

The LIFE Programme in Greece

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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.

- ✓ **5400 projects in the EU**
- ✓ **10.000 new jobs in the EU per year**



Some general characteristics

- ❑ It does **not** focus on **research** (≠ H2020)
- ❑ It does **not** finance **large infrastructure** (≠ ESI Funds)
- ❑ Strong emphasis on:
 1. Long-term **sustainability**
 2. **Replicability** and **transferability**
 3. **Impact** (quantified 'impact indicators')
- ❑ **Eligible** are **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: Structure until 2020

Total budget: 3,4 billion € (2014-2020)

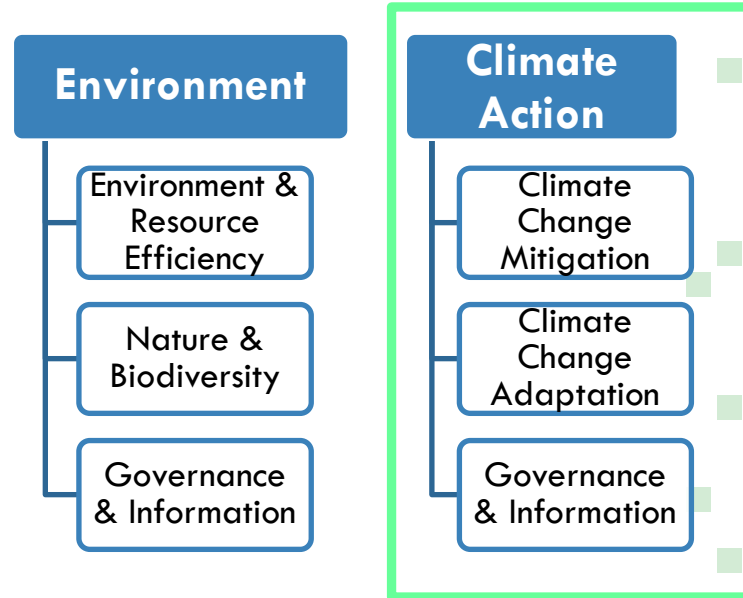
2 sub-programmes:

Environment (75%)

Nature/Biodiversity

60% (2018-2020)

Climate Action (25%)



The Life Programme 2021-2027 (1/2)

Sub-Programmes:

- ✓ Nature and Biodiversity
- ✓ Circular economy and quality of life
- ✓ Climate mitigation & adaptation
- ✓ Clean energy transition (new)

Objectives: Building policy and regulatory framework, Rolling out technology services and business models, Unlocking financial flows, Mobilizing local and regional investments, Engaging and empowering consumers.

Activities: *developing and spreading best practice, mobilizing investments, removing market barriers, raising awareness, educating, empowering, improving skills*



The Life Programme 2021-2027 (2/2)

A Call for project proposals will be published in the coming months.

Provisional timeline for project proposals:

Launch of Call: June 2021

Deadline for applications: Autumn 2021

Evaluation: 2021/2022

Signature of grants: Second half of 2022



An online information session for applicants will take place around June 2021

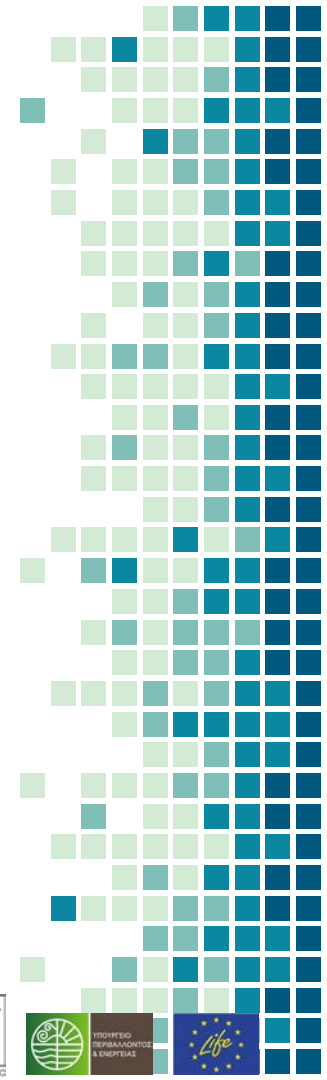


LIFE Programme in Greece (1992-2020)

