

## ***LIFE U-SAVEREDS - Final event: Symposium***

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# **Implementation of the LIFE programme in Italy: the role of the NCP and the challenge of the “Knowledge Platform”**

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# Implementation of LIFE in Italy: an overview

- ❑ Since 1992, a total of **828 projects** have been co-financed in Italy by the LIFE programme (including **2 integrated projects**): **18%** of the **EU total**.
- ❑ These projects represent a **total investment** of **€ 1.2 billion** (EU contribution: **€ 620 million**).



*Italy and Spain are the main beneficiaries of LIFE programme!*

# Implementation of LIFE in Italy: an overview

## 2 integrated projects:

- ❑ **LIFE IP GESTIRE 2020** - *Nature Integrated Management to 2020* (LIFE14 IPE/IT/000018): € 10 million (EU contribution)

<http://www.naturachevale.it/il-progetto/life-gestire-2020>



- ❑ **PREPAIR** - *Po regions engaged to policies of air* (LIFE15 IPE/IT/000013): € 9 million (EU contribution)

<http://www.lifeprepare.eu/>



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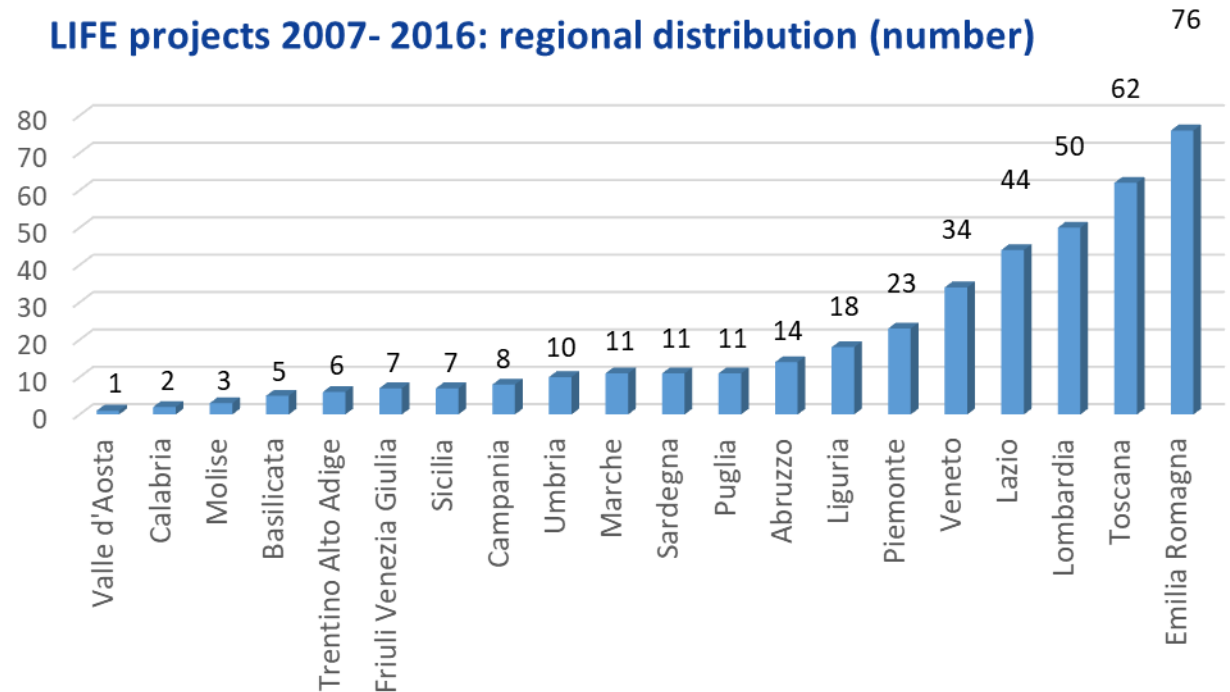
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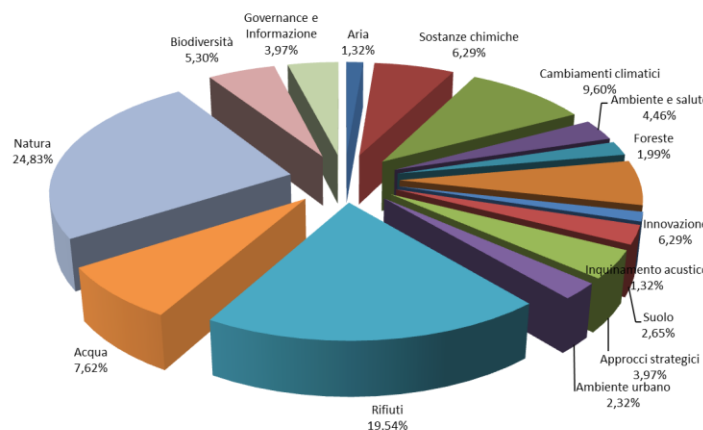
# Implementation of LIFE in Italy: an overview



