LIFE GRANT STIMULATING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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To contribute to: the implementation, update and development of the EU environmental and climate policy and legislation

L’Instrument Financier pour l’Environnement
LIFE 2014-2020: PRIORITY AREAS & BUDGET

LIFE Programme 3.5 B€ (2014 – 2020)

- Sub-Programme Environment: 2.6 B€ (75%)
  - Nature & Biodiversity: 55% of the sub-programme’s budget
  - Environment and resources efficiency
  - Governance and Information

- Sub-Programme for Climate: 0.9 B€
  - Mitigation
  - Adaptation
  - Governance and Information
LIFE 2018-2020 MAWP – REMAINING BUDGET

- Remaining allocation for MAWP2: €1.66 billion
  - €1.24 billion for ENV Sub-programme (mean: €413 million/year)
  - €0.41 billion for CLIMA Sub-programme (mean: €137 million/year)
LIFE - GENERAL FEATURES

- Applicants - Companies, research institutes, NGOs, public administrations active in the field of environment and climate protection; all legal persons registered in the EU

- Emphasis on replicability/transferability, long-term sustainability, and an EU added value of the project results

- Not focused on research (↔ H2020)

- No large infrastructure; not focused on rural or regional development (↔ agricultural, structural funds)

- Support and monitoring: from Contracting Authority (EASME or European Commission) and external monitoring team
WHO DOES WHAT IN LIFE?

EASME

Evaluation

Revision

Monitoring

Policy feedback

EU policy Directorates
THE "TRADITIONAL" PROJECTS

For whom?
- All legal person registered in the EU

For what?
- Pursuit of general and specific objectives of the 6 priority areas
- Sub-programme for environment: additional focus on thematic priorities and on project topics (LIFE Multi-Annual Work Programme for 2018-2020)

Average size? 1 to 5 beneficiaries; EU contribution: €500,000 to €1.5 million

Co-funding rate?
- Max. 55%, with two exceptions:
  - NAT/BIO projects: max. 60%
  - NAT/BIO projects under specific conditions linked to conservation actions on priority habitat/ species: max. 75%
LIFE MAWP 2018-2020

- As in MAWP1, strong emphasis on:
  - Long term sustainability of the project: continuation, replication and transfer
  - EU added value
  - Indicators
- New priority topics and evaluation criteria
- 2 stage approach for ENV subprogramme
2 STAGE APPROACH

STAGE 1
- EASME selects the Experts
- Review of the Concept Notes
- Evaluation Panel
- Evaluation Committee
- Selected Applicants Invited to Submit Full Proposal

STAGE 2
- Review of the Full Proposal
- Evaluation Panel
- Evaluation Committee

2 Evaluation Criteria
6 Evaluation Criteria

- Experts
- EASME
- DG ENV Policy Units
**WHY POLYSTYRENE LOOP?**

- Ambitious project
- Relevant environmental problem linked to CDW which is one of Commission priority areas for Waste
- Significant scale and impacts
- Innovative process
- Good replication, but also...
  - Very complex project set-up
  - Involving many stakeholders (Polystyrene Loop Cooperatief), affiliates (Synbra)
  - A complex budget
**INFORMATION SOURCES**

- LIFE Regulation – priority areas
- MAWP (Multi-annual work programme) – project topics
- Application Packages
- Guides for evaluation of LIFE project proposals
- Eventually, specific information, guidelines designed by your National Contact Point