Sub-Programme	Number of projects	Percent of total	Total budget	EU contribution
ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY	143	54,2%	195,295,241	92,090,151
NATURE/BIODIVERSITY	75	28,4%	112,105,745	75,977,748
CLIMATE ACTION*	30	11,4%	63,846,562	33,753,692
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND INFORMATION	11	4,2%	11,663,921	6,347,958
INTEGRATED PROJECT	3	1,1%	47,123,458	28,093,008
CAPACITY BUILDING	1	0,4%	1,304,708	953,600
NGO	1	0,4%	1,120,000	672,000
TOTAL	264	100%	432,459,635	237,888,157

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

* Includes the 4 projects from the 2020 call

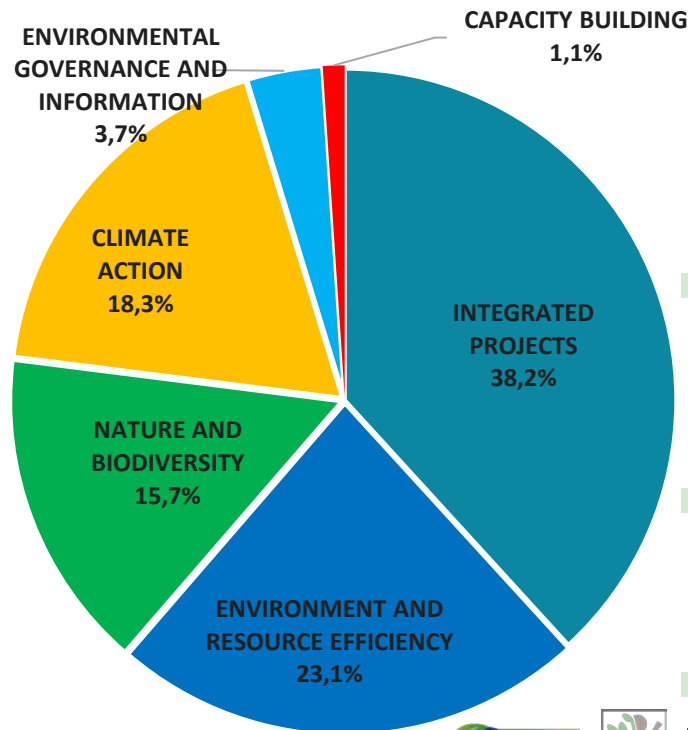


Greek Projects in progress

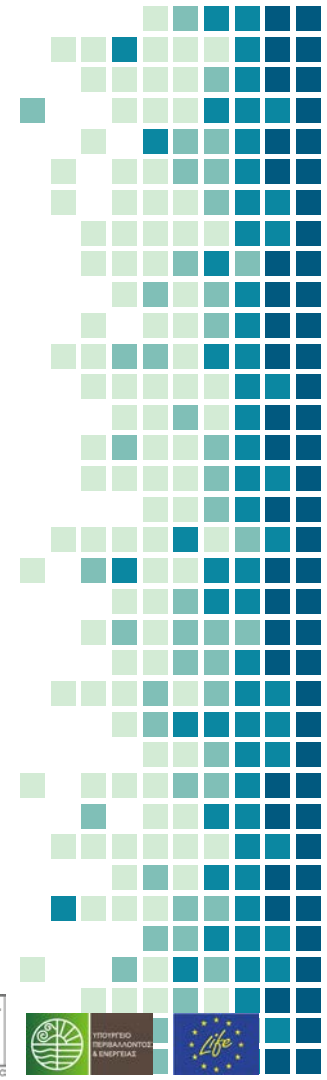
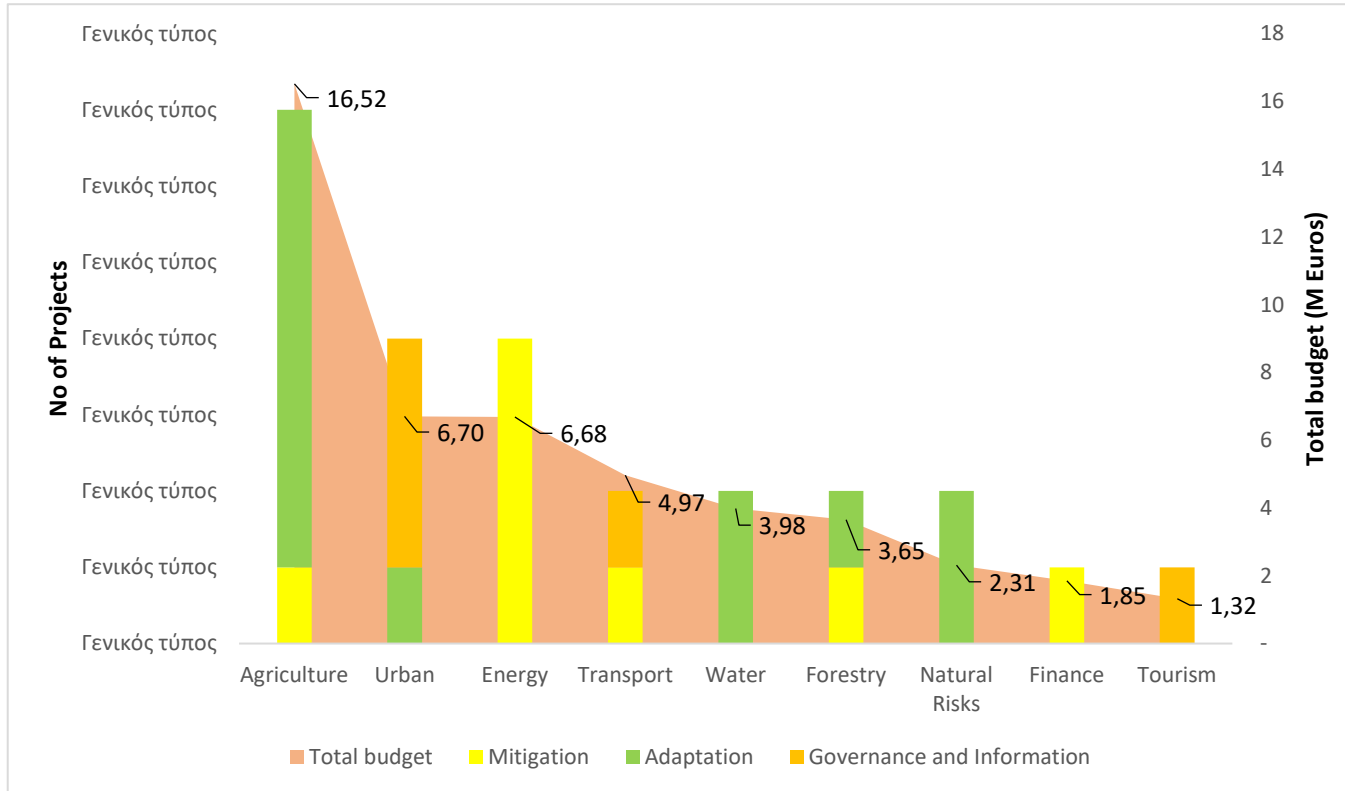
There are **36 projects** with Greek beneficiaries as coordinators that are **in progress** with a total budget of **€ 123.3 million**, of which the EU's contribution is **€ 73,9 million**.