LIFE projects 2007- 2016: regional distribution (number)

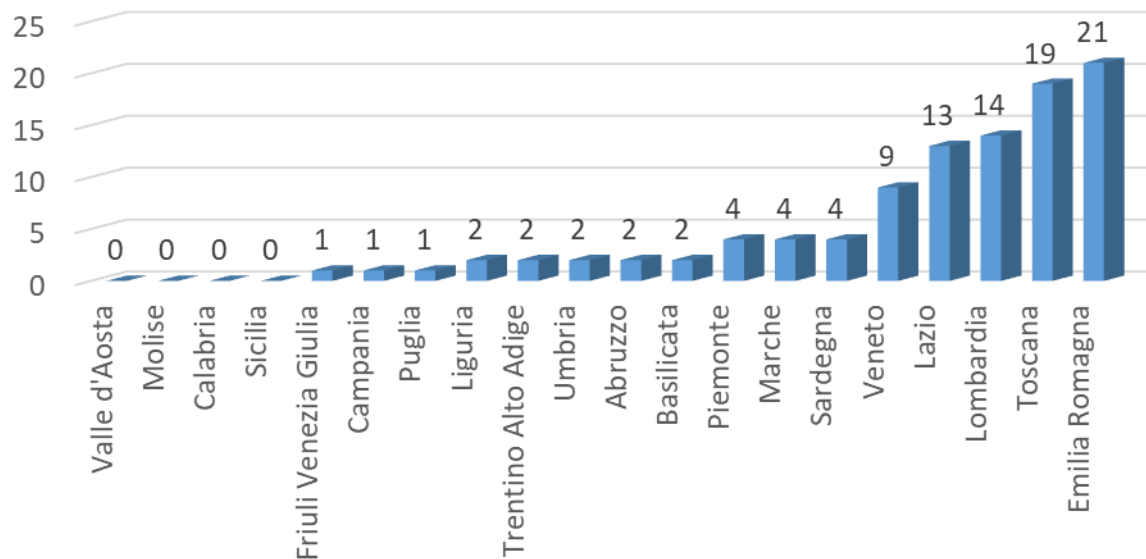


LIFE projects 2007-2013: distribution per priority action sector (%)

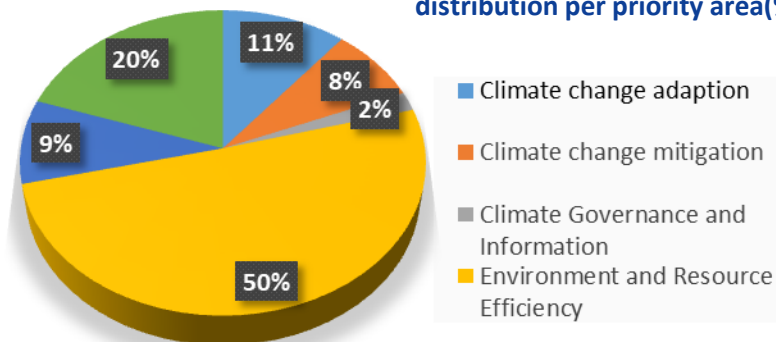


# Implementation of LIFE in Italy: an overview

LIFE projects 2014-2016: regional distribution (number)



LIFE projects 2014-2016: distribution per priority area(%)







# The Italian LIFE NCP Unit: our activities

## The LIFE web site

LIFE (2014-2020) » Programma per l'ambiente e l'azione per il clima (LIFE 2014-2020)

### PROGRAMMA PER L'AMBIENTE E L'AZIONE PER IL CLIMA (LIFE 2014-2020)



Il Programma per l'ambiente e l'azione per il clima

- > Il nuovo Regolamento che istituisce il Programma per l'ambiente e l'azione per il clima
- > Programma di lavoro pluriennale
- > Call 2017 **NEWS**
- > Call 2016
- > Progetti Call 2015
- > Progetti Call 2014
- > Contatti
- > Eventi
- > Ricerca Partner
- > Valutazione intermedia del Programma LIFE
- > Notizie dai progetti
- > Celebrazione dei 25 anni LIFE **NEWS**

#### Avvertenza

L'autorità nazionale declina ogni responsabilità derivante dalla correttezza delle informazioni e de attraverso differenti siti web in quanto essi non rappresentano la posizione ufficiale della Autorità

