

LIFE Networking Event 2021, Cyprus

● The Greek LIFE Task Force project

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Kalimera!

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Who is Who

Green Fund



Director

LIFE Programme



National Contact Point LIFE/ ENV

Context

□ The GRLTF project

- The pre GRLTF era
- The GRLTF era
- The post GRLTF era

- The pre GRLTF era (1/2)
- - ❑ The experience of past LIFE programmes in the member states has highlighted the importance of LIFE national contact points.
 - ❑ The LIFE national contact point tasks have been assigned to permanent personnel of the Ministry of Environment & Energy, among a series of other duties.

- The pre GRLTF era (2/2)
- - ❑ Overwhelming bureaucracy to the beneficiaries from the public sector
 - ❑ Financial crisis
 - ❑ Stakeholders managed to perform in a very difficult financial and administrative environment with very limited support and coordination on behalf of the national authorities

The GRLTF era

Capacity Building projects:

provide financial support to activities required to build the capacity of Member States, with a view to enabling Member States to participate more effectively in the LIFE Programme

Duration:

01/01/2016 – 31/07/2021

Budget:

Total amount: € 1,304,708

EU funding: € 953,600

Project Partners:

Green Fund, Coordinating Beneficiary

Ministry of Environment and Energy, Associated Beneficiary





The GRLTF era (1/13)

Networking with other public authorities in Member States

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Adaptation of LIFE guidelines for stakeholders and potential beneficiaries

The LIFE guidelines were translated in Greek

Contribution in the process of building 20 LIFE

Traditional projects +3 IPs.

265 supporting activities to stakeholders for

traditional and integrated LIFE have been implemented

Consultancy was provided even to experienced applicants.

24 new potential applicants were identified



The GRLTF era (2/13)

Project acronym	Code of the project
LIFE IGIC	LIFE16 NAT/GR/000575
LIFE – ClimaMED	LIFE17 CCM/GR/000087
LIFE GYR	LIFE17 ENV/GR/000215
LIFE GAIA Sense	LIFE17 ENV/GR/000220
LIFE PureAgroH2O	LIFE17 ENV/GR/000387
LIFE FALKON	LIFE17 NAT/IT/000586
LIFE BRINE-MINING	LIFE18 ENV/GR/000019
LIFE PROWhIBIT	LIFE18 GIE/GR/000899
LIFE ARCPROM	LIFE18 NAT/GR/000768
LIFE VISIONS	LIFE19 ENV/GR/000100
LIFE PROFILE	LIFE19 GIE/GR/001127
LIFE TRANSFER	LIFE 19 NAT/IT/000264
LIFE LWfG CLIMATE	LIFE19 NAT/LT/000898
LIFE PanPuffinus!	LIFE19 NAT/MT/000982
LIFE EL-BIOS	LIFE20 GIE/GR/001317
LIFE FROSTDEFEND	LIFE20 CCA/GR/001747
LIFE RESYSTAL	LIFE20 CCA/GR/001787
LIFE CO2toCH4	LIFE20 CCM/GR/001642
LIFE MiCliFeed	LIFE20 CCM/GR/001703
LIFE Pinnarca	LIFE20 NAT/ES/001265

The GRLTF era (3/13)

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Guideline for Common Difficulties was published



The GRLTF era (4/13)

Establishment of a helpdesk and an internet platform

A helpdesk was created dealing with administrative, financial and technical difficulties that applicants face.

176 (draft) proposals consulted helpdesk

Continuously updated with new material for LIFE calls
and has more than 20.000 unique views



Support Platform for the European Programme LIFE

This Platform was created in the framework of a LIFE Capacity Building project, entitled "Establishment and operation of the Greek LIFE Task Force for LIFE Programme in Greece" to provide advisory and technical assistance to potential beneficiaries and stakeholders for the European Programme LIFE. In addition, it enables users to exchange ideas, access information, educational material, finding potential partners, and subscribing to electronic mailing lists.



Helpful material

Useful information for submitting data and educational material for the LIFE program.



Partner search

Search for agencies, institutions or SMEs interested in participating in LIFE proposals in specific subjects or areas of interest.



Forum (discussions)

Discussion area about issues concerning the submission of proposals for the LIFE program.

