



25 years of EU supporting Nature, Environment and Climate Action through

LIFE at 25 – key messages

The LIFE Communications Team has prepared some key information about the LIFE programme to make your 25th anniversary event a success.

What is LIFE?

The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. Launched in 1992, LIFE has funded almost 4500 projects in total, of which over 1000 are ongoing. The budget for the LIFE programme for 2014–2020 is set at €3.4 billion in current prices. <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/>

LIFE's vital statistics:

- Founded **21 May 1992**
- Almost **4500 projects**
- Contributing to **policy implementation and update**
- Creating **new green jobs and professional skills**

LIFE Nature & Biodiversity:

- Over **1600 projects**
- **€43 billion** estimated contribution in ecosystem services
- Helping enlarge and manage more than **7000** Natura 2000 network sites, including marine sites
- Helped conserve over **400** protected species and **200** rare habitats
- Bringing species back from the brink of extinction

LIFE Environment:

- Over **2400 projects**
- Protecting our **water, air and soil**
- Preventing, reusing and recycling **waste**
- Investing in resource efficiency & the **circular economy**
- Greening a myriad of sectors: from agriculture, fisheries, manufacturing to tourism and trade

LIFE Climate Action:

- Over **300 projects**
- **Mitigating** the impact of climate change: boosting renewables and energy efficiency; restoring carbon sinks.
- Helping communities and business **adapt** to climate change impacts

Social media:

Celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of LIFE will take place throughout the month of May. When attending an event, remember to mark your tweets and Facebook posts with the LIFE 25th anniversary hashtag: [#LIFE25NATURA](https://twitter.com/LIFE25NATURA)

More useful stuff:

LIFE has created a dedicated website to mark the 25th anniversary: www.life-25.eu. Projects can download the LIFE and Natura 2000 logos as well as other official communication items from the toolkit page of the anniversary website: <http://life-25.eu/toolkit/>