Sub-Programme	No. of projects	Total budget
IP	3	47,123,458
ENV & RE	11	28,516,899
CA	8	22,532,985
NAT/BIO	9	19,300,971
GIE	4	4,521,239
CAP	1	1,304,708
TOTAL	36	123,300,260

% TOTAL BUDGET OF PROJECTS IN PROGRESS IN GREECE

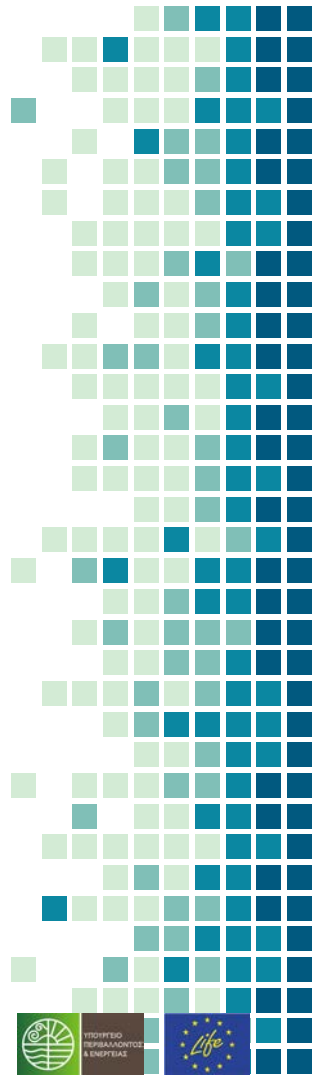


Main topics of Climate Action



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 CEI Greece (Circular economy)
→ **LIFE-IP AdaptInGR**
- Associated Beneficiary in traditional LIFE Projects:
LIFE REWEEE
→ **LIFE TERRACESCAPE**
LIFE GRECABAT
LIFE PROWhIBIT
LIFE PROFILE
- **Provider of state co-funding** in on-going LIFE projects
(so far 4,262,754 euros were funded)





LIFE-IP AdaptInGR: Boosting the implementation of adaptation policy across Greece (2019-2027)