<http://www.minambiente.it/pagina/life-2014-2020>

### PROGRAMMA LIFE+ (2007-2013)



- > LIFE Plus: un nuovo e più razionale programma di finanziamento per l'ambiente
- > Progetti LIFE+ 2013
- > Progetti LIFE 2012
- > Progetti LIFE 2011
- > Progetti LIFE 2010
- > Progetti LIFE 2009
- > Progetti LIFE 2008
- > Progetti LIFE 2007
- > Progetti del mese **NEWS**
- > LIFE per la protezione della natura e la biodiversità
- > La Complementarietà ed uso ottimale dei Fondi comunitari
- > Eventi LIFE+
- > I Premi Best LIFE Ambiente e Natura
- > Informazioni, riferimenti e FAQ
- > Notizie dai beneficiari LIFE+
- > Pubblicazioni Life Ambiente Commissione Europea
- > Pubblicazioni Focal Point Nazionale Progetti LIFE
- > Archivio Progetti del Mese
- > Networking

<http://www.minambiente.it/pagina/programma-life-2007-2013>



# The Italian LIFE NCP Unit: our activities

The Italian LIFE NCP carries out several actions in order to:

- ❑ Increase the number of applicants from Italy by offering them assistance in drafting proposals, in such a way that they could improve the proposals' quality and avoid the most common mistakes;
- ❑ Improve the knowledge of methods for participation in the annual *Call for Proposals* by using the website of the Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea and organising “Info Days” (next: 8<sup>th</sup> May - Rome) and “Writing Workshops”;
- ❑ Improve the knowledge of ongoing projects in Italy;
- ❑ Underline the complementarity between the LIFE Programme on one hand, and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) and other EU financial instruments linked to environmental and climate objectives (in particular Horizon 2020) on the other hand;
- ❑ Promote the replication and/or transfer of projects' results through concrete actions such as the realisation of the so called “Knowledge Platform”.







# The “Knowledge Platform”

## THE IDEA ORIGINATED FROM A NEED

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The EU has funded or co-funded in Italy many significant projects through a range of programmes or initiatives, including LIFE, and these have demonstrated a wide variety of innovative environmental and climate-related techniques, methods, models and approaches. The projects have moreover contributed to the knowledge base for implementing EU legislation as well as informing policy-making.

The Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea therefore decided to produce a “Knowledge Platform” (designed by the Italian LIFE NCP), which serves as a valuable and innovative tool for collecting and sharing best practices for environmental protection and climate action implemented in Italy with the support of EU funds.



Sharing best practices

# The “Knowledge Platform”

## WHAT IS IT?

The “*Knowledge Platform - Best practices for the Environment and Climate Action*” is a online resource (“dynamic website”) – connected to the web-portal of the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea – collecting best practices developed within the framework of projects funded or co-funded in Italy, during the programming periods 2007-2013 and 2014-2020, under EU programmes and initiatives such as LIFE, CIP Eco Innovation, CIP IEE, FP7, Horizon 2020, Interreg Alpine Space.



# The "Knowledge Platform"



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La Piattaforma delle Conoscenze è stata concepita quale strumento di condivisione delle buone pratiche in materia di ambiente e clima adatte ad essere replicate e trasferite, nonché di *networking* tra tutti coloro che hanno sviluppato le buone pratiche nei settori Ambiente e Clima con i potenziali "replicatori".

[www.pdc.minambiente.it](http://www.pdc.minambiente.it) (Italian version)

[www.pdc.minambiente.it/en](http://www.pdc.minambiente.it/en) (English version)



# The “Knowledge Platform”

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The main purpose of the Knowledge Platform is to **facilitate the replication and/or transfer of best practices for Environment and Climate Action, promoting proven solutions that can be easily implemented** by public authorities or the productive system (particularly by SMEs) in order **to improve the effectiveness of public funding.**

The Platform aims **to ensure that investments have the maximum environmental or climate impact** and that initiatives are well coordinated.

The Platform also aims **to encourage private-public partnerships and raise awareness of key issues** across all sections of society (it will allow visitors to stay informed about the latest environmental and climate-related technologies and methodologies in key areas).





