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Summary of EU Funds for Wales

This table summarises the most relevant/ accessible EU funding sources for the environment. However it is not an exhaustive list and other EU structural funds such as the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) are available. More information can be found on the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) at <http://gov.wales/funding/eu-funds/?lang=en>. If you have any specific queries on the below please contact: WalesLIFE@JNCC.gov.uk.

Summary of EU funds for the environment and their main purpose. If you are thinking of LIFE funding check that it is the best for you as other options may be available

	Monitoring	Research	Communications	Practical actions	Management actions	Deadline
LIFE	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	September/ October (annual calls)
Horizon 2020	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	Frequent calls, as outlined in MAWP
Interreg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Rolling calls throughout year depending on programme
COST	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	Biannual calls in March and October
EMFF	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Quarterly
Eurofleet	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	Annual (spring)

Further information on EU funding streams available for the environment

Funding programme	Main target	Activities funded	Key dates	Funding level	Match funding	International involvement	UK Specialists
LIFE	<p>Primary financial instrument for the environment, nature conservation and climate action.</p> <p>Thematic priorities include: Natura 2000 and implementing the EU Biodiversity Strategy, Environment and Resource Efficiency and Climate Action.</p> <p>There are also two new financial</p>	<p>Two thematic objectives; the Environment (75% of budget) and Climate Action (25%).</p> <p>LIFE funds best practice, demonstration and pilots projects with a strong focus on EU added value, transferability and longevity.</p> <p>Funds very limited monitoring /research. Nature & Biodiversity projects require concrete conservation actions (at least 25% of budget).</p>	<p>Annual calls for traditional projects in September/ October</p> <p>Concept notes for IPs ~ Oct 2016 and full proposals April 17</p>	<p>UK allocation for 2014-2017 is €99.27m for Env projects. No allocation for Climate Action projects .</p> <p>Post 2017 the national allocation ceases to exist.</p>	<p>60% with 75% for projects focused on priority species and habitats</p>	<p>Extra points (5%) if transnational- however their participation needs to be fully justified.</p>	<p>WalesLIFE@JNCC.gov.uk - JNCC EU Funding team</p> <p>UKLIFE@jncc.gov.uk - UK NCP</p>

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	instruments: the Natural Capital Financing Facility & the Private Finance for Energy Efficiency instruments (PF4EE). The former provides financing opportunities in the form of loans for revenue-generating or cost-saving pilot projects promoting the preservation of natural capital. The later loans for investments in energy efficiency projects prioritised by National Energy Efficiency Action Plan.	Must stick to thematic priorities! Does not cover the construction of large infrastructure. A project is considered to be dedicated to the construction of large infrastructure if the cost of a "single item of infrastructure" exceeds € 500,000.					
Horizon 2020	Science; research and innovation; coordination and support actions. Societal Challenges are likely to be of most use. Notable societal challenges include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC2 - food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime research • SC5 - climate, environment, resource efficiency. 	Scientific work – very broad and flexible – but very competitive grants. Science dissemination & publications expected. Each 2 year MAWP has specific project topics, with the 2016/2017 workplan announced mid October. Can be creative within thematic priorities.	Rolling call dates	€31bn for Societal Challenges to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €3.8bn for SC2 • €3.0bn for SC5 	Up to 100% of total eligible costs	Minimum 3 MS.	SC2: Ian Holmes , Innovate UK SC5: Ewa Bloch , Innovate UK
Interreg (aka European Territorial Cooperation programme)	Interreg aims to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the EU by promoting cross border, transnational and inter-regional cooperation. Priorities, call dates, co-financing vary amongst Interreg programmes. Wales is only eligible to participate in the four programmes below.	Interreg generally covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbouring networking (knowledge and data sharing) • Some scientific work • Working and management group meetings • Scientific workshops & seminars • Training schools • Scientific Exchange Visits • Dissemination + publications Can be creative within thematic priorities.	Two stage application process with rolling calls.	Total budget is €10.1 bn. Projects ~ €2-6 million and last 3-5 years.	50- 100% variable co-financing rate dependent on programme.	No. of countries involved is specific to each programme. Suggested max: 5-10 partners. Likes public, private, research partnerships.	
Interreg Europe	Priority 4: Environment and Resource Efficiency <i>Objective 4.1 Improve the implementation of regional development policies</i>		Rolling call dates	€395 million for 2014-20. To	75- 85% (85% for	Minimum 3 countries (at least	Arni Narain