Photo: <https://pixabay.com>

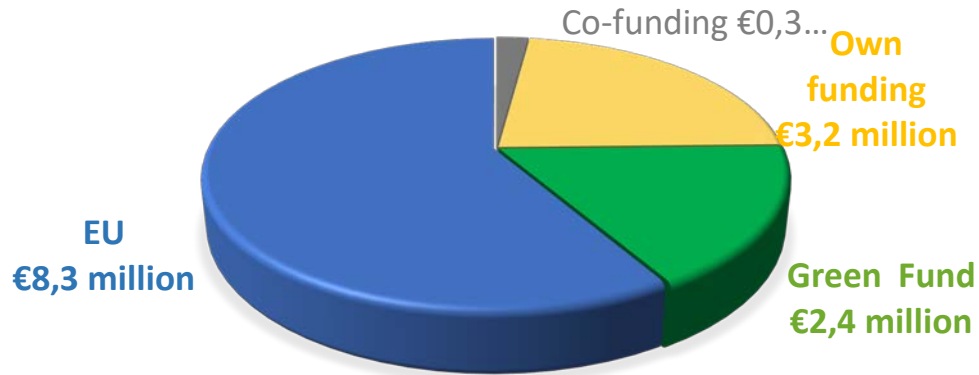
Acronym: LIFE-IP AdaptInGR

Title: Boosting the implementation of adaptation policy across Greece

Project Ref.: LIFE17 IPC/GR/000006

Duration: January 2019 – December 2026 (8 years)

Total Budget: € 14.189.548,00 (EU contribution 58,73%)



The project consortium

National administration

- **Ministry of Environment & Energy (MEEN)**
- Green Fund (GRFU)
- National Center for Environment and Sustainable Development (NCESD)

Regional administration

- **Union of Greek Regions (UGR)**
- Region of Central Greece (Sterea Ellada) (RSE)
- Region of Western Greece (RWC)
- Region of Ionian Islands (RII)

Local administration

- **Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE)**
- Municipality of Katerini
- Mun. Supply & Sewage Company of Komotini
- Municipality of Larissa
- Municipality of Agii Anargyroi – Kamatero
- Municipality of Rhodes

Academic community

- National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
- Bank of Greece (BoG)
- Academy of Athens (AA)
- National Observatory of Athens (NOA)

Non Governmental Organisations

- ELLINIKI ETAIRIA Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage (ELLET)
- Mariolopoulos-Kanaginis Foundation for the Environmental Sciences (MKF)



Flood risk management (3)



Coastal zone management (3)



Forest fires in drought-prone areas (1)



Sustainable water management (3)



Urban land use planning & regeneration (2)



Landscapes & land-uses (9)



Archaeological & historical sites (5)

**12 pilot CCA projects &
14 CCA case studies
across 7 priority sectors**

«Employing Land Stewardship to transform terraced landscapes into green infrastructures to better adapt to climate change»

LIFE16 CCA/GR/000050 (LIFE TERRACESCAPE)



LIFE TERRACESCAPE

Budget: 2.694.038 €

EU contribution: 1.562.964 € (60%)

Aim : The restoration and re-cultivation of a prominent element of the Mediterranean landscape, the drystone terraces.

Main objective: The demonstration of the benefits (economic, cultural, ecological) deriving from such a prospect.

Goal: The creation of adapted “green infrastructures” in order to reduce the impacts of climate change.

The project takes place in Andros Island.



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Πράσινο Ταμείο

«Employing Land Stewardship to transform terraced landscapes into green infrastructures to better adapt to climate change»

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Project Objectives

- ✓ Demonstrate climate adaptation of island landscapes using practical and smart farming methods to highlight the significance of terraces as key green infrastructure elements.
- ✓ Establish an operational Land Stewardship scheme, developed for the first time in Greece, involving multiple stakeholders.
- ✓ Demonstrate the feasibility of large-scale restoration and re-cultivation of abandoned terraces in Andros.
- ✓ Produce climate-smart added-value products, by establishing a smart local cluster of farmers, food and tourism businesses, to contribute to the sustainability and continuation of the approach.
- ✓ Increase awareness of target groups and stimulate behavioral changes towards climate responsible attitudes.



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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 – **31/07/2021**

Budget:

Total amount: € 1,304,708

EU funding: € 953,600

Project Partners:

Green Fund, Coordinating Beneficiary

Ministry of Environment and Energy, Associated Beneficiary



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/> & development of LIFE project deliverables' database Collection of Greek projects' (since 1992) <http://database.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
- **Enhancing the LIFE National Contact Points**

 ***More efficient participation of Greece in LIFE projects***





Thank you for your attention!

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