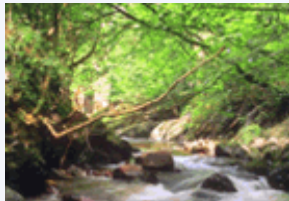




# Welcome to LIFE



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- **What is LIFE?**
- **LIFE Environment**





# What is LIFE?





# What is LIFE?



- A financial instrument supporting EC environmental policy and legislation
- It co-finances actions favourable to the environment
- And is active in EU countries, accession candidate countries and third countries bordering the Mediterranean and Baltic Seas



# LIFE III General Objectives



LIFE co-finances environmental actions that

*“contribute to the implementation, updating and development of Community environment policy and legislation, in particular as regards the integration of the environment into other policies, and to sustainable development in the Community.”*



# Sixth Environment Action Programme 2001-2010



- LIFE projects must correspond to 6<sup>th</sup> EAP priorities and support its objectives.
- 6<sup>th</sup> EAP states that environmental policy must be:
  - innovative in its approach
  - seek new ways of working with a wide cross section of society
  - fully enforced





# LIFE III Legal Framework



- European Parliament and Council Regulation 1655/2000  
(OJ L 192 of the 28 July 2000)  
→ amended 26/07/2004
- <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/life/index.htm>





# LIFE phases and areas of action



- Launched in 1992:
  - o LIFE phase I (1992-1995): 400 m€
  - o LIFE phase II (1996-1999): 450 m€
  - o LIFE phase III (2000-2004): 640 m€
  - o **LIFE phase III + (2005-2006): 317 m€**
  
- Areas of action:
  - o **LIFE-Environment (47% of LIFE III budget)**
  - o LIFE-Nature (47%)
  - o LIFE-Third Countries (6%)







# LIFE Figures



Between 1992 and 2004

**2.481** projects supported by LIFE

- 1.407 LIFE-Environment
- 876 LIFE-Nature
- 198 LIFE-Third Countries





# LIFE Environment in Greece



Since 1992: **86** LIFE – Environment projects  
have been approved from Greece:

1992 : **6**      1995 : **11**      1998 : **4**      2002 : **7**

1993 : **5**      1996 : **6**      1999 : **12**      2003 : **8**

1994 : **13**      1997 : **7**      2000 : **7**





# LIFE Environment in Greece



- Eastern Macedonia and Thrace
- Attica (30 %)
- Western Greece
- Western Macedonia
- Ionian islands
- Ipeiros
- Central Macedonia (20%)
- Crete
- Southern Aegean
- Peloponnese
- Sterea Ellada
- Thessaly
- Northern Aegean





# LIFE-ENV





# LIFE - Environment

- *„ ... to contribute to the development of innovative and integrated techniques and methods, and to the further development of Community environment policy”*





# Types of projects

- **Demonstration** projects (neither Research nor Investment in existing technologies)
- **Preparatory projects** (for innovation of EU environmental policy)





# Demonstration projects (1)



- **Project duration** usually between 1.5 and 3 years
- Project **total budget** usually between 1.000.000 and 5.000.000 EURO
- Clear **link with EU policy/legislation**
- **Projects addressing an environmental problem** of broad relevance





## Demonstration projects (2)



- **Are innovative:** the project must show that it is based on a new idea that brings the issue further
- **Have transferable results:** the results can be reproduced and transferred to other potential users
- **And have a dissemination strategy**





# LIFE-Environment Themes



- Land-use development and planning
- Water management
- Impact of economic activities
- Waste management
- Integrated production policy



# ◀ Land-use Development and Planning ▶

## Aim

- promote the integration of environmental and sustainable development considerations into land use development and planning

## Fields of actions

- Urban environment
- Air quality and noise abatement ⇔ Air quality Framework Directive (96/62/EC) and Green Book on Noise
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management



# Water Management



- **Aim**
- Promote the sustainable management of groundwater and surface water
- **Fields of actions**
- Water Management at the river basin level ⇔ Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC)
- Groundwater Protection
- Wastewater treatment
- Prevention and reduction of diffuse and dispersed sources of pollution of water
- Planning and organizational aspects of water management, long-term challenges





# Impacts of Economic Activities



## Aim

- minimise the environmental impacts of economic activities

## Fields of actions

- Clean technologies ⇔ IPPC Directive (96/61/EC)
- Reduction of emission of gases having a greenhouse effect ⇔ Kyoto protocol
- Sustainable tourism





# Waste Management



## Aim

- Prevention, reuse, recovery and recycling of waste of all kinds and sound management of waste streams

## Fields of actions

- Packaging and plastics
- Hazardous or problematic waste
- Waste important in volume







# Impact of Products and Services



## Aim

- Reduce the environmental impact of products throughout their life-cycle through innovative design and improvement of the information flow; promotion of greening consumption patterns regarding products and services.

## Fields of actions

- Integrated environment management ⇔ EMAS
- Eco-design, eco-efficiency, green financial products
- Eco-labelling ⇔ Eco-label Regulation, ISOs







# Community Financial Contribution

- Maximum: **50 %** of the eligible costs of the projects
- Reduced to **30 %** for projects expected to generate revenue
- Project can not benefit from other sources of Community funding





# Who can apply?



- All legal entities established in the participating countries:
  - Individuals
  - Industrial companies
  - Commercial firms
  - Local authorities
  - NGOs
  - ...
- Proposals submitted by a single applicant
  - but EU-level partnership are preferred





# Different roles to play



- Beneficiary
- Partner(s)
- Co-financier (s)
- Subcontractor(s)





# How to apply?



- **Yearly call** for projects
- Standard **application forms** (downloadable from web site)

*[http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/funding/life-env\\_call2005/index.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/funding/life-env_call2005/index.htm)*

- National authorities set **deadline**

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