



Life
Cyclamen

Cyprus Capacity Building for Life
LIFE14 CAP/CY/000006



PROJECT OBJECTIVE OF LIFE CYCLAMEN AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The project **Life Cyclamen** whose beneficiary is the Department of Environment of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment has as an objective to empower and capacitate the Cypriot LIFE NCP with personnel, competencies, skills and knowledge, experiences and networking in order to enhance the effectiveness and outreach of its services to applicants, with the ultimate goal to increase the performance of Cypriot proposals to the LIFE Programme in both numbers and quality.

The Cypriot LIFE National Contact Point through **Life Cyclamen** Project targets at providing the following support services to LIFE Programme applicants.

- ▶ Utilizing Life's opportunities
- ▶ Upgrading the quality of submitted proposals
- ▶ Offering updated information to applicants and beneficiaries

- ▶ Assisting the creation of partnerships
- ▶ Organizing trainings and workshops
- ▶ Promoting Networking



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INFO ACTIVITIES

Info Day for the 25th Anniversary of the LIFE Programme

On the occasion of the completion of the 25th anniversary of the start of the European LIFE Funding Programme and the adoption of the Habitats Directive, which led to the creation of the EU Natura 2000 Network of protected areas, the Department of Environment as the National Contact Point of the LIFE Programme organized a workshop on June 8, 2017 at the Environmental Information and Education Centre at Cavo Greco.

The purpose of the workshop was to review the contribution of the LIFE Programme in Cyprus, to assess the implementation of Directive 92/43/EEC and EU Natura 2000 Network and also to provide information on funding

opportunities resulting from the LIFE Programme in view of the current call for proposals for the year 2017.

Mr. Michel Quicheron from Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) and Mr. Elias Demian, representative of the External Monitoring Team of the LIFE Programme NEEMO participated in the Info Day.

The attendees had also the opportunity to be informed about good practices about current and previous Life Projects that participated at the Info Day with information stands.



LIFE Programme Info Days

In view of the current LIFE Programme **call** for proposals for the year 2017, the Department of Environment organized Info Days within the framework of the Project LIFE14 CAP/CY/000006 "Cyclamen - Cyprus Capacity Building for LIFE". The workshops that were held in Nicosia (14 June), Limassol (22 June) and Galata (28 June) aimed at providing information to applicants on the funding possibilities from LIFE Programme.

The attendees had the opportunity to be informed about the objectives, the type of projects, the award criteria, the role of the National Contact Point and its services to potential applicants.

Through their presentations Dr. Constantinos Kounnamas (University of Frederick), Dr. Maria Hadjipanayi (University of Cyprus), Mr. Lefkios Sergides (Terra Cypria) and Ms. Athanasia Mandoulaki (Cyprus University of Technology), analyzed how the European added value and Replicability aspect is interpreted in a LIFE proposal.

Dr. Katerina Koutsovoulou Nature and Biodiversity Expert and a member of the Capacity Building Project Team of the National Contact Point of Greece presented the experience of preparing the Greek proposals for LIFE Integrated Projects.

Also, Mr. Eleftherios Loizou, Managing Director of Nicosia Development Agency, Mrs. Klelia Vasiliou, Director of Troodos Development Company and Mr. Panayiotis Papadopoulos, President of Platres Community Council spoke about the participation of the Local Authorities in European Funding Programmes.

Finally, Mrs. Nedi Kaffa from Research Promotion Foundation presented Enterprise Europe Network in Cyprus' support services to Cypriot SMEs, which include, among others, information on European and national funding instruments.



PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL CONTACT POINT IN OTHER EVENTS



• Life SmartPV (LIFE12/ENV/CY/000276) Info Day for the 25th anniversary of LIFE Programme

SmartPV Project organized an Info Day on May 5, 2017 at the University of Cyprus in view of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of LIFE Programme titled "New technologies for the support of photovoltaic systems". The National Contact Point participated at the event with a speech on the 25-year contribution of LIFE Programme.



• Europe in a day

The Representation of the European Commission in Cyprus in cooperation with the European Parliament Information Office in Cyprus and the Press and Information Office of the Republic of Cyprus organized an event to celebrate Europe Day at the Acropolis Park in Nicosia on Saturday, May 13, 2017. The LIFE National Contact Point participated at the Event with an information stand.

• Final Information Event of the AgroLife Project (LIFE13 BIO/CY/001114)

The LIFE National Contact Point participated at the final event of AgroLife Project held on May 19, 2017 at the Cyprus University of Technology, presenting the LIFE Programme on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its launch.



• Workshop of ORGANIKO LIFE+ Project (LIFE14 CCM/CY/000990)

The Agricultural Research Institute organized a workshop titled "Organic products market in Cyprus: From the Producer to the Consumer" on October 8, 2017 at the Agricultural Research Institute in Nicosia within the framework of ORGANIKO LIFE+ Project. The National Contact Point informed the participants about the objectives of LIFE Programme, the type of projects, the award criteria and the current Call for Proposals.



2017 CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR LIFE GRANTS

On 28 April 2017, the European Commission announced the launch of the Call for Proposals. Guidelines for applicants as well as deadlines for submitting proposals are posted on **the LIFE Programme website**.

For more information, applicants may contact the National Contact Point as follows:



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