

# 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

LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout the EU. After more than 22 years,  $\in$ 3.4 billion and 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  $\in$ 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 has three priority areas:

**Environment and Resource Efficiency** 

Nature and Biodiversity

Environmental Governance and Information

The **Climate Action** sub-programme has three priority areas:

	Climate Change Mitigation	
	Climate Change Adaptation	
	Climate Governance and Information	

LIFE's universally-acknowledged success is based on "traditional" LIFE Nature, Biodiversity, Environment and Information projects. These best practice, demonstration, pilot and awareness-raising projects continue, but are now accompanied by a whole new sub-programme for climate action, four new types of projects (integrated, technical assistance, capacity-building, preparatory) and two financial instruments (Natural Capital Financing Facility, Private Financing for Energy Efficiency).

# 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).

# **Our Team**

While the current personnel of our National Contact Point is fully committed on Cyclamen project, there's also recruitment of new personnel dedicated to obtaining technical competence in both Traditional and Integrated Projects. The Cyclamen team is comprised of the following personnel:

- Marilena Papastavrou (National Contact Point for LIFE Environment)
- Maria Zomeni (Nature and Biodiversity Expert)
- Olympia Nisiforou (Environment and Resource Efficiency Expert)
- Chrystalla Papastavrou (National Contact Point for LIFE Climate Action)
- Panos Kakonitis (Climate Change Expert)

# **Project Details**

Title: Cyprus Capacity Building for Life Project Acronym: Cyclamen Grant Agreement Number: LIFE14 CAP/CY/000006 Starting Date: 15.12.2015 Duration: 48 months Coordinator: Department of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment

# **Project 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 both in numbers and quality.

# 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 Web 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/



LIFE National Contact Point in Cyprus Department of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment http://www.moa.gov.cy/environment



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