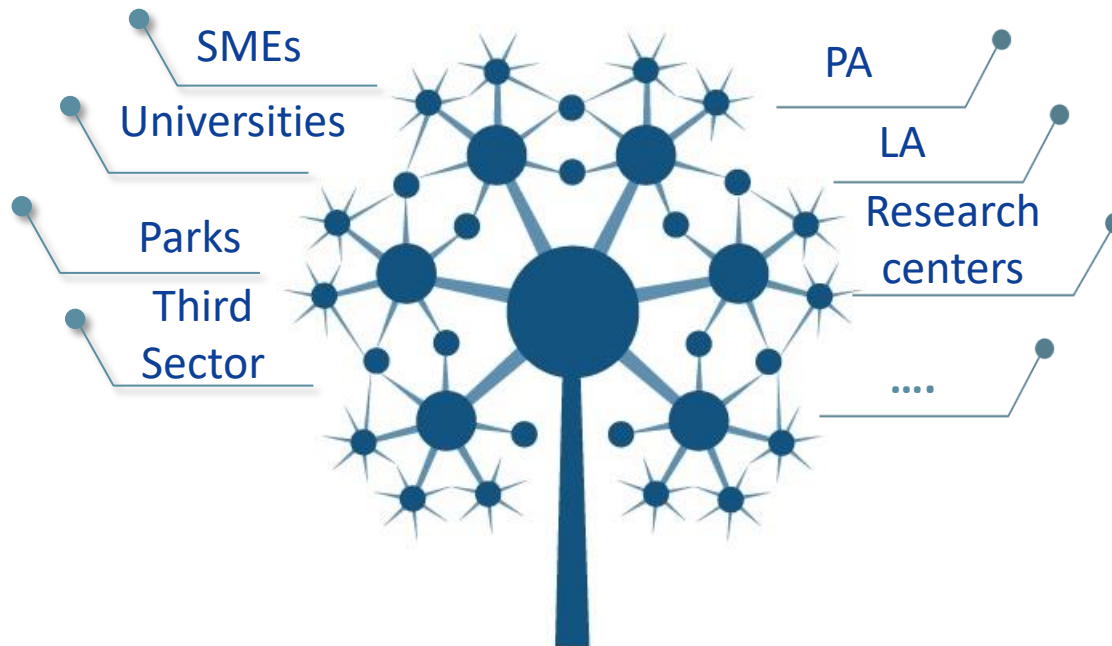
# The “Knowledge Platform”

## WHO ARE THE USERS?

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The Platform is for all public and private entities that plan to invest in the environment or in the climate action using replicable methods, techniques, models and approaches that have already been successfully tested in Italy at the national, regional or local level.

The Platform was set up to provide opportunities for those who have developed best practices to network with potential “replicators”.



# The “Knowledge Platform”

## WHAT DOES IT CONTAIN?

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The Platform currently includes **93 projects**, grouped into **8 thematic areas**: **Nature and Biodiversity** (19), **Water** (12), **Urban environment** (6), **Energy** (5), **Soil** (5), **Resources efficiency** (18), **Waste** (13) and **Climate** (15).

For each project a “**project sheet**” describes the **results achieved** and the **main outputs and deliverables** (guidelines, handbooks, software, etc.). The “**project sheets**” are **useful working tools for stakeholders interested in replicating the best practices collected in the Platform**.

Furthermore, **the website features sections on: national and EU environmental and climate legislation; EU funding programmes and initiatives** that provide grants for environmental and climate-related actions; **LIFE and H2020 financial instruments**.

## Knowledge Platform



### 8 thematic areas



### 93 project sheets

(currently related to 5 EU programmes and initiatives)



# The "Knowledge Platform"

## Project sheet: an example

### PROGETTO



### GESTIRE - Sviluppo di una strategia per gestire la Rete Natura 2000 in Lombardia

#### DESCRIZIONE

Il progetto LIFE GESTIRE è nato dall'esigenza di sviluppare una strategia integrata per la gestione della Rete Natura 2000 in Lombardia, contribuendo, in linea con la *Strategia Europea per la Biodiversità fino al 2020*, al ripristino ed al mantenimento di uno stato di conservazione soddisfacente di siti, habitat e specie in una regione, come quella lombarda, particolarmente soggetta a forti pressioni di tipo insediativo e produttivo, ma caratterizzata anche da una grande ricchezza di paesaggi naturali e dalla presenza di diversi habitat e specie, molte delle quali di interesse comunitario. All'interno dei 242 siti Natura 2000 della Lombardia - distinti in 193 Siti di Importanza Comunitaria (SIC) e 67 Zone di Protezione Speciale (ZPS), talvolta sovrapposti - sono state censite, infatti, 61 specie di interesse comunitario inserite nell'Allegato I della Direttiva "habitat" e 87 specie di uccelli inserite nell'Allegato I della Direttiva "Uccelli", nonché 13 habitat "prioritari" (di cui all'Allegato I della Direttiva 92/43/CEE) riferiti alle regioni biogeografiche Alpina e Continentale.

GESTIRE fa parte dei 9 progetti europei, 3 dei quali italiani, che il Programma LIFE ha finanziato per la prima volta nel 2011 per formulare programmi di gestione e di ripristino della Rete Natura 2000 ed elaborare un "Quadro delle Azioni Prioritarie" (PAF - *Prioritised Actions Framework*) a livello nazionale o regionale.