(Not available in English)



Frequently asked questions

Frequently asked questions about submitting proposals, economic issues, technical issues and creating synergies in the LIFE program.



Help desk

Send a message to our team in order to get consultation and technical support for the LIFE program.

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The GRLTF era (6/13)

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The Database includes three ways for

searching data about LIFE projects: a) based on project information b) based on project deliverables and c) based on geographic location of the project deliverables.

The Database has already 1.047 unique users with 5.475 visits from 104 countries all over the world.



Αρχική

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Αναζήτηση Έργου

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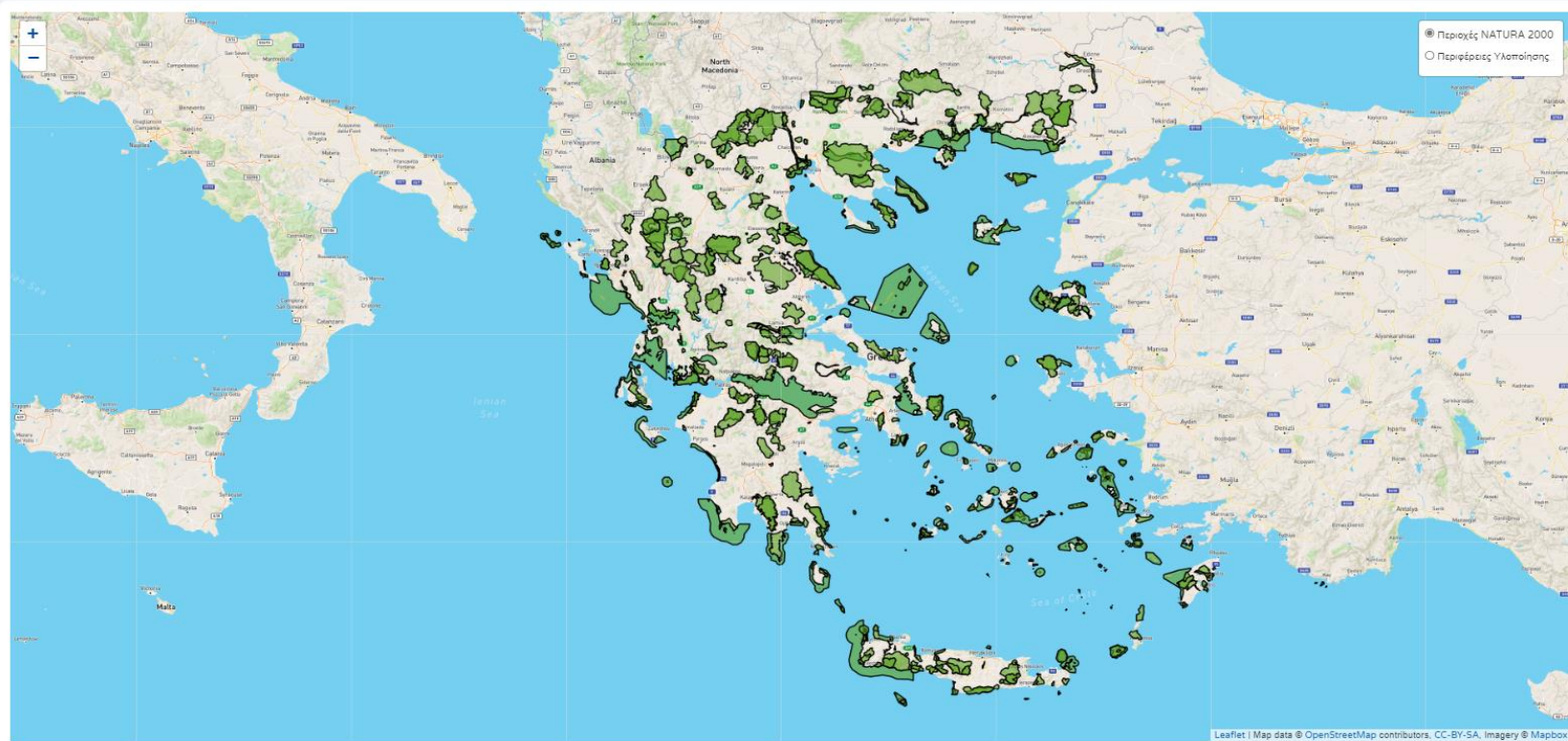
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Στατιστικά

Best Projects

Βάση Δεδομένων Έργων και Παραδοτέων LIFE στην Ελλάδα

Γεωγραφική Αναζήτηση



The GRLTF era (8/13)

Promotion of best practices and dissemination of results of Greek LIFE Projects

47 LIFE projects were presented in 9 info – days allocated in different cities assisting the participants with ideas of a local character.

