



## Purpose

LIFE is the only European program exclusively dedicated to the environment, nature conservation, and climate action, in full alignment with the objectives of the European Green Deal. The LIFE programme has funded over 6,000 projects in the last 32 years, and for the 2021-2027 period it has a budget of EUR 5.4 billion.

## Possible Application Areas

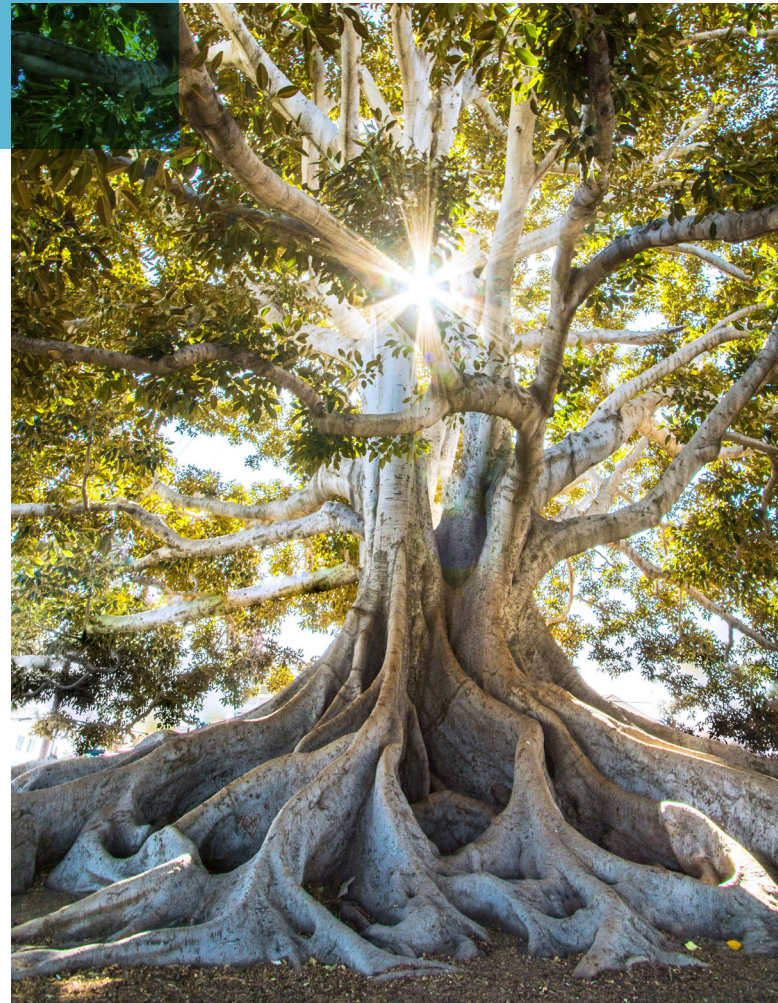
The LIFE programme aims to facilitate the transition to a sustainable, circular, energy-efficient, and renewable energy-based economy that is climate-neutral and resilient. It also seeks to protect, restore, and improve the quality of the environment, including air, water, and soil, while halting and reversing biodiversity loss and addressing ecosystem degradation. The programme supports demonstration, best practice, coordination and support actions, capacity building, and governance projects, under the following areas:

- Nature and Biodiversity
- Circular Economy and Quality of Life
- Climate Mitigation and Adaptation
- Clean Energy Transition (CET)

## Type of Project

The LIFE program offers a broad range of funding opportunities, targeting different project activities and legal entities. Below you will find a description of two of the main funding schemes of the program: Standard Action Projects and Strategic Projects.

- **Standard Action Projects:** These projects are demonstration-based, requiring technologies, methodologies, or practices to be tested in real or near-real-world conditions. Typically, they start at a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 5 and aim to reach at least TRL 7 by completion. The EU co-funding rate for most SAPs is 60%, and it can reach up to 75% when targeting priority habitats and/or species. Maximum 10-year duration. Grants typically range between €0,5 to €5 million for projects lasting 2 to 5 years.
- **Strategic Projects** are designed for public bodies implementing large-scale environmental policies. These projects are larger in scope and duration and have a 2 stage application. The EU co-funding rate for these projects is 60%, with a maximum 14-year duration. There are two categories of strategic projects:
  - SNAP (Strategic Nature Projects): Focused on nature conservation framework, opening biennially (opened in 2024 will open only in 2026).
  - SIP (Strategic Integrated Projects): Targeted at environmental and climate policy implementation



## Who Can Apply

To be eligible for the LIFE Programme, you must be a public or private legal entity registered in the EU or in a third country associated to the LIFE programme (Moldova, North Macedonia and Ukraine), or any international organisation. This includes public bodies, private organizations, non-profit entities, and research institutions.