L'obiettivo generale del progetto è stato quello di contribuire ad arrestare la perdita di biodiversità ed il degrado dei servizi ecosistemici (SE) mediante il raggiungimento di tre obiettivi specifici:

1. creare un sistema allargato e partecipato per gestire la Rete Natura 2000 della Lombardia e provvedere al mantenimento e al ripristino di uno stato di conservazione ottimale di siti, specie e habitat;
2. realizzare un piano strategico nel lungo termine per la gestione e il ripristino di siti, specie e habitat per portarli a uno stato di conservazione favorevole prendendo in considerazione tutte le potenziali fonti di finanziamento a livello regionale, nazionale ed europeo e stabilendo una lista di azioni per il periodo fino al 2020;
3. aumentare il livello di attenzione e consapevolezza dei cittadini nei confronti delle aree Natura 2000.

Il progetto si è proposto come volano per un nuovo approccio culturale e gestionale alla Rete Natura 2000, che può servire da modello a molte regioni italiane e non solo: si tratta di un progetto pilota che si pone per la prima volta come obiettivo quello di affrontare un alto livello di complessità, coniugando il bene non trattabile della conservazione di habitat e specie di interesse comunitario con la sfida posta dai temi occupazionali ed economici. Infatti, oltre a svolgere un ruolo cruciale nella protezione della biodiversità in Europa, i siti Natura 2000 forniscono una vasta gamma di altri vantaggi e SE per la società e per le comunità territoriali. Il progetto è stato definito in maniera tale da assicurare anche la funzionalità e la coerenza della Rete Natura 2000, compresa la connettività ecologica tra i siti Natura 2000 o misure più ampie a supporto dei siti come parte della Rete Ecologica Regionale (RER).



#### Video correlati

### LE FASI DEL PROGETTO

La definizione di una strategia a lungo termine per la gestione e la conservazione di siti, habitat e specie presenti nella Rete Natura 2000 in Lombardia ha previsto diverse tipologie di azioni, tra le quali azioni di carattere preparatorio e di approfondimento analitico e scientifico, azioni strettamente legate agli obiettivi principali del progetto ed al monitoraggio, azioni di comunicazione e sensibilizzazione del pubblico. Alla realizzazione di tali attività hanno contribuito, oltre alla Direzione Generale (DG) "Ambiente, Energia e Sviluppo sostenibile" della Regione Lombardia, diversi soggetti pubblici e privati con esperienza sui temi della biodiversità, tra i quali l'Ente Regionale per i Servizi all'Agricoltura e alle Foreste (ERSAF), la Fondazione Lombardia per l'Ambiente (FLA), la Lega Italiana Protezione Uccelli (Lipu), il Centro Turistico Studentesco e Giovanile (CTS), Comunità Ambiente e Fondazione Cariplo (in qualità di cofinanziatore).

- Nell'ambito del progetto GESTIRE sono state realizzate, in particolare, le seguenti attività:
- La raccolta di tutti i documenti già esistenti per la gestione dei siti Natura 2000 in Lombardia e la loro analisi;
  - La creazione di un "Gruppo Natura 2000" - composto dai rappresentanti delle diverse DG regionali con competenze sui siti della Rete Natura 2000 (agricoltura, cultura, turismo, servizi, infrastrutture e mobilità, ecc.) e da esperti Natura 2000 - per garantire la coerenza della programmazione per la gestione della Rete Natura 2000 in Lombardia con le varie politiche regionali;
  - Lo studio di misure e *best practice* nella gestione di habitat e siti in altre regioni europee;
  - L'analisi e la stima del valore socio-economico della Rete Natura 2000 lombarda, considerando anche l'aspetto dei *green job* legati a Natura 2000 in Lombardia e le proposte per incentivarli;
  - L'analisi delle misure regolamentari vigenti ed eventuali ipotesi di aggiornamento;
  - Una capillare consultazione dei diversi *stakeholder* nel territorio lombardo, cui è stato richiesto di contribuire alla stesura della strategia integrata per la gestione della Rete Natura 2000 in Lombardia;
  - Una campagna di informazione e comunicazione a livello regionale per far conoscere la Rete Natura 2000 della Lombardia e l'importanza che questa riveste per la conservazione della biodiversità;
  - La definizione di linee guida per la conservazione della biodiversità nella Rete Natura 2000 da parte dei cittadini e delle imprese;
  - La formulazione delle misure di gestione per i siti senza un Piano di Gestione (PdG) e delle misure necessarie alla interconnessione dei siti della Rete;
  - La stesura del Documento Programmatico per la gestione della Rete Natura 2000 in Lombardia;
  - La redazione del PAF della Regione Lombardia.

