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## **EU Added Value: Turning the challenge into an opportunity**

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# Agenda

- The role of the Monitoring Team
- The EU added value element in a new proposal – What is it all about?
- Project examples tackling the elements
- How to complete the requested information in the proposal
- Q&A



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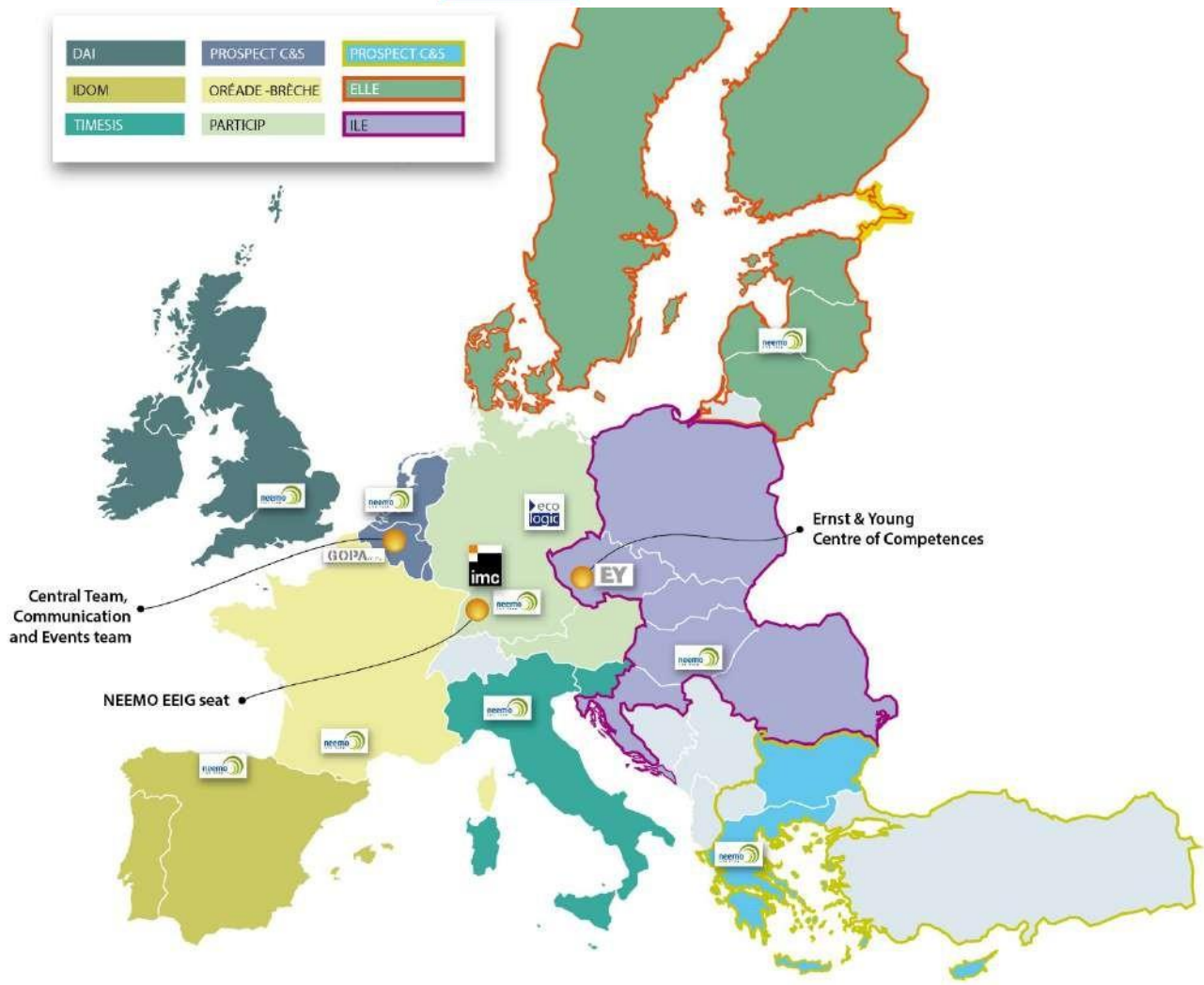


**THE EXTERNAL MONITORING TEAM**



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# THE MONITORING TEAM - A UNIQUE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE LIFE PROGRAMME

