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The 2016 LIFE Call



- To be published late May & expected to be similar to the 2015 Call

Strand	Deadline
Climate (all categories: CCA, CCM & GIC)	07 September
Environment & Resource Efficiency	12 September
Nature & Biodiversity, Environmental Governance & Information	15 September

- A8's: letters of government support for Nature & Biodiversity projects. Deadline for Welsh requests is 27th June to: WalesLIFE@wales.gsi.gov.uk alongside B1 + B2 forms.

Application forms



- A forms – administrative information
- B forms – technical summary and overall context of project
- C forms – detailed technical description of proposed actions (to include the AfterLIFE, dissemination & project management)
- F forms – financial application forms



What makes a good proposal?



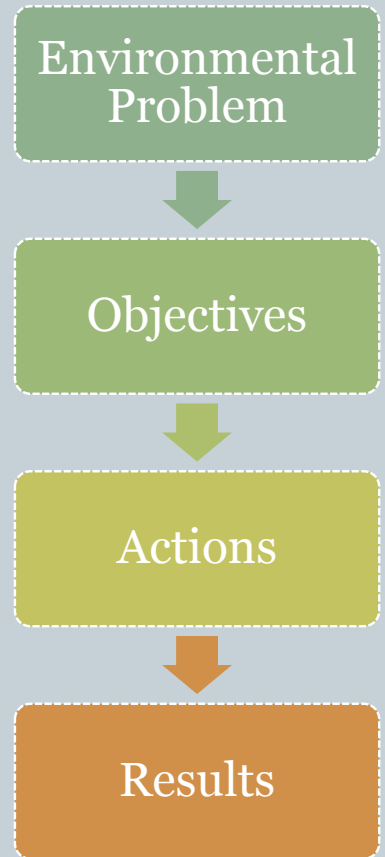
- Set the scene – explain the extent to which the identified problem is of EU importance.
- Ensure there is a logical link between the threats/problems and the objectives, actions and the expected results. Use the Logical Framework approach!
- Link any background/pre LIFE preparatory work to the proposal.
- Quantification! Put those numbers in up front.
- Get support from your finance team.

A logical approach to a good proposal



- What? Are you planning to solve?
- Why? Is this work needed?
- How? (quantify)
- Who?
- Cost? – value for money. Does the ratios of staff time, CCM, communications, management look appropriate?
- Indicators – plan for regular deliverables and/or milestones to assist in monitoring and keeping track of progress. But not too many – time is better spent on actions!

(all wrapped in the European context)!



LIFE Nature policy links – show EU added value



- LIFE Natura 2000 Programme for Wales & Prioritised Improvement Plans (PIPs)
- UK Prioritised Action Framework (UK PAF)
- National strategies such as specific species action plans
- Nature Directives
 - Article 17/12 reporting
- Target 1 of EU Biodiversity Strategy
- 7th Environmental Action Plan (7th EAP)

You don't need to link to all policies but identify the most relevant to your project

Common failings



- Poor project definition.
- Insufficient background to justify the project.
- No logical link between problem, objective, actions and results.
- No baseline! You need to know the extent of the problem and evidence to show that the situation is improving.
- Research 'hidden' within preparatory actions – pre-op context not yet known.
- Lack of quantification.
- Long term sustainability insufficiently addressed.

Our LIFE Support service



- **Application writing workshops:**
 - 12th May Edinburgh
 - 16th May Cardiff - register at: <http://bit.ly/1oFwUGg>
- **Webinars:**
 - 2016 Call - outlining the key differences with the 2015 Call
 - Finance
 - Nature & Biodiversity – how to get the EU added value!
- **Pre- screening:**
 - **27th June** (but will accept at any time)
- **Monitored phonenumber and mailbox:**
 - WalesLIFE@JNCC.gov.uk
 - 01733 56 2626





VAT and LIFE projects

Catherine Holt

LIFE+ National Contact Point at Beta Technology

In 2013 the EU changed the VAT rules (Article 30 of the 2013 Common Provisions) so that it is not recoverable as an eligible costs when it is on activities engaged in as a public authority.

While we try and get clarification from HMRC about ...

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Antony Davies Thanks for this contribution Phil. It's a difficult area and hopefully experiences of organisations such as yours will be helpful to the ...
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Phil Lakin Unfortunately I don't think we are treated as having 'public body' status though this is a moot point. The Acts of Parliament that ...
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Adrian Oates The RSPB also claim VAT back at a set rate agreed annually, although ours is usually closer to the 90% mark. Because the amount we can not ...
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Catherine Holt There are now only 10 places left at the Info Day. If you haven't registered yet, please go to <http://t.co/PtdfsyNSY7>.
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Top tips



- Follow the rules, and by presenting a clear explanation of the proposal objectives and outcomes you could be successful.
- State the obvious - assume the evaluator has no knowledge.
- Get an 'outsider' to read your proposal.
- Read the guidance and contact us!
- Get onto eProposal early – it does crash.

Further information



EC LIFE website: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life>

Best LIFE Nature publications:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/publications/lifepublications/best_projects/index.htm

LIFE Multi-annual Work Programme:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/about/#mawp>

LIFE Model Grant Agreement:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2015/#nat>

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