



# Nature and Biodiversity

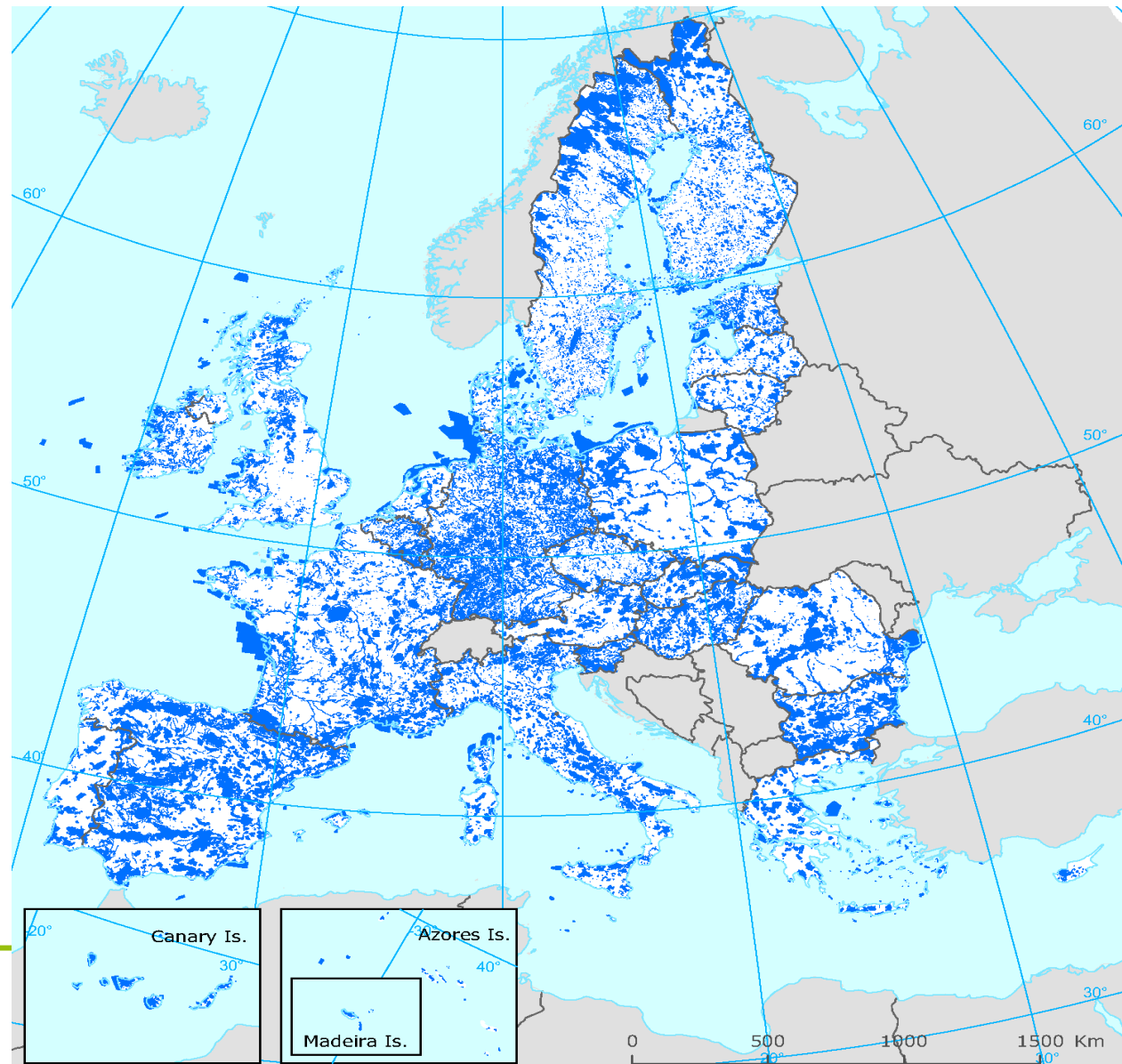