- ❖ Checking the compliance with LIFE rules – administrative, financial, communication
- ❖ Checking the project technical progress – monitoring missions
- ❖ Policy impact/relevance – through DeNTE Hubs
- ❖ Supporting the beneficiaries in all aspects
- ❖ Close to market initiative
- ❖ Organising platform meetings
- ❖ Carrying out analysis, producing studies



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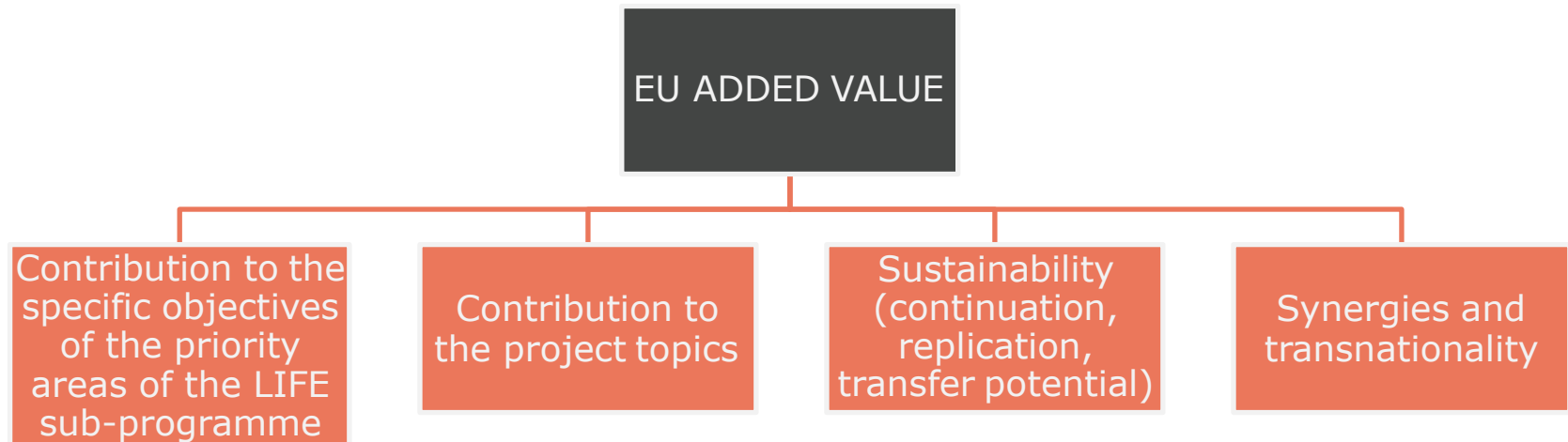


## A proposal is evaluated on the basis of the following criteria

- Technical coherence and quality
- Financial coherence and quality
- **EU added value**
- **Bonus points:** specific project topics, Green procurements, transnationality, eco-labels



# EU ADDED VALUE: WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT??





## Contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme

“...one or several of the specific objectives of the priority areas of the two LIFE sub-programmes”

 Also expressed in quantified terms!

### Environment and Resource Efficiency

- Develop and demonstrate solutions regarding resource efficiency & health
- Support the application, development of plans and programmes related to EU policy in the areas of waste, air, water, resource efficiency, environment and health (including chemicals and noise)
- Improve knowledge base and affect the impact of EU policies



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# Contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme

## *Nature and biodiversity*

- Contribute in the development and implementation of the EU policy on biodiversity and nature
- Support further the development, management and implementation of Natura2000 network
- Improve knowledge base and affect the impact of EU policies

# Contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme

## *Environmental Governance and Information*

- Promote awareness raising on environmental matters
- Support communication, management and dissemination
- Support more effective compliance by promoting best practices
- Promote better environmental governance (increase stakeholders involvement)

# Contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme

## Climate Action

- Climate change mitigation (CCM)
  - Indicatively: Renewable energy, Energy efficiency, ETS, Transport, LULUCF, CCS etc.
- Climate change adaptation (CCA)
  - Urban adaptation, resilience of infrastructure, resilience of agricultural and forestry, etc.
- Climate change governance and information (CGI)
  - Climate governance, capacity building, development of national strategies etc.