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	<p>and programmes, in particular Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, in the field of the protection and development of natural and cultural heritage.</p> <p>Objective 4.2 Improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes, in particular programmes for Investment for Growth and Jobs and, where relevant, ETC programmes, aimed at increasing resource-efficiency, green growth and eco-innovation and environmental performance management.</p>		<p>include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €84 m for priority topic 4 	public bodies)	2 MS).	
<p>Interreg:</p> <p>Ireland - Wales Cooperation programme</p>	<p>Priority 1: To increase the intensity of knowledge transfer collaborations involving research organisations and SMEs in line with the shared priorities of the smart specialisation strategies. Focusing on: marine & environmental sciences (inc. renewable energy); food and drink; life sciences.</p> <p>Priority 2: Adaptation of the Irish Sea and Coastal Communities to Climate Change.</p> <p>Priority 3: Cultural and Natural Resources and Heritage.</p>	Open call system	<p>€79 million for 2014-20. To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €32 m for priority topic 1 • €28 m for priority topic 2 • €15 m for priority topic 3 	80%	West coast of Wales and South-East Ireland.	WEFO
<p>Interreg :</p> <p>Atlantic Area</p>	<p>Priority 3: Strengthening the Territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin.</p> <p>Objective 3.1 strengthening the risk management systems</p> <p>Objective 3.2 a) enhancing biodiversity and the natural and cultural assets</p> <p>Objectives 3.2 b) Increase in the number of new or enhances strategies to improve the number of new or enhances strategies to improve environmental resilience to climate change and consequences deriving from maritime economy activities</p> <p>Priority 4: Enhancing biodiversity and the natural and cultural assets will serve the identified need of protecting the environment and promoting cultural identity in order to make the Atlantic region a more attractive place for local communities and visitors</p> <p>Objective 4.1.</p> <p>Improving the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems' services</p> <p>Objective 4.2.</p> <p>Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development</p>	<p>TBA – currently under negotiation. UK requesting annual calls.</p> <p>Draft operational plan yet to be formally approved by the EC.</p>	<p>€140 million for 2014-20. To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €15 m for priority topic 3 • €39 m for priority topic 4 	75%	UK, Spain, France, Ireland, Portugal.	territorialcooperation@wales.gsi.gov.uk
<p>Interreg:</p> <p>North West Europe</p>	<p>Priority 3 – Resource and materials efficiency</p> <p>Preference given to projects which transfer applicable knowledge and develop innovative responses across the whole of the NWE area.</p>	31 May 2016 (two step application)	<p>€396 million for 2014-20. To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €95 m for 		UK, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg,	Ian Hill

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European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	<p>The primary focus is fisheries development, the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy, and promoting sustainable and resource efficient fisheries.</p> <p>The fund also supports research activities which may be relevant to the marine Natura 2000 sites.</p> <p>Europe wide calls advertised on DG MARE.</p>	<p>UK level priorities are likely to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to achieving MSY and reducing discards • Funding for more selective gears or fishing techniques • Conservation measures • Aquaculture • Partnerships between fishermen and scientists • Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs) • Innovation & adding value • Enforcement & control • Data collection 	<p>The UK yet to sign off its Operational Programme with the Commission and if it is not done this calendar year it will lose two years of funding.</p> <p>Once signed off there will be a rolling programme of calls.</p>	<p>Welsh budget for 2014- 20 is €20 million:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5m allocated for data collection and mapping, • €2.5m for enforcement/ control • €12m for industry support. 	Up to 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries & Aquaculture "Operators" • Producer Organisations • FLAGs • Scientific / technical Public Law Bodies • Advisory Councils • NGOs in partnership with fishermen or FLAGs. 	
COST (supported by Horizon 2020)	<p>International networking to enable breakthrough scientific developments leading to new concepts and products (to strengthen Europe's research and innovation capacities).</p> <p>There are 9 key scientific domains, notably- earth system science and environmental management (ESSEM).</p>	<p>Funding covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Scientific conferences • Short term scientific missions- mission or exchange of researchers • Training schools- training activities for young researchers • Dissemination & publications. 	<p>Open call with collection dates in spring/fall.</p> <p>Next collection: 9 February 2016.</p> <p>Proposals take 9 months before full approval.</p>	<p>€130,000 per annum.</p> <p>Actions can last up to 4 years.</p> <p>Is very competitive.</p>	100%	<p>Minimum of 5 European Countries, and can include other international countries.</p> <p>Typically 5-20 partners.</p>	Julia Lewis UK NCP
Eurofleet	<p>Research cruises Ship-time and Marine equipment</p>	<p>Use of vessels, full crew, fuel victuals and other standard operating costs. Travelling for the embarked team and transport of equipment will be covered.</p>	<p>Annual call in February.</p>	<p>Covers ship time and equipment costs.</p>	100%	<p>Needs involvement of one additional partner; can't bid for own country vessel.</p>	