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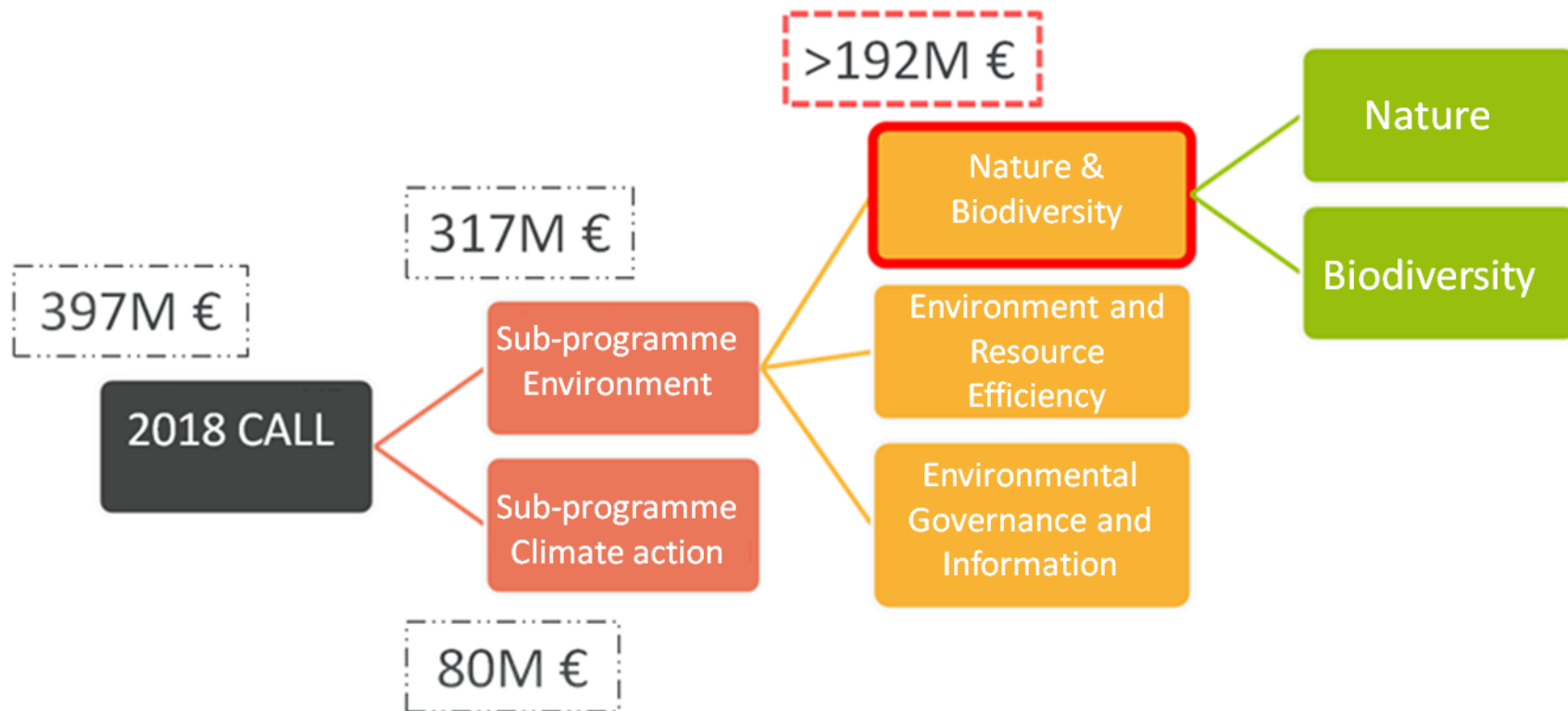


