

# The European LIFE Programme and evaluation of Cypriot participation

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# What is the LIFE Programme?



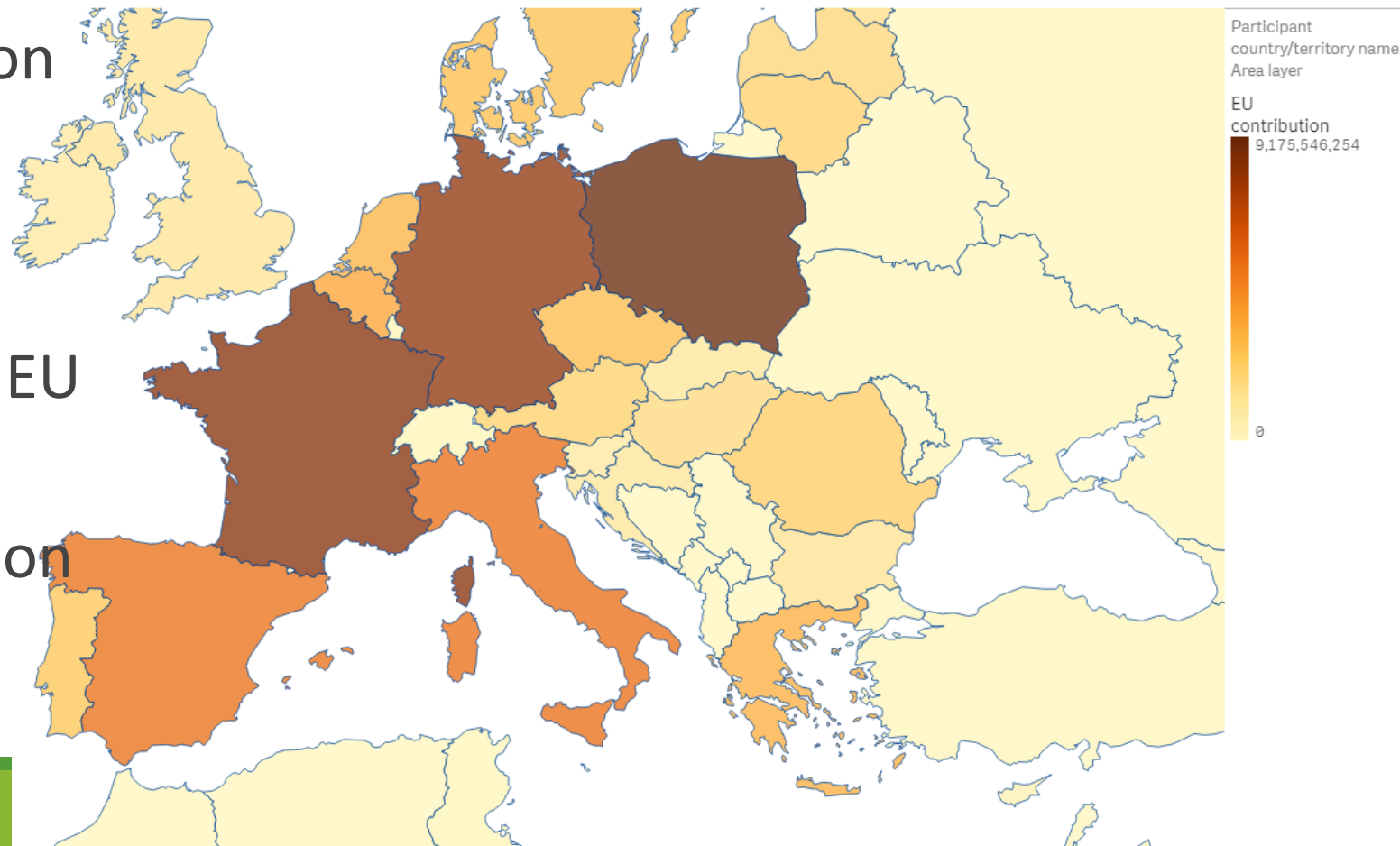
EU funding instrument for  
environment and climate action