### RISULTATI RAGGIUNTI

L'elaborazione del Rapporto sull'analisi di documenti per la gestione dei siti Natura 2000 lombardi (analizzati 422 documenti relativi alla gestione di Natura 2000 a livello europeo, nazionale e regionale ed altri documenti di interesse trasversale, in particolare sui cambiamenti climatici) e la Raccolta di casi studio su misure e buone pratiche nella gestione di habitat e siti in altre regioni europee (a seguito di una approfondita ricerca bibliografica, sono stati individuati ed approfonditi diversi casi studio come il progetto *Catchment Sensitive Farming* per gli ambienti acquatici, il progetto LIFE ECO-RICE (LIFE09 NAT/IT/000093) per gli ambienti agricoli, il progetto *EcoConnect*, finanziato dal Programma ECT "Spazio Alpino", per gli ambienti forestali) hanno consentito di avere a disposizione utili strumenti per la stesura della strategia di gestione della Rete Natura 2000 regionale, nonché esempi di soluzioni a problematiche ampiamente diffuse in Lombardia.

L'analisi dei costi per la gestione della Rete Natura 2000 nella Regione Lombardia nel periodo 2008-2011 (comprensiva di una stima dei costi necessari per il 2014-2020), uno studio sui finanziamenti utilizzati dalla Rete nel periodo 2007-2013 (finanziamenti comunitari, nazionali e regionali) conosciuti per interventi e progetti con ricadute positive sulle aree Natura 2000 del valore complessivo di 60,6 M€ ed un piano finanziario per la gestione della Rete nel periodo 2014-2020 (consistente essenzialmente in una previsione basata sull'extrapolazione dei costi e dei ricavi passati ed in una stima ipotetica delle entrate e delle uscite in relazione a tre diversi scenari: pessimistico, intermedio ed ottimistico) hanno permesso di conoscere le forze economiche ed umane in campo e le necessità future per una migliore implementazione del *network* Natura 2000. Il lavoro svolto per elaborare il piano finanziario è stato la base per la creazione di un sito web dedicato ([www.finanziamenti-natura2000.it](http://www.finanziamenti-natura2000.it)) che permette in modo semplice ed intuitivo di individuare tutti i finanziamenti disponibili, nel periodo di programmazione 2014-2020, per interventi specifici nei siti Natura 2000. Il portale ha lo scopo di aumentare la capacità di tutti gli attori



SALVA IL PROGETTO COME PDF

RICHIEDI INFORMAZIONI



MINISTERO DELL'AMBIENTE  
E DELLA TUTELA DEL TERRITORIO E DEL MARE

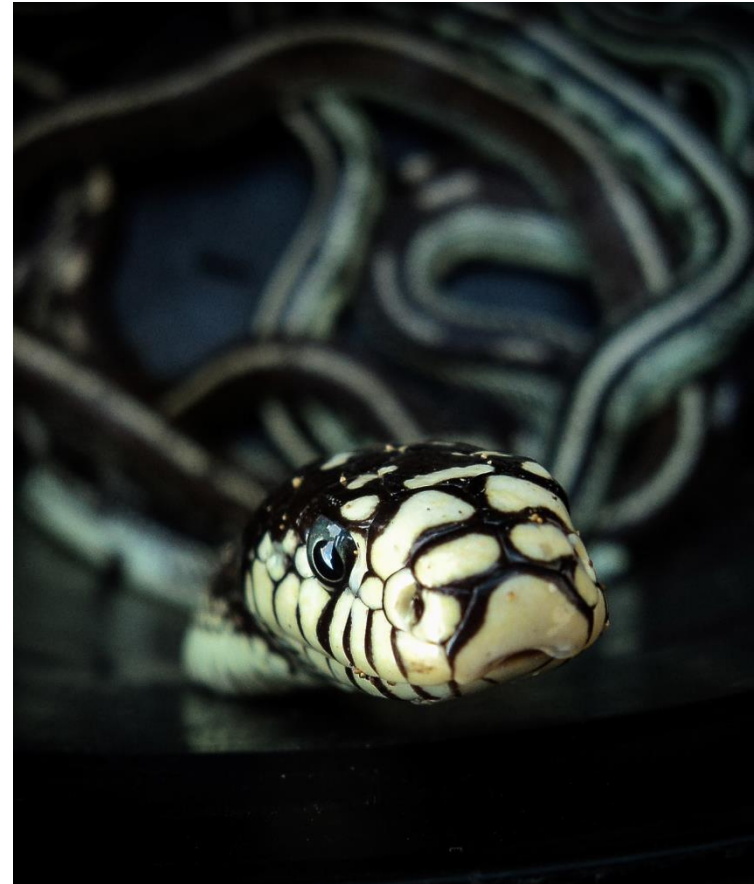
# The “Knowledge Platform” and IAS

## WHAT COULD BE ITS ROLE ?

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The Knowledge Platform **could contribute to:**

- ❑ **raise awareness on the threat** of alien species and the need to support native species recovery actions;
- ❑ **spread lesson learnt and best practices** on managing IAS and their pathways;
- ❑ **promote networking activities** to increase **opportunities for sustainability of the results** of measures dealing with IAS;
- ❑ **ensure appropriate information flow and replicability and transferability** of experiences of projects targeting IAS;
- ❑ **increase synergies** between LIFE and other EU financial instruments which may facilitate the development of tools to efficiently manage IAS.