# THE EU policy needs your contribution in specific topics (and will reward you for that)

- Additional 5-10 points for the **sub-programme of Environment**, if the proposal contributes to one topic
  - 5 points if the proposal targets one specific topic
  - 5 additional points if the environmental issue targeted is new or unknown
- Additional 10 points for the **sub-programme of Climate Action**
  - 5 points for contributing to the policy areas (Section 4)
  - 5 points for the annual call topics

## Annual policy and work related areas for CCM projects, 2019 call

### 2.3.3 EU policy areas and related work areas for the 2019 call

According to the LIFE Programme Multiannual Work Programme 2018-2020<sup>19</sup>, the EU policy areas are the following:

1. Member States' and regional/ local authorities' efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the sectors not covered in the EU Emissions Trading System but covered by the Effort Sharing Decision (EU) 406/2009 and subsequent legislation<sup>20</sup>: transport and fuels, agriculture, construction (e.g. energy efficiency in buildings), land use, land-use change and forestry;
2. The development and implementation of greenhouse gas accounting and climate change mitigation in the land use sector;
3. The development of land management practices which have an impact on emissions and removals of emissions;
4. Actions which enhance the functioning of the emissions trading system and which have an impact on energy and greenhouse gas intensive industrial production;
5. Fluorinated gases and ozone – depleting substances;
6. Greenhouse gas monitoring and reporting by authorities.

