objectives

- to contribute to the shift towards a **resource-efficient, low-carbon & climate-resilient economy**, to the **protection and improvement of the quality of the environment** and to **halting and reversing biodiversity loss**, including the support of the Natura 2000 network and tackling ecosystems' degradation;
- to improve the **development, implementation** and **enforcement** of Union environmental and climate policy and legislation;
- to promote, the **integration** and **mainstreaming** of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies and public and private sector practices;
- to support better **environmental and climate governance** at all levels, including better involvement of civil society, NGOs and local actors;
- to support the implementation of the **7th Environment Action Plan**



# LIFE Programme: Structure

Total budget: 3,456.7 million € (2014-2020)

2 sub-programmes:

## **Environment (75%)**

Nature/Biodiversity

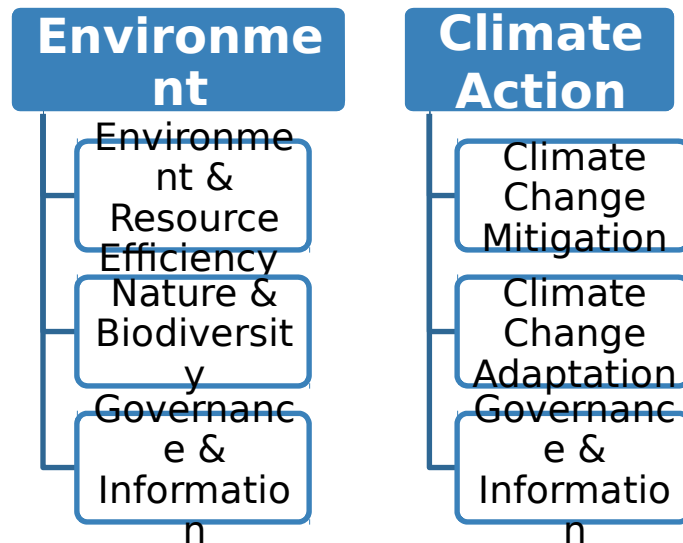
55% (2014-2017)

60.5% (2018-2020)

## **Climate Action (25%)**

≈ 450 million € (2014-2017)

> 413 million € (2018-2020)



# Some general characteristics

- It does **not** focus on **research** (≠ Horizon 2020)
- It does **not** finance **large infrastructure** (≠ ESI European structural and investment Funds)
- EU contribution (2018-2020) - **Up to 55% of total eligible costs**  
Exception: 1. Nature & Biodiversity - 60%  
2. Nature & Biodiversity - 75% for priority habitats/species of which 50% of the budget goes to conservation action
- Strong emphasis on:
  1. Long-term **sustainability**
  2. **Replicability** and **transferability**
  3. **Impact** (quantified 'impact indicators')



# Traditional LIFE projects

- ❑ **Public entities, NGOs, SMEs**
- ❑ Average number of beneficiaries per project: 4-5 (**all contribute financially**)
- ❑ Possibility to implement actions/include beneficiaries in **non-EU countries** under certain conditions
- ❑ Average eligible budget: **1,5 - 2,5 million €**
- ❑ General and specific objectives & **thematic priorities**
- ❑ **Types of projects** - pilot, demonstration, best practice, information

# LIFE Programme in Greece

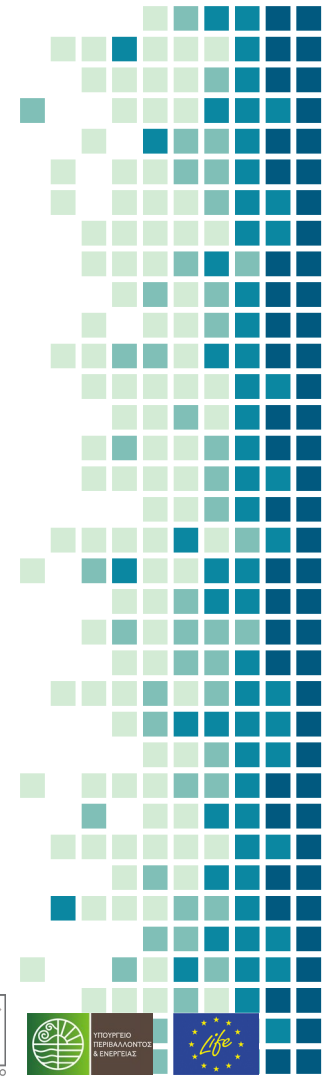
Since the launch of the LIFE Programme by the European Commission in **1992** and until **2018**, a total of **254 projects** have been co-financed with a Greek beneficiary as a Coordinator.