Established in 1992

Managed by CINEA

6000+ projects funded across EU  
and neighbouring countries

2021–2027 Budget: €5.43 billion

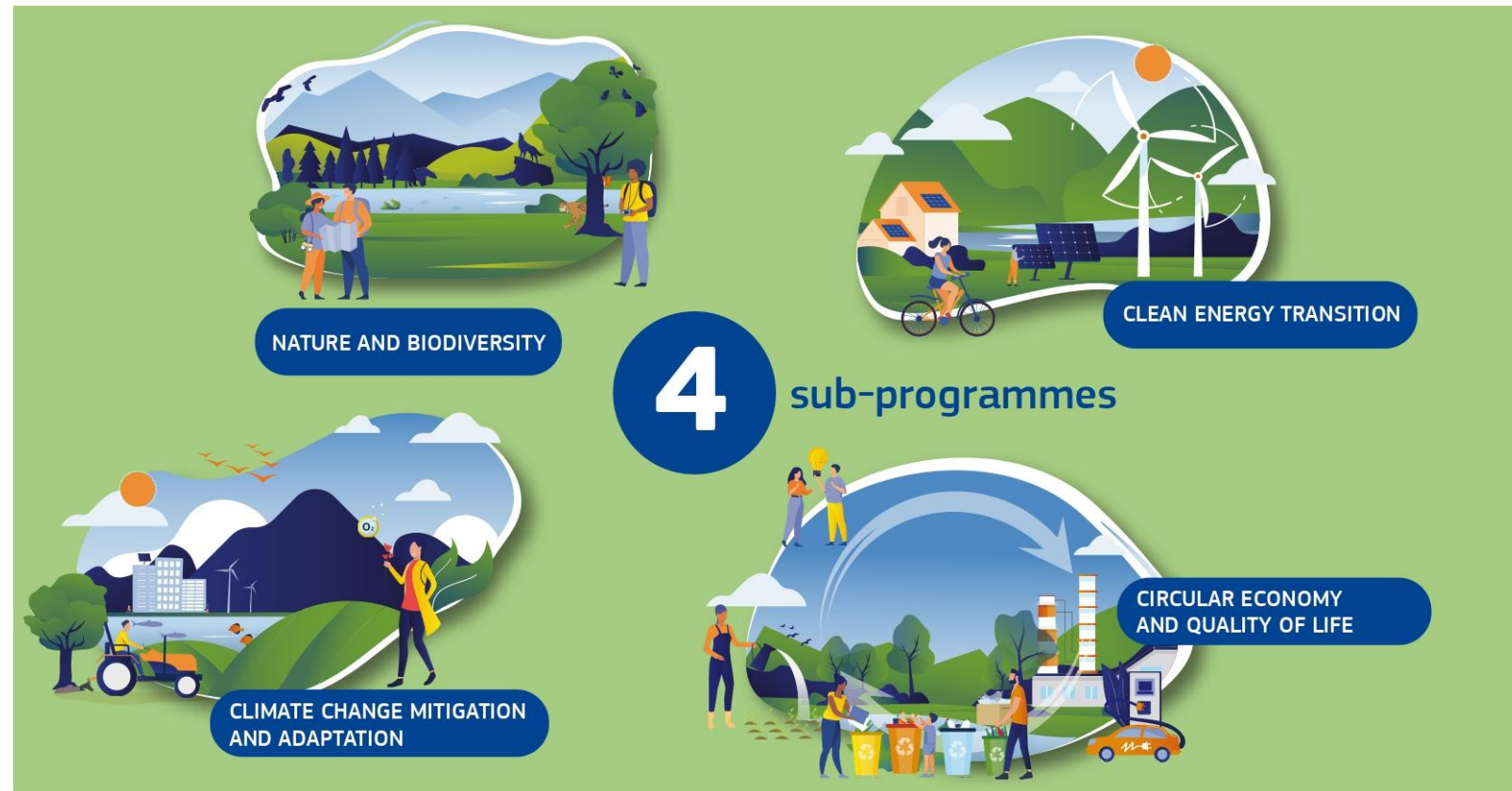


# LIFE Sub-programmes (2021–2027)

4 Sub-programmes

Project types: pilot, best practice, strategic

Co-funding rates: 60-75%



# Call for Proposals 2025

Call launched: 24 April 2025

Total budget: €600 million

Deadlines: Sept–Nov 2025 specific deadlines will vary by sub-programme and project type

Standard  
Action  
Projects (SAPs)

Nature & Biodiversity: €153M

Circular Economy and Quality of life: €73M

Climate Action: €61.5M

Environmental governance: €7.5M

Coordination  
and Support  
Action Grants  
(CSAs)

Clean Energy: €91.4M

Strategic Nature Projects and Strategic Integrated Projects (SNAPs/SIPs): €158M

Technical Assistance for Preparation for SIPs and SNAPs (TA-PP), Replication (TA-R), or Legislative & Policy Priorities (PLP): €30M

