



# The LIFE Programme: Opportunities for the EUSDR

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# The LIFE programme

- The LIFE programme as a whole constitutes a 100% contribution to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal.
- The only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action.
- LIFE is over 30 years 'young'
- For the years 2021-2027, a budget of 5.43 billion €.
- The multiannual work programme for 2021-2024 was adopted in July 2021.
- Call 2023 budget: 611 million €



# The LIFE Programme 2021-2027

To contribute to the shift to a circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy based- and climate resilient economy

To protect and improve the quality of the environment

To halt and reverse biodiversity loss



**Nature and Biodiversity**



**Circular Economy and Quality of Life**



**Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**



**Clean Energy Transition**

## Projects

- Develop and demonstrate innovative techniques and approaches to solving environmental challenges
- Help to implement plans and strategies, required by EU legislation.
- Promote best practices and behavioral changes
- Catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful solutions

## Impact

- Support the development, monitoring and implementation of EU environment & climate policy
- Provide models to copy and upscale

## Project beneficiaries are:

- 1/3 private enterprises
- 1/3 NGOs and civil society organisations
- 1/3 public authorities



# How LIFE has previously supported LIFE projects in the Danube region? A few examples:

## → Nature and Biodiversity projects (contributing to PA 6)

- River restoration / Improvement of ecological connectivity along the Danube and tributaries (e.g. *LIFE Blue Belt Danube-Inn*, *LIFE Network Danube+*)
- Restoration/conservation of key habitats such as riparian/alluvial forests, floodplains, grasslands, wetlands etc. (e.g. *Dynamic LIFE Lines Danube*, *LIFE Riparian Forests*, *LIFE Danube floodplains*, *LIFE Auenwildnis Wachau*, *LIFE Flusserlebnis Isar*, *LIFE WILDIsland* etc,)
- Protection of birds, fishes, amphibians and other priority species etc. (e.g. *LIFE For Danube Sturgeons*, *LIFE Metamorphosis*, *LIFE Danube Free Sky*, *Living Space for Danube salmon habitat* etc,)



# How LIFE has previously supported LIFE projects in the Danube region? A few examples:

→ **Circular Economy and Quality of Life** (contributing to PA4 and PA5)

- Innovative and ecological approach for dam restoration (e.g. *LIFE INADAR*)
- Integrated SOlutions for BEd Load management (LIFE ISOBEL)
- Reconnecting town and river (LIFE CityRiver)



# How LIFE has previously supported LIFE projects in the Danube region? A few examples:

- → **LIFE Operating Grants** (contributing to PA4 and PA5)
- Support for the development of the 3rd Danube river basin management and 2nd Danube flood risk management plan update 2021 (LIFE DRBMP DFRMP 2021)
- → **LIFE Integrated Projects (now: SIP)** (contributing to PA4 and PA5)
- Integrated River Solutions in Austria (LIFE IP IRIS AUSTRIA)
- Implementation of the river basin management plan in selected river sub-basins in Slovakia (LIFE Living Rivers)



# Funding opportunities – Overview Calls 2023

Call	Possible link to EUSDR PAs	Indicative envelope (M€)	Opening date	Closing date
Standard Action Projects (SAP) – Nature and Biodiversity	PA 6	148,4	18/04/23	06/09/23
SAP – Circular economy and quality of life	PA 4, PA 5, PA 6	81	18/04/23	06/09/23
SAP – Climate Mitigation and Adpatation	PA 6	66,3	18/04/23	21/09/23
CSA – Clean Energy Transition	PA 2	99	11/05/23	16/11/23

Please read the different Call documents for detailed information about the scope of each Call / sub-programme: [Link to Call pages](#)



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SNaP – Strategic Nature Projects	PA 6	No call in 2023		
SIP - Circular economy and quality of life	PA 4, PA 5, PA 6	52,8	Phase 1 (CN): 18/04/23	Phase 1 (CN): 05/09/23
SIP – Climate Mitigation and Adaptation	PA 6	30	Phase 2 (FP): November 2023	Phase 2 (FP): 05/03/24
PLP – Policy and Legislative Priorities Projects	PA 4, PA 5, PA 6	14,9	18/04/23	07/09/23
TA-PP		0,9	18/04/23	07/09/23
TA-R		6,5	18/04/23	27/07/23





# Thank you

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## Useful links:

- [LIFE Public database](#) (all LIFE projects supported in the last 30 years)
- [Link to Call pages](#)
- [2023 Call info days](#)