# Natura 2000 network of protected areas



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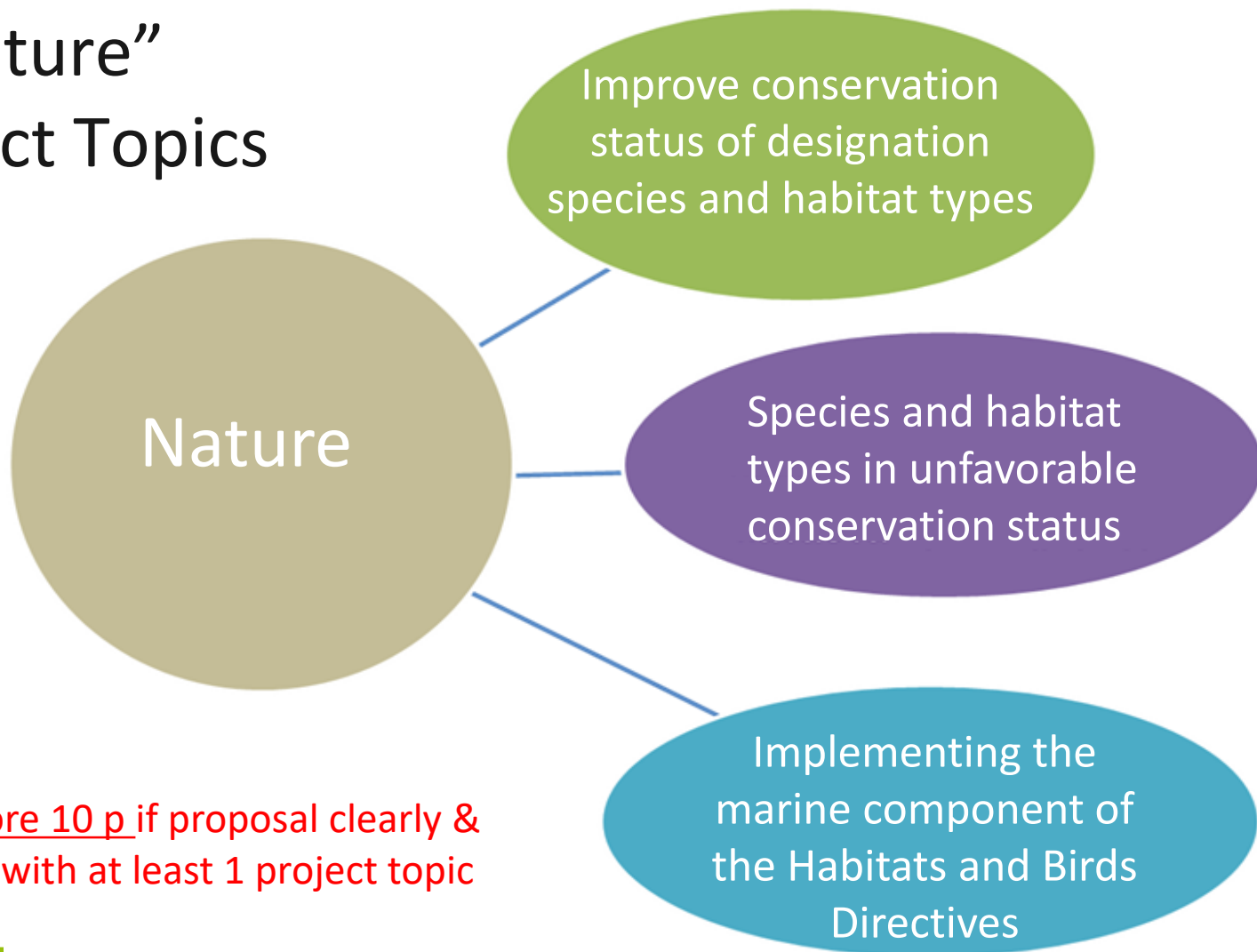
Increased budget allocation for NAT/BIO projects – **at least 60,5%** of Environment sub-programme

## Thematic priorities for Nature: activities for the implementation of Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC, in particular:

1. activities aimed at improving the conservation status of habitats and species, including marine habitats and species, and bird species, of Union interest;
2. activities in support of the Natura 2000 network bio-geographical seminars;
3. integrated approaches for the implementation of prioritised action frameworks (PAF).

# “Nature”

## 3 Project Topics



MAX 2 Topics!

AW 5 max. score 10 p if proposal clearly & fully complies with at least 1 project topic

## 1<sup>st</sup> NAT Project Topic

Projects that improve the conservation status of habitat types or species of Community Interest under the EU Birds and Habitats directives, targeting **Natura 2000 sites proposed or designated for these habitat types or species.**

Sources of Information:

- Natura2000Viewer-<http://natura2000.eea.europa.eu/>
- Natura2000database-<https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/data/natura-8>

## LIFE Grifone -LIFE14 NAT/IT/000484

### Implementation of best practices to rescue griffon vultures (*Gyps fulvus*) in Sardinia”

- Mitigate the shortage in carcass availability and increase the carrying capacity of the foraging areas;
- Mitigate the risk of poisoning;
- Enhance population viability via restocking; and
- Reinforce the local wildlife rescue centre and reduce human disturbance in the reproductive sites.



[www.lifeundergriffonwings.eu/it](http://www.lifeundergriffonwings.eu/it)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> NAT Project Topic

Projects aimed at improving the conservation status of habitat types or species of Community Interest, provided, their status is **not 'favourable/secure and not declining'** or **'unknown'** according to the most recent overall assessments that Member States have provided at the relevant geographic level according to Article 17 of the Habitats Directive or Article 12 of Birds Directive and EU-level bird assessments.