# EU added value: sustainability (continuation, replication, transfer potential)

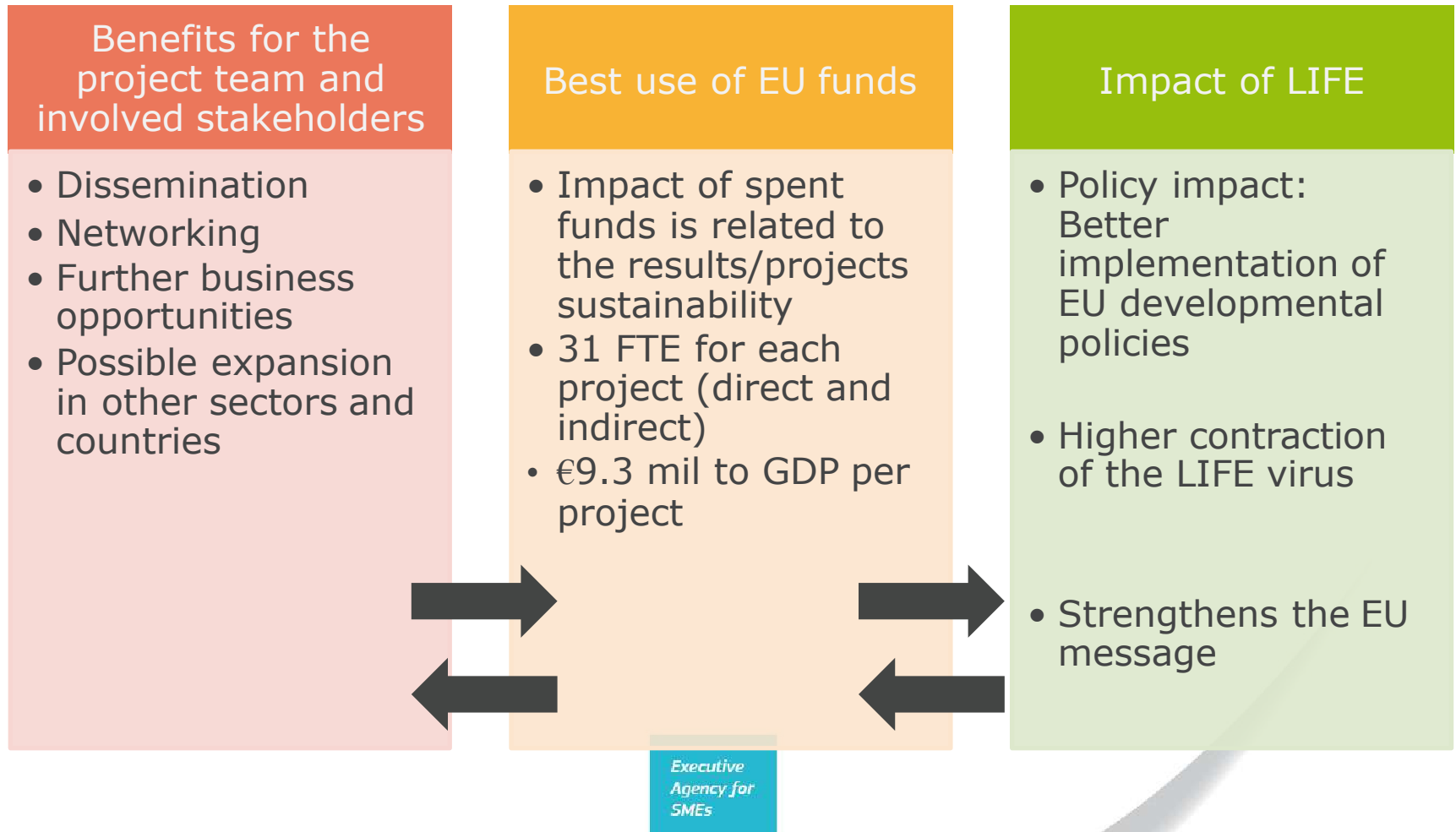


...the **capacity to maintain project's results after its implementation**, by **continuation**, by **replication** or by **transfer** (MAWP II, 2018)



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## ...and why is it necessary?





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# Sustainability is a core element of all LIFE project types.





# Sustainability Examples:

## LIFE GEOHEALTH - The impact of geological environment on health status of residents of the Slovak Republic

### Sustainability elements:

#### Continuation:

- ✓ follow-up LIFE project into specific area of a problematic Slovakian water case

#### Transfer:

- ✓ possible in other Slovakian regions. Adjustments needed for transferring in other EU Member States.



## Use *multi-purpose* delivery mechanisms - Achieve project's main environmental/climate action objectives but also other purposes

### ***LIFE BAQUA*** - turning banana plantation waste into bioplastics and feed for aqua culture

- ✓ **Reduce waste material**
- ✓ Turning a costly problem for small scale banana farmers in the Canary islands into a source of income
- ✓ Creating bioplastics that are used by the automotive industry
- ✓ Creating feed used in aquacultures
- ✓ Reducing the need for creating plastics from fossil fuels



Indicative solutions of great environmental performance that also promote economic and social sustainability: generation of a market, inclusion of long-term unemployed at a remote region, increase of welfare from a natural park operation etc)

## Improving (or introducing) integration in other policy areas and achieve complementarity



[LIFE Resilience](#) – Developing pathogen resistant olive plant genotypes, resisting in the spread of Xylella Fastidiosa (XF)

- ✓ **Adaptation and resilience to climate change**
- ✓ **EU strategy on the Use of Natural Resources**
- ✓ Common Agricultural Policy and Food security
- ✓ Safeguarding farmers jobs → Regional economic growth (Italy, Portugal, Spain, Greece)



Think big but prove in both qualitative and quantitative terms links with other European and national policies

# Using Green public procurement procedures and/or products & services of officially recognised eco-labelling schemes

[LIFE ORGANIKO](#) – identifying the benefits of Organic farming for Climate change mitigation and promoting modernization techniques

- ✓ **Climate change mitigation from the agricultural sector**
- ✓ Increase awareness on climate change and organic products
- ✓ Supported the change of the Cypriot policy on Green public procurements that now includes organic products



# Transnational cooperation among Member States

[LIFE Desert Adapt](#) – Adaptation measures aimed at reverting ongoing desertification trends

- ✓ **Climate change mitigation**
- ✓ Identification of countries where desertification is an issue – inclusion of Italy, Portugal, Spain in the project team
- ✓ Relevant actions from each country that contribute to the achievement of objectives



Is it only between Member States? A very special case for [LIFE MEDEA](#)

# Uptake from previous EU funded programmes (i.e. H2020)

[LIFE CleanOx](#), LIFE SmartOxyBoost:

- ✓ Based on the findings of LIFE EcoHeatOx (implemented until 2015). It demonstrated that preheating of fuels could reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, however, its effectiveness depends on fuel market prices
- ✓ The new project is based on the findings of EcoHeatOx and demonstrates an innovative, more effective solution for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the tableware glass industry by 30% and NO<sub>x</sub> by 90%
- ✓ SmartOxyboost is using the findings of the above projects for applying the technology in flat glass production lines





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