

## Life+ 2013 - European Commission

<b>General budget:</b>	<b>278,000,000 eur</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>July the 25th , 16:00 Brussels time</b>
<b>Spanish financial allocation 2012:</b>	<b>27,346,823 eur</b>		

### 01.- Beneficiaries

**Open to public or private bodies**, actors or institutions registered in the European Union. Project proposals can either be submitted by a single beneficiary or by a partnership which includes a coordinating beneficiary and one or several associated beneficiaries. They can be either national or transnational, but the **actions must exclusively take place within the territory of the 27 Member States** of the European Union

### 02.- Abstract

The LIFE programme is the **EU's funding instrument for the environment**. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation by co-financing pilot or demonstration projects with European added value.

**Optimal budget:** Historically, the average grant awarded has been in excess of 1 million €.

**Optimal duration:** Most projects last for 2-5 years.

**Date of signature of Grant Agreements:** April 2014

**Maximum rate EU Co-financing:** The maximum EU co-financing rate for LIFE+ projects is **50% of the total eligible project costs**. By way of exception, a co-financing rate of up to 75% of the total eligible costs may be granted to LIFE+ Nature proposals that focus on concrete conservation actions for priority species or habitat types of the Birds and Habitats Directives.

#### Participants

LIFE+ projects may involve four types of "participants", depending on their roles and obligations:

- Coordinating beneficiary
- Associated beneficiary (ies)
- Co-financier(s), and
- Subcontractor(s).

#### Methods of payment

- A first pre-financing payment, equivalent to 40% of the maximum Union financial contribution.
- A mid-term pre-financing payment, equivalent to 40% of the maximum Union financial contribution.
- The balance (final payment) shall be made after the approval.

**Official Call OJEU:** <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2013:047:0021:0023:EN:PDF>

**Life+ site for info and application:** <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus2013/call/index.htm#pkg>

### 03.- Priority actions and projects to be co-financed under LIFE+ 2013

#### • LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity

1. **Best practice and/or demonstration projects** contributing to the implementation of the objectives of the Habitats and Birds Directives.
2. **Demonstration and/or innovation projects** contributing to the implementation of the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy outlined in the Communication "Our life insurance, our natural capital: an EU biodiversity strategy to 2020".

#### • LIFE+ Environment and Governance

1. **Demonstration and/or innovation projects** related to any of the "priority areas of action" set out in the document "LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance, Guidelines for applicants 2012".
2. Projects contributing to the monitoring of the environmental status of forests within the European Union territory.

#### • LIFE+ Information and Communication

1. Communication and awareness raising campaigns related to the implementation, updating and development of European environmental policy and legislation set out in the document "LIFE+ Information and Communication, Guidelines for applicants 2012".
2. Awareness raising campaigns for the prevention of forest fires and training for forest fire agents.

### 04. Eligible costs

- Personnel costs
- Travel and subsistence costs
- External assistance costs relate to sub-contracting costs
- Depreciation charges relating to durable goods
- For LIFE+ Nature projects, the costs related to land / rights purchases and leases
- Expenditure on consumable material
- Other costs
- Overheads