The total investment of these projects amounts to **€ 388.1 million**, of which the EU's contribution is **€ 212.1 million**.

# LIFE Programme in Greece (1992-2018)

Sub-Programme	Number of projects	Percent of total	Total budget	EU contribution
ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY	142	55.9%	188,911,394	88,581,786
NATURE/BIODIVERSITY	73	28.7%	107,329,228	72,706,252
CLIMATE ACTION	25	9.8%	47,993,306	25,089,568
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION	10	3.9%	10,305,351	5,608,388
INTEGRATED PROJECT	2	0.8%	31,189,548	18,533,169
CAPACITY BUILDING	1	0.4%	1,304,708	953,600
NGO	1	0.4%	1,120,000	672,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>388,153,535</b>	<b>212,144,763</b>

Source: [Database of LIFE projects - European Commission](#), interpreted by the GR LTF

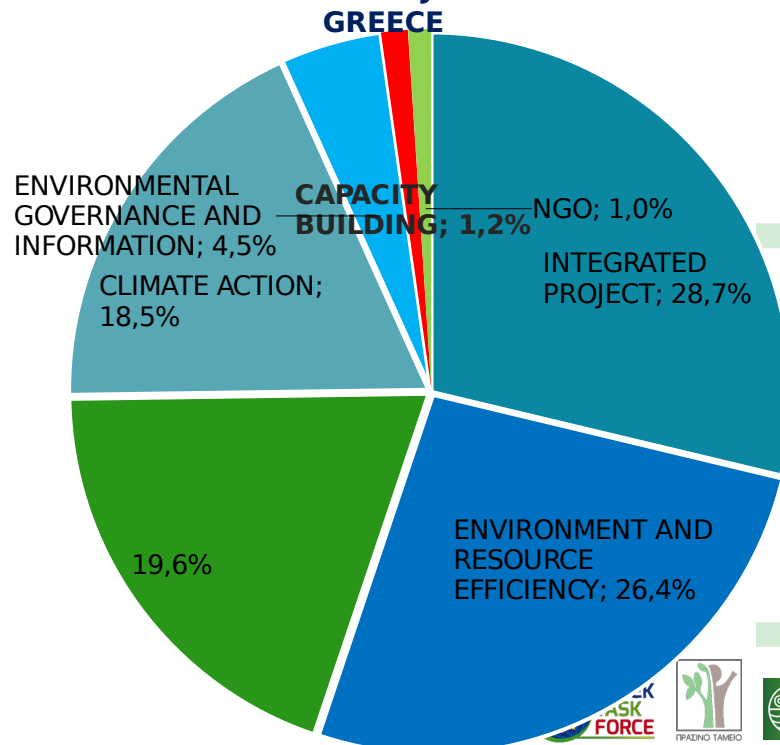




# Greek Projects In progress

There are **40 projects** with Greek beneficiaries as coordinators that are **in progress** with a total budget of **€ 108.5 million**, of which the EU's contribution is **€ 66.4 million**.

Sub-Programme	No. of projects	Total budget
IP	2	31,189,548
ENV & RE	13	28,675,028
NAT/BIO	10	21,277,898
CA	9	20,034,834
GIE	4	4,914,331
CAP	1	1,304,708
NGO	1	1,120,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>108,516,347</b>



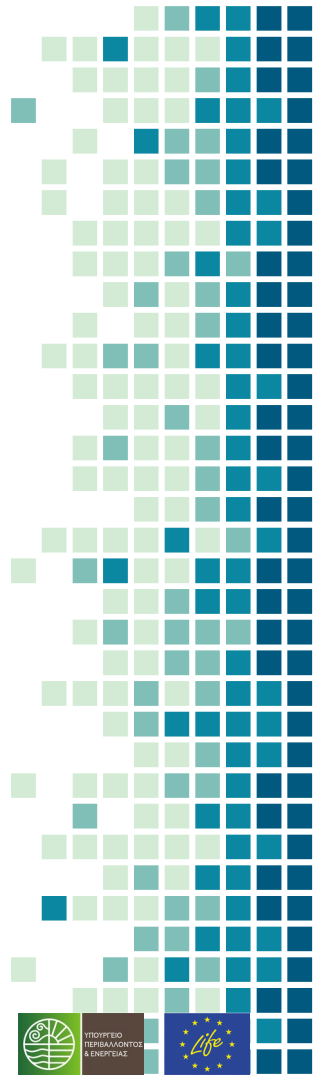
# LIFE Call 2019 (1/2)

The procedure for the concept note submission has successfully ended for the traditional projects of the **sub-programme Environment** in LIFE Call 2019.