17 exchange events where 192 projects promoted their best practices and results to 1.809 participants in total.

42 LIFE projects were presented through the website's special section 'the month's LIFE project'



The GRLTF era (9/13)

Financial and technical training on project management of ongoing projects

13 beneficiaries implementing a LIFE project have been supported by the GR LIFE.

GRLTF contributed to speed the procedures for the legal adoption of:

(a) the Species Action Plans that have been the outcome of 3 LIFE Projects and

(b) the Biodiversity Plan and the Management Plan

that were the outcome of 2 LIFE Projects.



Policy uptake of LIFE Projects:

The results overview of the 'LIFE and Agriculture' thematic

event were forwarded to the Ministry of Rural Development. GRLTF provided support the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic Planning Partnership 2021-2027, on Environment and Climate Change, organized by Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Environment.

The GRLTF era (10/13)

Networking with other Member States' Capacity Building Projects

GRLTF participated in 7 Capacity Building Exchange meetings focusing on issues that were common among NCPs.

Project planning of regional and national workshops for stakeholders involved

17 LIFE info days were organized

21 training seminars were implemented

4 Thematic seminars were organized:

(“LIFE and Agriculture”, “LIFE and Cities”,
“LIFE and Forests” and “LIFE and SMEs”).

1 International seminar



(Attraction in 2017: 33 participants | Attraction in 2021: 11.494 viewers)

The GRLTF era (11/13)

Enhancement of synergies between LIFE and other funding opportunities

3 meetings have been held between the GRLTF and the management authorities of the Structural Funds programmes in Greece.

Synergies developed with representatives of other networks related to the environment, such as H2020, Interreg, COSME, Creative Europe, Erasmus, EEA grants, BBI-JU and URBACT.

Follow up of the completed Life projects to enhance their After-LIFE performance

The most important problems that After LIFE plans face



in Greece during their implementation are: 1) collaborating bodies do not undertake their respective responsibilities, 2) issues of functionality and jurisdiction responsibilities, 3) securing funds, 4) partnership – consortium setup, 5) issuance of administrative/legal decisions and laws, 6) low capacity building

The GRLTF era (12/13)

Identification of possible co-financing sources

12 potential co-financers were identified and approached from the beginning of the project

Milestones:

(1) The Board of the Environmental Association of Municipalities of Athens and Pireaus unanimously decided to support its member -

Municipalities when implementing traditional LIFE projects. This decision led to the establishment of the first official co-financing source.



(2) The representative of the Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy Ministry in the Blue Fund expressed her will to support mature projects when applying for LIFE through the resources of the Blue Fund.

The GRLTF era (13/13)

Potential co-financing sources	Topics of interest	Potential beneficiaries
Blue Fund	Protection of the marine environment	Public bodies and Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)
Blue Green White Capital	Protection of the environment and climate action	Private commercial organisations
BlueCycle	Protection of the marine environment	Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)
Climate KIC	Climate action	Private commercial organisations and Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)
Cyclades Preservation Fund	Protection of the environment in Cyclades	Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)
Environmental Association of the Municipalities of Athens Piraeus	Protection and promotion of Mount Egaleo, Protection and control of public health through actions to combat the disease KALA AZAR (also known as visceral leishmaniasis), Noise	Municipalities – members of the Association
Local Government Development Organization of the Attica Region	Protection of the environment and climate action	Public bodies and Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)
Skywalker.gr	Protection of the environment and climate action	Private commercial organisations
Sporos Circular Solutions Private Funding Platform	Circular economy and quality of life	Private commercial organisations
Stavros Niarchos Foundation	Protection of the environment and climate action	Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)
Thalassa Foundation	Protection of the marine environment	Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)
WIND	Protection of the environment and climate action	Private commercial organisations and Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs)

The post GRLTF era

- NCPs

- RCPs

- Technical Assistance

Thank you!

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