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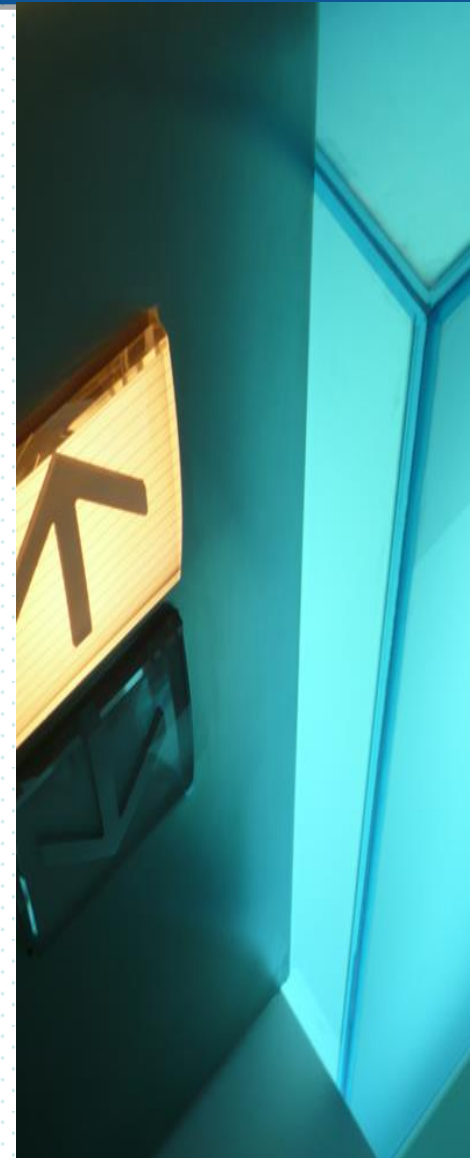


Multiannual Work Programme 2018-2020: Two stage application

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2 stage application approach:

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Rationale for introducing 2 stage application

- **Simplification of the application process and evaluation of LIFE traditional projects**
- **Easier procedure & faster feedback**
- **Need to address the decreasing number of applications for LIFE co-financing in recent years**

What is LIFE 2 stage application approach?

❖ New **simplified** two-stage approach

1
Concept note

2
Full proposal

❖ Only for Environment sub-programme

❖ Only for traditional projects



Concept Note eligibility criteria

A project proposal is eligible if:

- **contributes to one or several of the general objectives set out in Article 3 of the LIFE Regulation and of the applicable specific objectives in Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the LIFE Regulation,**
- **falls within the scope of the priority area (as set out in Article 9 of the LIFE Regulation) of the LIFE sub-programme for Environment under which the project proposal was submitted,**

Concept Note eligibility criteria

- **takes place in the Union and/or territories to which the Treaties and relevant acquis apply or it fulfils one of the exceptions laid down in Articles 5 and 6 of the LIFE Regulation and specified in the Guidelines for applicants 2017, and**
- **corresponds to one of the following project types as defined in Article 2 (a), (b), (c) and (h) of the LIFE Regulation:**
 - "Pilot projects"
 - "Demonstration projects"
 - "Best practice projects"
 - "Information, awareness and dissemination projects"

Concept Note eligibility criteria

- is not focused on research or dedicated to the construction of large infrastructure

Concept Note eligibility criteria

In addition, there's a requirement of compliance with eligibility criteria specific to each priority area:

- priority area **Environment and Resource Efficiency** must contain actions that lead to substantial and measurable direct effects on the environmental and/or climate action issue(s) targeted.
- priority area **Nature and Biodiversity**, must dedicate at least 25% of the eligible budget to concrete conservation actions.
- priority area **Environmental Governance and Information** must contain actions that lead to substantial and measurable direct or indirect effects on the environmental issue(s) targeted by causing substantial and measurable direct effects on the environmental governance, information, and/or awareness and dissemination issue(s) targeted.⁸

Concept Note Award Criteria

Concept Note Award Criteria	Minimum pass score*	Maximum score
1. Overall quality of the proposal	5	20
2. Overall EU added value	10	30
Overall (pass) scores	15	50

Concept Note Award criteria

1. Overall quality of the proposal

- ✓ clarity of the intervention logic of the proposal (including the description of the pre-operational context),
- ✓ its feasibility,
- ✓ and indicative value for money.

2. Overall EU added value

- ✓ the project contribution to the LIFE priorities,
- ✓ its expected impact,
- ✓ and the sustainability of the project results.

Concept Note evaluation

The applicants with the best ranked concept notes will be invited (in 10/2018) to submit a full proposal.

Stage 1: Concept Note

What should the Concept Note include:

- ✓ Information about the coordinating beneficiary
- ✓ Description of the environmental problem targeted (for environment and information & governance strands) / description of species, habitats, biodiversity issues targeted by the project (for nature and biodiversity strands)
- ✓ Project objectives

Stage 1: Concept Note

- ✓ The project partners (information on the coordinating and associated beneficiaries, and co-financers of the project)
- ✓ Description of the project actions
- ✓ Expected results and impacts of the project
- ✓ The sustainability of project results
- ✓ Project risks and constraints

Stage 1: Concept Note

- ✓ The EU added value of the project (understood at this stage as the contribution to LIFE priorities and objectives)
- ✓ The pilot or demonstration character of the project (and/or best practice for nature and biodiversity strand)
- ✓ An indicative budget for the project

10 pages in total


Stage 1: Concept Note






Concept Note should NOT include:

- ✓ Signed commitments
- ✓ Maps, pictures, attachments

Indicative timetable

Application – Environment Sub-programme



Timeline	Phases
June 2018	 Submission of concept note <i>Max 10 pages + high-level budget</i>
June-September 2018	 Evaluation of concept note
October 2018	 Invitation for full proposal
End of January 2019	 Submission of full proposal
July 2019	 Signature of grants

Thank you for your attention.