Applications can be submitted individually or as part of a consortium.

## Expected Deadline

The call for new applications in 2025 is expected to open in April, with deadline in September/October.

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# LIFE application

Standard Action Projects (SAPs): 1 stage application, full proposal presenting all the required documentation detailed below.

Strategic Projects (SPs): 2 stage application

- Expression of Interest (Stage 1): A 10-page document outlining the project idea and its alignment with LIFE programme objectives.
- Full Proposal (Stage 2): If invited to submit a full proposal

## Required documentation:

- **Part A: Administrative Information:** Consortium members information.
- **Part B: Technical Description** (max 120 pages)
  - Relevance: Specific objectives, methodology, compliance with LIFE programme and call topic, complementary and synergies with other actions, EU projects and policy areas.
  - Impact ambition and credibility, sustainability and exploitation of project results and replication
  - Implementation: Work plan, impact monitoring and communication and dissemination.
  - Resources: Consortium, project and risk management and budget.
  - Other: Ethics and security
- **Part C: KPI quantification**

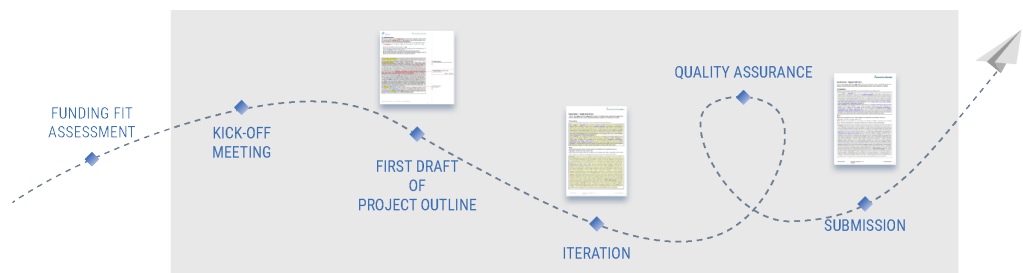
**Annexes:** Maps, participant information. Detailed Gant chart, annual reports and LOI's.



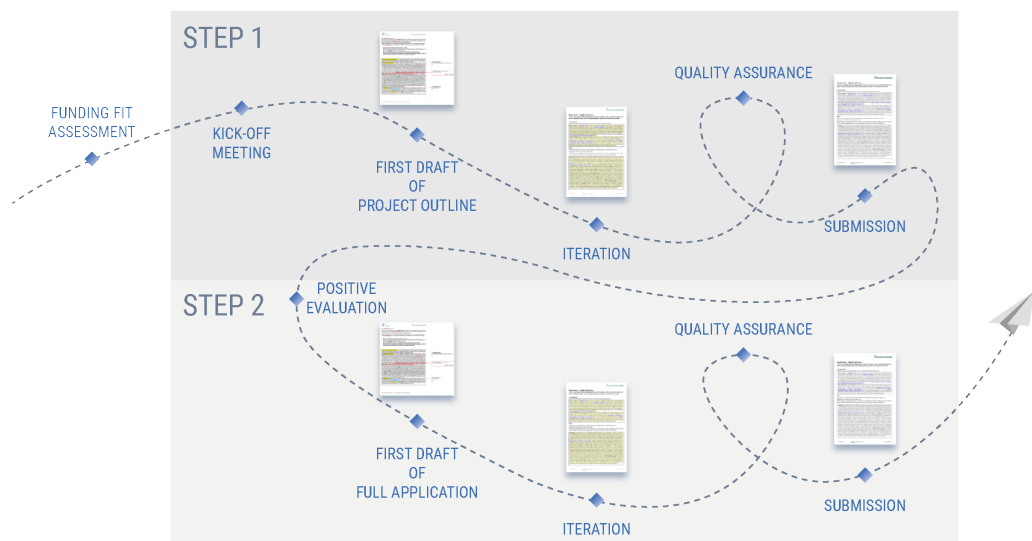
# LIFE process

Nordic Innovators takes the lead in the preparation and submission of a high-quality online application and preparing technical and financial project documentation in Part A and Part B. Our collaborative approach ensures the timely delivery of a strong LIFE application.

## Standard Action Projects: (1 stage application)



## Strategic Projects: (2 stage application)



In addition, we also provide hour-based services to support you on specific tasks like e.g. market research and/or refining key metrics, documents review and quality control.