



Life
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THE LIFE PROGRAMME

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation by co-financing projects with European added value.

During the current Programming Period the 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

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

Your National Contact Point

Your National Contact Point for the LIFE Programme is the Department of Environment.

In addition, the Department of Environment is now running a LIFE Project, called LIFE Cyclamen. Through this project the Department has created a team of experts who further empower your National Contact Point.

The whole team is ready to help you during the submission of your proposal, during your actual project with whatever is troubling you, but also help you after the end of your project. In other words we are here to help you succeed!

The Services we offer



NCP: National Contact Point

DID YOU KNOW...

► WE SUBSIDIZED THE PARTICIPATION OF 4 PEOPLE IN EU EVENTS

The LIFE Cyclamen Project announced 2 Open Calls in 2019, inviting interested parties to request a subsidy for participating in an EU event (conference, workshop, seminar, networking event, etc.) about the environment and climate change.

The aim of the participation was to facilitate the exchange of experience and best practices, and the diffusion of LIFE project results, as well as encourage networking that could possibly lead to the submission of new LIFE Proposals.

The last four applicants who were able to benefit from this Open Call were:

George Fyttis (LIFE Euroturtles) participated in the 42nd International Congress of the Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM). The Congress was held in Cascais, Portugal between the 7th and 11th of October 2019.

Assist. Professor Michalis Koutinas (CUT, LIFE CAB) participated at the Conference ECCE12 & ECAB5, which

was held between the 15th and 19th of September in Florence and included the annual European Congresses of Chemical Engineering and Applied Biotechnology.

Dr Louis Hadjioannou (Enalia Physis Environmental Research Centre) participated at the 54th European Marine Biology Symposium. The Symposium took place in Dublin, Ireland between the 25th and 29th of August 2019.

Dr. Paris Phokaides (Frederick University) attended the 27th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition (EUBCE), which took place in Portugal from the 27th until the 30th of May.



OUR EVENTS

► INFO DAY FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The LIFE Cyclamen Team organised an Info Day titled: "LIFE Programme and Local Authorities", on Thursday November 21st, 2019, in Nicosia.

The purpose of this Info Day was to introduce Local Authorities to this funding instrument, which they can benefit of in future Calls for Proposals.

Participants, coming from Local Authorities from all over Cyprus, found this Info Day very interesting and useful, as it gave them the opportunity to raise and discuss issues that trouble them.



► WORKSHOP "HOW-TO-WRITE A LIFE PROPOSAL" (FINANCIALS)

The LIFE Cyclamen team organised a Workshop on "How-to-write a LIFE Proposal (Financials / Full Proposal)", on Tuesday November 19th 2019, at the Department of Environment, in Nicosia.



The workshop was designed for Organisations / Public Bodies, which had succeeded in the Concept Note stage, or which could apply for a LIFE Grant in the 2020 LIFE Call. The aim of this workshop was to highlight best practices for the completion of the financial forms.

► PRESS CONFERENCE – LIFE PROGRAMME AND LIFE ORGANIKO

We organised a press event on Wednesday October 9th 2019, in Nicosia. The purpose of the event was to introduce local journalists to the LIFE Programme – EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action.



During this event, participants had the opportunity to hear more about a Cypriot LIFE Project that was recently completed, namely LIFE ORGANIKO. This project promotes organic farming and organic products on the basis of two great challenges for Cyprus: (a) Childhood obesity, which is turning into a pandemic, with the adoption of a more organic way of living and (b) the combat of climate change with organic farming, which reduces the greenhouse gas emissions.

► OPEN DAY FAIR: EMPOWER YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION WITH EU FUNDING

The LIFE Cyclamen team, in collaboration with the Directorate General for European Programmes, Coordination and Development, the Research & Innovation Foundation and Enterprise Europe Network Cyprus, organised an Open Day Fair on Sunday June 2nd 2019, at the Mall of Cyprus.

The Fair was titled "Empower your environmental action with EU funding" and its purpose was, among others, to give people the opportunity to discuss with the National Contact Point of the LIFE Programme in Cyprus and find out if their idea could be funded under LIFE.

Visitors also had the opportunity to find out more about the objectives and results of twenty LIFE Projects, namely: LIFE Medea, Relionmed-LIFE, Smart PV, iLifeTroodos, LIFE Oroklini, LIFE Bonelli, LIFE Euroturtles, LIFE-Kedros, LIFE Rizoelia, LIFE for Birds, LIFE Green Grapes, LIFE Che.ree.e, LIFE Against Bird Crime, LIFE B.R.A.V.E.R., WASP Tool, Clima med, AgrolIFE, BIOforLIFE, LIFE KNOW WASTE, and Lifecab.



PARTICIPATION IN OTHER EVENTS

► LIFE CYCLAMEN AT GREEN DOT FESTIVALS

Our team participated at this year's Green Dot festival in Limassol and Nicosia, which took place on October 12th and May 25th respectively.

Visitors at the LIFE Cyclamen stand were able to learn what the LIFE Programme is, who can benefit from it, as well as find out about different running LIFE Projects in Cyprus, which help our country reach its environmental goals.



► MEDITERRANEAN COAST DAY 2019

The host of the 2019 Mediterranean Coast Day was Cyprus and of course the LIFE Cyclamen team could not be absent from this important event!

The main celebration this year was held at the Thalassa Ayia Napa Municipal Museum on the 25th of September 2019. Our team was available throughout the day to inform participants about the LIFE Programme and how it can fund projects related to the coastal zone of Cyprus.



► DEVELOPING A NATIONAL PLAN FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE

The Department of Environment of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment and the Energy Service of the Ministry of Energy, Trade and Industry, in collaboration with the EIT Climate KIC Network, the Cyprus University of Technology and the Cyprus Energy Office organised a Workshop titled "Developing a National Plan for Energy and Climate: The Contribution of Research and Innovation". The workshop took place in Nicosia on Tuesday, September 10th, 2019.

The purpose of the workshop was to exchange views and make recommendations on the composition of a coherent strategy on Research and Innovation, with the purpose of supporting the implementation of the National Plan.

Our Team was represented at this workshop as the topic it addressed (climate change challenges) is also a LIFE priority. The workshop was a great networking opportunity for LIFE Cyclamen.



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