# The “Knowledge Platform” and IAS

## LIFE PROJECTS DEALING WITH IAS AVAILABLE IN THE PLATFORM

The following **LIFE projects** that implemented some **actions on IAS** are currently available within the **thematic area “Nature and biodiversity”** of the Knowledge Platform:

- Water SCIs** - *Improvement of the conservation status of SCIs in the high appenine area and in the plain around Prato (LIFE07 NAT/IT/000433)* <http://www.pdc.minambiente.it/progetti/sci-dacqua-miglioramento-dello-stato-di-conservazione-delle-specie-di-interesse-comunitario>
- PROVIDUNE** - *Conservation and recovery of dune priority habitats among the sites of Cagliari, Caserta, Matera provinces (LIFE07 NAT/IT/000519)* <http://www.pdc.minambiente.it/progetti/providune-conservazione-e-ripristino-di-habitat-dunali-nei-siti-delle-province-di-cagliari>
- ARUPA** - *Urgent protection actions for amphibians and reptiles in the Matera Gravina (LIFE08 NAT/IT/000372)* <http://www.pdc.minambiente.it/progetti/arupa-azioni-urgenti-di-salvaguardia-degli-anfibi-e-rettili-della-gravina-di-matera>



# The “Knowledge Platform” and IAS

## LIFE PROJECTS DEALING WITH IAS AVAILABLE IN THE PLATFORM

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- ❑ **RICOPRI** - *Restoration and conservation of dry grasslands in southern and central Italy (LIFE09 NAT/IT/000118)*  
<http://www.pdc.minambiente.it/progetti/ricopri-ripristino-e-conservazione-delle-praterie-aride-dellitalia-centro-meridionale>



- ❑ **SORBA** - *Restoration of Bacchiglione springs and habitat of SPA IT3220013 and SCI IT3220040 (LIFE09 NAT/IT/000213)*  
<http://www.pdc.minambiente.it/progetti/sorba-riqualificazione-delle-sorgenti-del-fiume-bacchiglione-e-degli-habitat-della-zps-it>



- ❑ **GESTIRE** - *Development of the strategy to manage the Natura 2000 network in the Lombardia Region (LIFE11 NAT/IT/000044)*  
<http://www.pdc.minambiente.it/progetti/gestire-sviluppo-di-una-strategia-gestire-la-rete-natura-2000-lombardia>





# LIFE Multi Annual Work Programme (MAWP) 2018-2020

- ❑ Budget: € 1.657.063 million
- nature conservation and environmental protection: € 1 243.81 million
- climate action: € 413.245 million
  
- ❑ Increase of nature and biodiversity budget by 10%
  
- ❑ Reduced number of project topics (Environment sub-programme): down from 87 to 42
  
- ❑ Traditional projects other than “Nature and Biodiversity”: co-funding rate 55%
  
- ❑ No national allocations for traditional projects (Environment sub-programme)
  
- ❑ 2-stage approach for traditional projects (Environment sub-programme)



# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020

**LIFE MAWP 2018-2020 includes lessons from Mid-term evaluation.**

**☐ Mid-term evaluation concludes on:**

- Effectiveness
- Coherence
- Relevance
- EU added value

**☐ Mid-term evaluation identifies possible improvements:**

- to focus on existing and new priorities
- simplification of LIFE procedures for grants
- communication strategy to better target audiences and deliver key messages
- increased project replicability and transferability
- increase of role of LIFE NCP





# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## 2-stage application approach:

- why?** rationale for introducing 2-stage application
- what?** 2 stages: concept note and full proposal
- how?** selection, award criteria
- when?** indicative calendar



# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Rationale for introducing 2-stage application

- ❑ Simplification of the application process and evaluation of LIFE traditional projects
- ❑ Easier procedure & faster feedback
- ❑ Need to address the decreasing number of applications for LIFE co-financing in recent years

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## What is LIFE 2-stage application approach?

