

## Borough Briefing

### LIFE Climate Action – 2018 Call for Proposals

### Climate Action – Traditional Projects

#### 1.0 Introduction

[The LIFE programme has launched its 2018 call for project proposals. LIFE is the EU's funding programme for the Environment and Climate Action projects for the period of 2014-2020.](#) This year, close to €400 million will be invested in environmental protection and climate action. The LIFE programme is split into two sub-programmes and four types of actions. [Calls for proposals under the sub-programme: Climate Action and Action 1: Tradition Projects are most suited to local authority transport policies and will be addressed in this briefing.](#)

#### 2.0 Funding and co-financing

The LIFE programme offers a funding rate of 60% for all eligible participants. Projects are expected to last 2-5 years and involve 6 to 15 partners from different countries and sectors.

#### 3.0 Timescale for bidding

A streamlined application process has also been introduced to make it easier to access LIFE funds. However, for this year, applicants for [Traditional Projects on Climate Action](#) will continue to submit single-stage applications. **The deadline for full applications is 12 September 2018.**

September – December 2018: Evaluation of proposals

February 2019 – Notification to applicants of the evaluation results

#### 4.0 Thematic Objective

The sub-programme for Climate action covers three priority areas:

- **LIFE Climate Change Mitigation – addresses the following specific objectives:**
  - To contribute to the implementation and development of Union policy and legislation on climate change mitigation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions for climate change mitigation;
  - To improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective climate change mitigation actions and measures and to enhance the capacity to apply that knowledge in practice;
  - To facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for climate change mitigation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level;

- To contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative climate change mitigation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed.
- **Life Climate Change Adaptation – addresses the following specific objectives:**
  - To contribute to the development and implementation of Union policy on climate change adaptation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices and solutions for climate change adaptation, including, where appropriate, ecosystem-based approaches;
  - To improve the knowledge base for the development, assessment, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of effective climate change adaptation actions and measures, prioritising, where appropriate, those applying an ecosystem-based approach, and to enhance the capacity to apply that knowledge in practice;
  - To facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for climate change adaptation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level, prioritising, where appropriate, ecosystem-based approaches;
  - To contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative climate change adaptation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed.
- **LIFE Climate Governance and Information – addresses the following specific objectives:**
  - To promote awareness raising on climate matters, including generating public and stakeholder support of Union policy making in the field of the climate, and to promote knowledge on sustainable development;
  - To support communication, management, and dissemination of information in the field of the climate and to facilitate knowledge sharing on successful climate solutions and practice, including by developing cooperation platforms among stakeholders and training;
  - To promote and contribute to more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union climate legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches;
  - To promote better climate governance by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGOs, in consultation on and implementation of policy.

Projects must choose which priority area the project contributes most and indicate this in the application. It is encouraged, where relevant, for projects to contribute to more than one of the priority areas.

## 5.0 Types of Actions

The three thematic priorities are addressed in three supported actions: Traditional, Integrated and Technical Assistance. **Action 1, Traditional Actions, will be of particular interest to boroughs.**

- **Traditional Actions:** Traditional projects will be **pilot, demonstration, best practice** or **information, awareness and dissemination** projects.

- **Pilot:** projects that apply a technique or method that has not been applied or tested before, or elsewhere, and that offer potential environmental or climate advantages compared to current best practice and that can subsequently be applied on a larger scale to similar situations.
- **Demonstration:** projects that put into practice, test, evaluate and disseminate actions, methodologies or approaches that are new or unknown in the specific context of the project, such as the geographical, ecological and socio-economic context, and that could be applied elsewhere in similar circumstances.
- **Best Practice:** projects that apply appropriate, cost-effective, state-of-the-art techniques, methods and approaches taking into account the specific context of the project
- **Information, Awareness and Dissemination:** projects aimed at supporting communication, dissemination of information and awareness raising.
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- **Integrated Actions:** projects implementing on a large territorial scale (regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national scale) climate action plans, strategies or roadmaps required by specific Union climate legislation, developed pursuant to other Union acts or developed by Member States' authorities, primarily in the areas of climate change mitigation and adaptation, while ensuring involvement of stakeholders and promoting the coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other relevant Union, national or private funding source. Calls for proposals under this action will be submitted under a two stage bidding process.
- **Technical Assistance Actions:** projects under this action will provide, by way of action grants, financial support to help applicants prepare integrated projects.

## 6.0 Next steps

Boroughs are encouraged to [contact LEPT](#) with any queries, expressions of interest or project ideas.

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