Particular consideration is given to projects that:

- Protect, conserve and restore Europe's wildlife and natural spaces
- Encourage individuals and businesses to rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle
- Help us all enjoy a sustainable, prosperous and competitive economy and quality of life
- Cut harmful emissions, boost our climate resilience and help us deal with extreme weather
- Accelerate our transition to clean, renewable and efficient energy supplies

# Cyprus & the LIFE Programme

## – General Overview

Participation since 1992

Since 2004, as an EU Member State

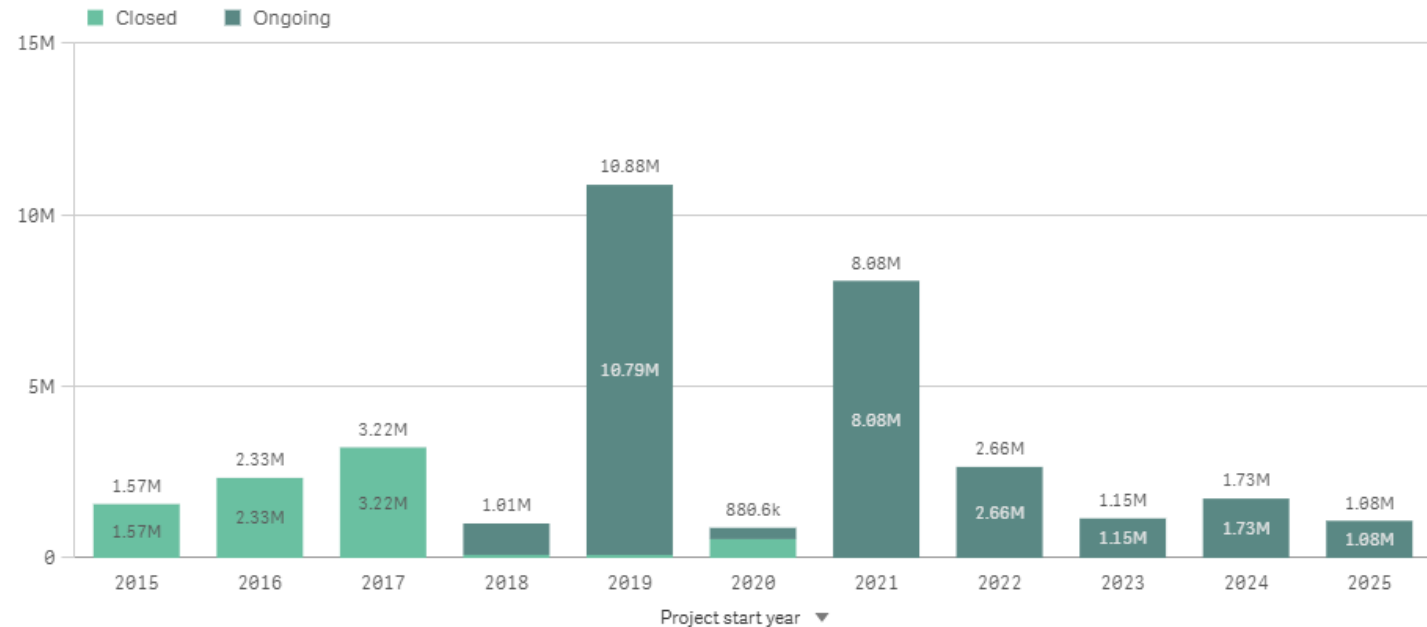
38 LIFE Projects as coordinator (1992-2013), 15 LIFE Projects as coordinator (since 2014)