### Sources of Information:

- Article17'Viewer'-<https://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17/reports2012/>
- Article12'Viewer'-<https://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/>

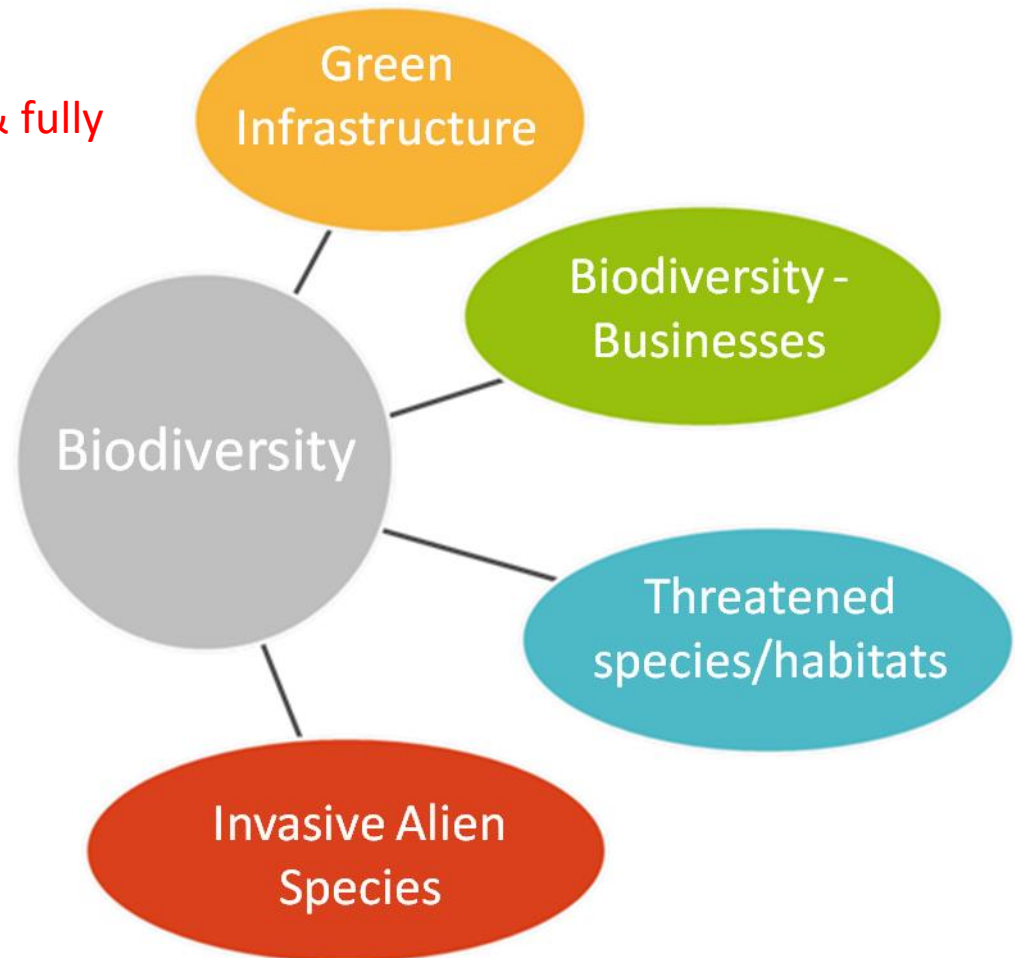
## 3<sup>rd</sup> NAT Project Topic - Implementing the marine component of the Habitats and Birds Directives

- completing and finalising national inventories for setting up the offshore marine network of N2K sites,
- restoration and management of marine N2K sites, preparation and implementation of site management plans,
- actions which combine conservation measures with a sustainable use of N2K sites, and/or
- demonstrative or innovative approaches to assess or monitor the impact of human activities on critical marine habitats and species and their application as a tool to guide concrete conservation measures.

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## “Biodiversity” 4 Project Topics



# 1<sup>st</sup> BIO Project Topic: Green Infrastructure (GI)

- Development and implementation of Green Infrastructure plans and actions improving the condition of ecosystems and the services they provide and/or the connectivity between Natura 2000 sites and/or other protected areas.
- Development and application of Green Infrastructure-related widely replicable methods and/or techniques that effectively mitigate the negative impacts of energy or transport infrastructure on biodiversity by enhancing connectivity.

