



# EU BUDGET FOR THE FUTURE

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## THE NEW LIFE PROGRAMME:

### INVESTING MORE IN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION



*“The EU budget must be a driver of sustainability. The new, strengthened LIFE programme will be able to make an important contribution to putting environmental law into practice and speeding up the transition to the circular economy.”*

**Karmenu Vella**  
Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Launched in 1992, the LIFE Programme is one of the spearheads of EU environmental and climate funding. The proposed new programme will build on the success of the existing LIFE Programme with more than 4,500 projects already launched.

## INCREASE OF RESOURCES FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE



The European Union is a global frontrunner in sustainability and climate policies. The EU has shown its commitment to implement the Paris Agreement and the fight against climate change by **mainstreaming spending of at least 25% on climate action across all EU programmes**. In the proposal for a new LIFE programme for 2021-2027 the European

Commission intends to allocate **€ 5.450 billion** to projects supporting the environment and climate action. This is an **increase by EUR 1.950 billion**.



*“The strengthened LIFE programme will play an important role in expanding investments in climate action and clean energy across Europe. The new boost for energy efficiency and small-scale renewables will help citizens and companies become change agents for the low emission transition through concrete projects on the ground.”*

**Miguel Arias Cañete**  
Climate Action and Energy

## THE NEW LIFE PROGRAMME WILL CONTAIN TWO MAIN FIELDS OF ACTION, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION AND FOUR SUB-PROGRAMMES:



### 1. NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY (€ 2.150 BILLION)

The Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme will include support for standard action projects for developing, applying and promoting best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity, as well as «Strategic Nature Projects». These new projects are designed to support and boost the implementation of EU nature rules, and biodiversity policy objectives through mainstreaming.



### 2. CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE (€ 1.350 BILLION)

Actions supported will help reaching major EU policy objectives such as the transition to a circular economy, and protecting and improving the quality of EU's air and water.



### 3. CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION (€ 0.950 BILLION)

Actions supported will help implement the 2030 energy and climate policy framework and meet the Union's commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.



### 4. CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION (€ 1 BILLION)

The new Clean Energy Transition sub-programme will build capacity, stimulate investments and support policy implementation activities focusing on energy efficiency and small-scale renewables that contribute to climate mitigation and/or environmental objectives.



## MORE IMPACT, MORE FLEXIBLE AND SIMPLER

The new programme will focus on developing and implementing innovative ways to respond to environment and climate challenges thereby catalysing changes in policy development, implementation and enforcement. It will also ensure sufficient flexibility to address new and critical priorities as they emerge during the programme's duration. Programme implementation will be made easier for applicants and beneficiaries, and there will be measures to achieve a more balanced territorial coverage.