56 total projects since 2014 in all subprogrammes

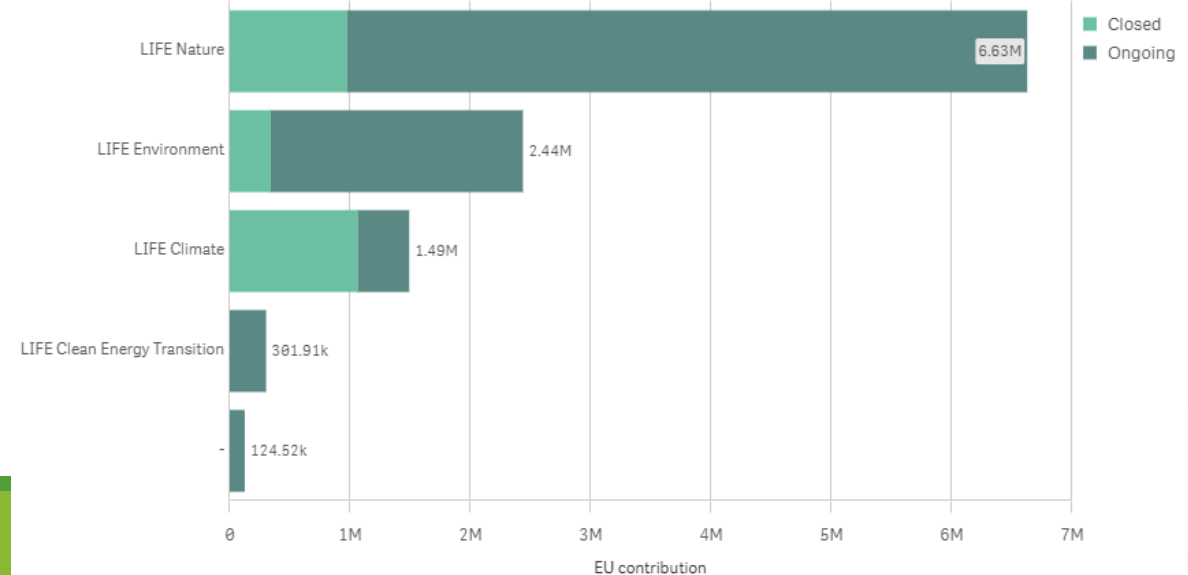
Participant role	Number of projects
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>
COORDINATOR	15
PARTICIPANT	54

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LIFE Clean Energy T...	20
LIFE Climate	8
LIFE Environment	12
LIFE Nature	14
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EU contribution



*for Cyprus as coordinator:*



# Cyprus - Nature & Biodiversity



## Subprogramme focus:

- restore Europe's nature and to halt and reverse biodiversity loss
- implementation of the EU Birds and Habitats directives
- development and management of the Natura 2000 network
- the Invasive Alien Species Regulation
- EU's biodiversity strategy for 2030

Coordinator on 3 ongoing projects: **LIFEWithVulturesCY**, **LIFE IP** and **Physis, Food Connect**

Coordinator on 3 closed projects: **LIFE Kedros**, **iLife Troodos** and **RELIONMED LIFE**

Participant in ongoing projects such as **LIFE Bonelli eastMed** and **LIFE-PROMETHEUS**





# Cyprus - Circular Economy & Quality of Life



Subprogramme focus:

- transition toward a sustainable, circular, toxic-free, energy-efficient and climate-resilient economy,
- protect, restore and improve the quality of the environment,
- recovery of resources from waste, water, air, noise, soil and chemical management

Coordinator on 2 ongoing projects: **LIFE-IP CYzero WASTE** and **LIFE PHARMA-DETOX**

Coordinator on 1 closed project: **LIFE FOODPRINT**

Participant in ongoing projects such as **HIPPOCRATES** and **LIFE SIRIUS**



# Cyprus - Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation



Subprogramme focus:

- 2030 energy and climate policy framework
- Paris Agreement on Climate Change
- shift towards a sustainable, energy-efficient, renewable-energy-based, climate-neutral and climate-resilient economy.

Coordinator on 1 ongoing project: **LIFE AgrOassis**

Coordinator on 3 closed projects: **LIFE+ ORGANIKO**, **LIFE UrbanProof** and **LIFE Medea**

Participant in ongoing projects such as **DIMITRA**, **LIFE ClimaMed** and **STONEWALLSFORLIFE**





# Cyprus - Clean Energy Transition



Subprogramme focus:

- European Green Deal
- Energy Union (2030 energy and climate targets)
- European Union's 2050 long-term decarbonisation strategy
- transition towards an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and -resilient economy



Coordinator on 1 ongoing project: **Smart<sup>2</sup>**

Participant in ongoing projects such as **RenolnGR** and **easySRI**

# Cyprus – Other projects



This section includes NGO operating grants and Capacity Building (CAP) projects.

In addition to providing direct co-financing to projects, LIFE also provides operating grants that enable non-profit entities to raise awareness of environmental issues and contribute to policy-making by representing citizens' views.

These organisations facilitate dialogue with stakeholders and ensure public concerns on the environment and climate change are addressed, providing a democratic counter-balance to other interests.





# Thank you

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