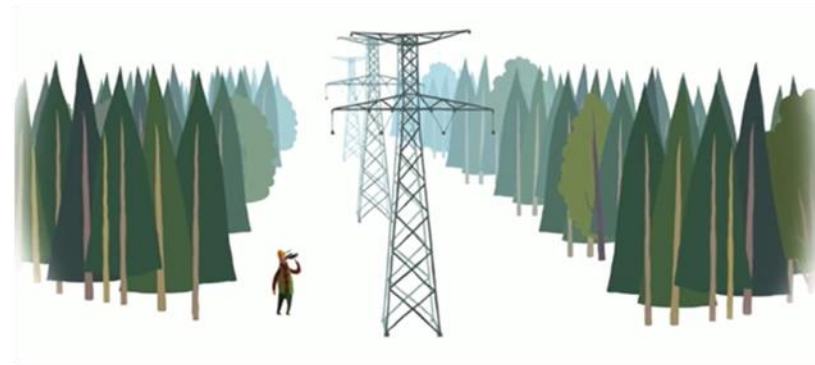


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LIFE10 NAT/BE/000709

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Creating green corridors  
under overhead lines

<http://www.life-elia.eu>



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> BIO Project Topic: Mainstreaming Biodiversity in business reporting and accounting



This topic is looking for projects that:

- Are informed by a 'tool' for decision making (e.g. by a company), and/or provides a metric for the net impacts on biodiversity and/or entail a business model enabling income delivery from ecosystem services (ES) with revenue, cash flow or saving otherwise regular expenditures
- Carry out conservation and restoration during project implementation
- Ultimately deliver no net loss of biodiversity or enhanced ecosystem services



**B@B Workstream 1: Natural Capital Accounting for Business: Guide to selecting an approach**

Final Report

5 December 2014

*Example:* SME in agri-food or beverage sector to assess and evaluate its biodiversity impact and dependency of its supply chain in order to inform management decisions for changes in their sourcing.

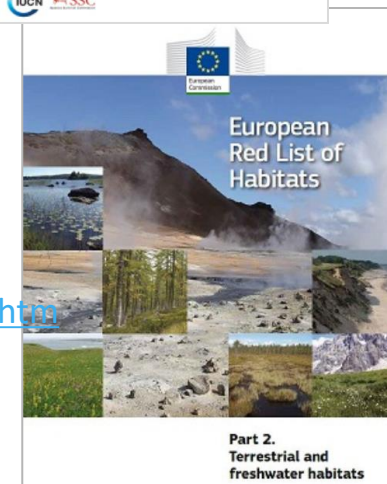
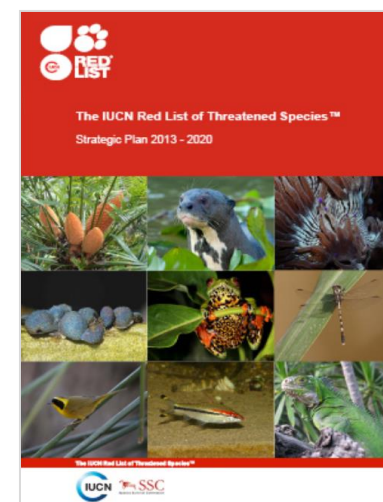
### Multiple Benefits:

- Improved drinking water or food (provisioning ES) and regulating ES of agro-ecosystem
- Net gain of biodiversity
- Saving regular expenditures or even generating revenue from ES

## 3<sup>rd</sup> BIO Project Topic – Threatened species or habitats that are not included in the annexes of the Habitats Directive

Projects targeting:

- Species and habitats that have a status of **‘endangered’** or **worse** in the **European** Species or Habitats **Red Lists** or,
- Species and habitats that are not covered by the European Red Lists and have a status of **‘endangered’** or **worse** in the **IUCN Red List**



IUCN Red List of Species: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

European Red List of Habitats: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/knowledge/redlist\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/knowledge/redlist_en.htm)

## 4<sup>th</sup> BIO Project Topic - Invasive Alien Species

Prevention of introduction

Early detection / rapid eradication

Eradication, control or containing  
established IAS

Sources of Information:

[Regulation \(EU\) 1143/2014 on invasive alien species](#) (the IAS Regulation)

