

Do you have a great Green idea? We can help you get a LIFE Grant

and bring your idea to life!

#### Your National Contact Point can help you with:

- Support during submission
- Counseling during a project's lifetime
- One-to-One Guidance & Consultation
- Workshops & Seminars
- Networking
- Partner Search

## What is the LIFE Programme

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. It contributes to the implementation and development of EU environmental policy and legislation. After more than 25 years, over €3.4 billion and more than 4.170 LIFE projects, the EU's financial instrument for the environment continues to co-finance nature conservation, environmental and climate action projects. For the 2014-2020 funding period, LIFE will contribute approximately €3.4 billion to the protection of the environment and climate.

During the current Programming Period LIFE Programme has two Sub-Programmes:

The **Environment** sub-programme

- i. Environment and Resource Efficiency
- ii. Nature and Biodiversity
- iii. Environmental Governance and Information

The Climate Action sub-programme

- . Climate Change Mitigation
- ii. Climate Change Adaptation
- iii. Climate Governance and Information

# Who can take part in a LIFE project

Any public or private body established in the EU may benefit from LIFE as a coordinating or associated beneficiary. It is possible to be a coordinating beneficiary if you are established outside the EU, but only if your country has established a specific agreement with the EU (see article 5 of the LIFE Regulation). Legal entities outside the EU may only be associated beneficiaries if the coordinating beneficiary is based in the EU and the activities for which they are responsible taking place outside the EU are necessary to achieve EU environmental / climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out inside the EU (see article 6).

# **Your National Contact Point**

Your National Contact Point for the LIFE Programme is the Department of Environment. In addition, under the LIFE Cyclamen Project - a Project funded by the LIFE Programme - a team of experts was created to further empower your National Contact Point and offer applicants, as well as running projects the support they require.

The whole team is right by your side during the submission of your proposal, during your actual project, as well as after the end of your project.

# **Examples of LIFE Projects**

#### **iLIFE-TROODOS**

The aim of this project is to increase public awareness on the natural values of the Troodos National Forest Park and the Ecosystem Services it provides. More specifically, the project aims to create awareness among the target audience concerning the need to protect the Natura 2000 network, increase awareness of the natural values of the Troodos National Forest Park that make it part of the Natura 2000 network and change the negative connotations that the Natura 2000 network has among Cypriot inhabitants.

LIFE Ref. No: LIFE16 GIE/CY/000709 Website: http://ilifetroodos.eu/

#### LIFE UrbanProof

The overall aim of the LIFE UrbanProof project is to increase the resilience of municipalities to climate change, equipping them with a powerful tool for supporting better informed decision making on climate change adaptation planning. The Project is trying to bridge the gap between scientific and local understanding of climate change, while at the same time involving the public in the adaptation planning of municipalities.

LIFE Ref. No: LIFE15 CCA/CY/000086 Website: http://urbanproof.eu

#### **RELIONMED-LIFE**

The RELIONMED-LIFE project aims to make Cyprus the 'first line of defence' against the invasion of the lionfish in the Mediterranean and build capacity and knowledge which can be transferred and replicated by other countries of the Mediterranean, so they can control lionfish expansion in their waters. The lionfish is an alien invasive species, invading the Mediterranean sea from the Indian Ocean. It can severely impact the ecosystem as it predates on small native fish and invertebrate species resulting in trophic cascades with ecological and socio-economic implications. LIFE Ref. No: LIFE16 NAT/CY/000832 Website: http://www.relionmed.eu/

### Get Involved - Submit a LIFE proposal!

A call of proposals is published once a year, around April. Potential applicants, are requested to use the available electronic platform eProposal for writing and submitting their proposals (only for traditional projects). All required documents are available online in the form of "Application Packages" and can be found on LIFE Programme's website http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life.htm

#### **Useful Links:**

ec.europa.eu/life www.lifecyclamen.com.cy www.moa.gov.cy/moa/environment/environmentnew.nsf **Contact Us:** 22408926





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