**37 concept notes** were submitted with **Greek coordinating beneficiary**:

- **15** in Environment and Resource Efficiency,
- **9** in Nature/Biodiversity and
- **13** in Environmental Governance and Information.

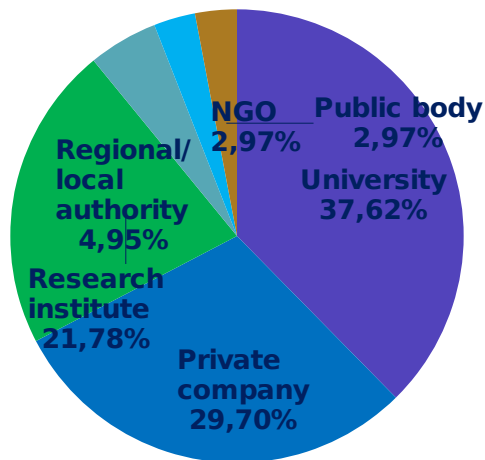
These concept notes have requested a total budget of **€ 81.2 million**, out of which **€ 45.6 million** is the contribution from the European Commission.



# LIFE Call 2019 (2/2)

The concept notes were submitted from **32 Greek beneficiaries**:

Type of beneficiary	No. of concept notes	Percentage
University	14	38%
Private company	11	30%
Research institute	8	22%
Regional/local authority	2	5%
NGO	1	3%
Public Body	1	3%



Moreover, **52 concept notes** were submitted with a foreign coordinating beneficiary, having Greek associated beneficiaries (**32** in Environment and Resource Efficiency, **9** in Nature/Biodiversity and **11** in Environmental Governance and Information).

**The LIFE Call 2019 for the submission of full proposals (1-stage) for traditional projects in the sub-programme of Climate Action will be open until September 12, 2019.**

# Indicative focus of Climate Action subprogramme

## Climate Change Mitigation

Energy (RES, energy efficiency),  
industry, transport, LULUCF etc.

## Climate Change Adaptation

Urban adaptation, resilience of  
infrastructure, sustainable water  
management, resilience of primary  
sector

## Climate Governance and Information

Capacity building,  
evaluation/implementation of climate  
strategies, addressing knowledge gaps

MAWP 2018-2020  
Policy areas

2019 Guidelines  
for applicants:  
Annual work  
areas

# Establishment and operation of the Greek

## LIFE Task Force for the period 2014-2017 «LIFE14 CAP/GR/000003 - GR LTF»

### Capacity Building projects:

provide financial support to activities required to build the capacity of Member States, with a view to enabling Member States to participate more effectively in the LIFE Programme

### Duration:

01/01/2016 - 30/04/2019 - **30/04/2021**

### Budget:

Total amount: € 1,304,708

EU funding: € 953,600

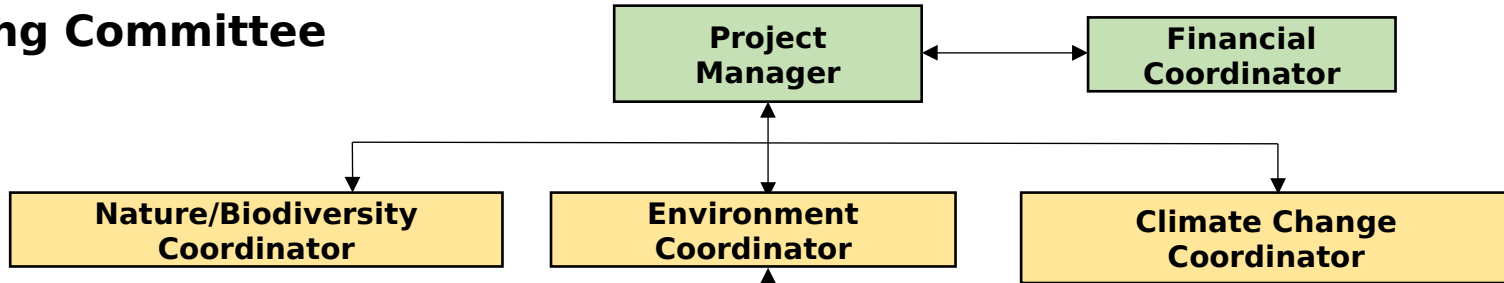
### Project Partners:

**Green Fund** Coordinating Beneficiary  
**Ministry of Environment and Energy,**

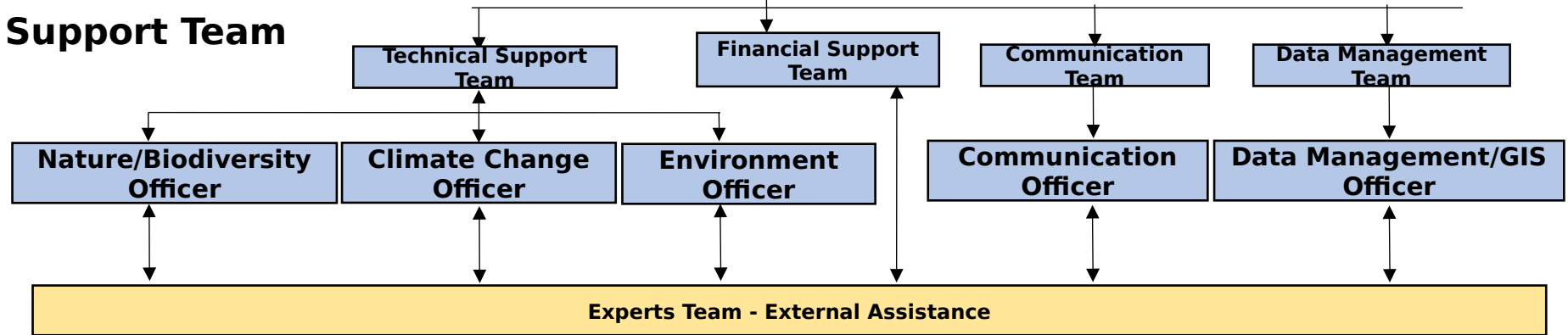


# PROJECT ORGANIGRAMME

## Steering Committee



## Support Team



# GREEK LIFE TASK FORCE Role

- **Providing information, technical assistance and consulting** to potential beneficiaries through **meetings, skype meetings, e-mails, phone calls**
- **Support** to potential beneficiaries through the operation of the **website** <http://www.lifetaskforce.gr> & a **help-desk** & an **internet platform** <http://support.lifetaskforce.gr/>
- **Supporting to the preparation of proposals** with the ability to send the **concept note** or the **draft proposal** to GR LTF officers in order to obtain feedback
- **Providing consulting** to potential applicants during the **preparation of proposals**
- **Support** during the **revision phase of the proposal**
- Promoting the **exchange of experiences, best practices** and the **uptake** of LIFE projects results

 **Facilitating the LIFE National Contact Points**



*More efficient participation of Greece in LIFE projects*



# GR LTF forthcoming activities (1)

- Establishment of regional contact points for LIFE Programme – Preliminary support and guidance for potential applicants
- Development of LIFE project deliverables' database  
Collection of Greek projects' deliverables since 1992 –  
Advanced search tools – Maps and graphs
- Regional and national info days
- Early writers' seminars – Beginning of 2020 (early engagement □ improved proposal quality)
- Thematic workshops – LIFE & Forests, LIFE & SMEs



# GR LTF forthcoming activities (2)

- LIFE project problem guide - common difficulties and best solutions for potential applicants and beneficiaries (administrative, technical and financial issues)
- Best LIFE projects in Greece – publication
- LIFE 2021-2027 – Informative leaflet – changes, priorities, funding etc.
- Publication of the Month’s LIFE Projects – project’s identity, best practices, results

# Green Fund & LIFE Programme

- Coordinator in Capacity Building Project:  
**GREEK LIFE TASK FORCE (GR LTF)**
- Associated Beneficiary of Integrated LIFE Projects:  
**LIFE-IP 4 NATURA**  
**LIFE-IP Adapt In GR**
- Associated Beneficiary in traditional LIFE Projects:  
**LIFE REWEEE**  
**LIFE TERRACESCAPE**  
**LIFE GRECABAT**
- **Provider of state co-funding** in ongoing approved LIFE projects

***Thank you for your attention!***

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