List of Invasive Alien Species of Union concern



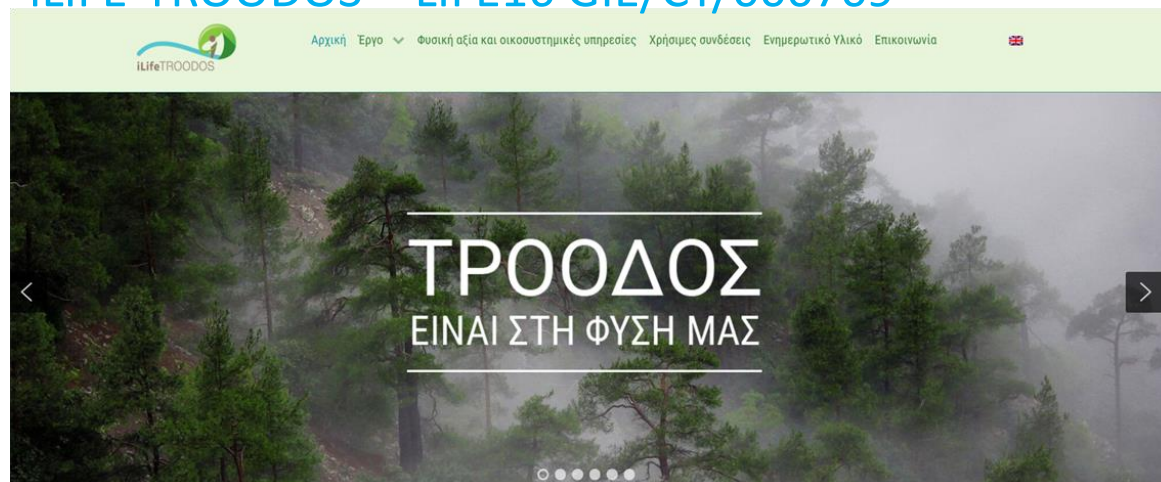
Aims to make Cyprus the ‘first line of defence’ against the invasion of the lionfish (*Pterois miles*) in the Mediterranean.

- Develop necessary capacity and mechanisms in Cyprus so the country can act promptly and effectively against the lionfish invasion, and other invasive species from the Red Sea;
- Demonstrate the effectiveness of a range of lionfish invasion prevention measures; and
- Build capacity and knowledge which can be transferred and replicated by other countries of the Mediterranean, so they can prevent lionfish establishing in their waters.

## Priority Area “Environmental Governance and Information”

- information, communication and awareness-raising campaigns in line with the priorities of the 7<sup>th</sup> Environment Action Programme

### iLIFE-TROODOS - LIFE16 GIE/CY/000709



<http://ilifetroodos.eu>

- activities in support of effective control process as well as measures to promote compliance in relation to Union environmental legislation, and in support of information systems and information tools on implementation of Union environmental legislation

# NAT/BIO PROJECTS

## List of all proposed actions

- A. Preparatory actions, elaboration of management plans and / or of action plans
- B. Purchase / lease of land and / or compensation payments for use rights
- C. Conservation actions
- D. Monitoring the impact of the project actions (obligatory)
- E. Public awareness and dissemination of results (obligatory)
- F. Project management (obligatory).

# GIE projects

## List of all actions

- A. Preparatory actions (if needed)
- B. Implementation actions (obligatory)
- C. Monitoring of the impact of the project actions (obligatory)
- D. Public awareness and dissemination of results (obligatory)
- E. Project management (obligatory)

## What's new in 2018

### 1. Two stage procedure for proposal submission

In order to simplify the process for the submission of LIFE traditional projects, proposal submission procedure will be organised in two stages:

- Stage 1: Concept note

- Stage 2: Full proposal

This two stage approach will first entail submission of an 11 page concept note. Only applicants with the best ranked concept notes will be invited to submit a full proposal.

### 2. New project topics deriving from second LIFE Multiannual Work Programme covering the period 2018-2020

### 3. Revised evaluation criteria (see Evaluation Guidelines 2018)

### 4. No more National allocation mechanism

### 5. Increased budget earmarking for the priority area of Nature and Biodiversity (from 55 to 60.5%, LIFE Regulation Article 9. Point 4)

### 6. Change in co-financing rates for Environment and Resource efficiency as well as Environmental Governance and information to 55% of the total eligible project costs (LIFE Regulation Article 20b).

CALL 2018

LIFE Nature & LIFE Biodiversity projects

LIFE Environmental Governance & Information projects

## SAVE THE DATES!





# Thank you!

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