- ❑ New **simplified** 2-stage approach

1

Concept note

2

Full proposal

- ❑ **Only** for Environment sub-programme
- ❑ **Only** for traditional projects



# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Submission)

### What should the Concept Note include:

- Basic information about the coordinating beneficiary
- Description of the environmental problem targeted (for environment and information & governance strands)/description of species, habitats, biodiversity issues targeted by the project (for nature and biodiversity strands)
- Project objectives
- The project partners (information on the coordinating and associated beneficiaries, and co-financers of the project)
- Description of the project actions and means involved

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Submission)

### What should the Concept Note include:

- Expected results and impacts of the project
- The sustainability of project results
- Projects topics
- Project risks and constraints
- The EU added value of the project (understood at this stage as the contribution to LIFE priorities and objectives)
- The pilot or demonstration character of the project (and/or best practice for nature and biodiversity strand)
- An indicative budget for the project

**Max. 10 pages + high-level budget**

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Submission)

### Concept Note should not include:

- Signed commitments
- Maps, pictures, attachments



# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Submission)

**Concept note forms (on e-Proposal):** will be seamlessly **part of the full proposal**, thus avoiding successful applicants have to complete them again (forms will be editable).

The structure of the concept notes could be the following :

Administrative forms (A forms):

- A1 – *General project information***
- A2 – *Coordinating beneficiary***

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Submission)

### Concept note forms (on e-Proposal)

Project outline forms (B forms):

- B1 – *Summary description of the project*** (with additional boxes covering sites, species/habitats/ecosystems, partnership, constraints and sustainability)
- B3 – *General character of the project & EU added value***

Financial application forms:

- R1 – *Project budget*** (to be completed by applicant with total estimated per line)

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Evaluation)

### Concept Note eligibility criteria

A project proposal is eligible if:

- contributes to one or several of the general objectives set out in Article 3 of the LIFE Regulation and of the applicable specific objectives in Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the LIFE Regulation
- falls within the scope of the priority area of the LIFE sub-programme for Environment under which the project proposal was submitted
- takes place in the Union and/or territories to which the Treaties and relevant acquis apply or it fulfils one of the exceptions laid down in Articles 5 and 6 of the LIFE Regulation and specified in the Guidelines for applicants 2018

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Evaluation)

### Concept Note eligibility criteria

A project proposal is eligible if:

- corresponds to one of the following project types:
  - Pilot projects
  - Demonstration projects
  - Best practice projects
  - Information, awareness and dissemination projects
- is not focused on research or dedicated to the construction of large infrastructure

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Evaluation)

### Concept Note Eligibility Criteria

In addition, there's a requirement of compliance with eligibility criteria specific to each priority area:

- priority area **Environment and Resource Efficiency** must contain actions that lead to substantial and measurable direct effects on the environmental and/or climate action issue(s) targeted
- priority area **Nature and Biodiversity**, must dedicate at least 25% of the eligible budget to concrete conservation actions
- priority area **Environmental Governance and Information** must contain actions that lead to substantial and measurable direct or indirect effects on the environmental issue(s) targeted by causing substantial and measurable direct effects on the environmental governance, information, and/or awareness and dissemination issue(s) targeted

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (Evaluation)

### Concept Note Award Criteria

#### Overall quality of the proposal

- clarity of the intervention logic of the proposal (including the description of the pre-operational context),
- its feasibility,
- and indicative value for money.

#### Overall EU added value

- the project contribution to the LIFE priorities,
- its expected impact,
- and the sustainability of the project results.



# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

<b>Concept Note Award Criteria</b>	<b>Minimum pass score*</b>	<b>Maximum score</b>
1. Overall quality of the proposal	5	20
2. Overall EU added value	10	30
<b>Overall (pass) scores</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## Stage 1: Concept Note (evaluation and ranking)



## Stage 2: Full proposal (invitation and submission)

The **applicants with the best ranked concept notes** will be **invited to submit a full proposal (stage 2)** using the **web tool e-Proposal** available via the LIFE page (same way for submitting a concept note)

### *If the application is admitted to stage 2 ...*

- The applicant is allowed to introduce **changes to the total requested EU contribution within margin of 10%**
- There is no limit to other changes in the budget (including total project cost) as long as the total EU contribution does not increase by more than 10%

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## LIFE 2018 Call for proposals

.... for proposals for Action Grants to finance traditional projects under the LIFE sub-programme for Environment






Foreseen Call publication:

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

Call 2018: Application - Environment sub-programme (traditional projects)

Indicative timetable

Timeline	Phases
June 2018 (12-14)	 Submission of concept note <i>Max 10 pages + high-level budget</i>
June-September 2018	 Evaluation of concept note
October 2018	 Invitation for full proposal
End of January 2019	 Submission of full proposal
July 2019	 Signature of grants



# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020: 2-stage application

## 2-stage submission process - Advantages for applicants:

- The submission of a concept note that is approximately 10 pages long requires less time and fewer resources than a full proposal (in case of the application is unsuccessful)
- Applicants will receive feedback sooner on whether their proposal has a chance to be financed (has been admitted to stage 2)
- Applicants invited to participate in stage 2 will have a higher chance of seeing their projects financed, as the competition will be open only to high ranking concept notes

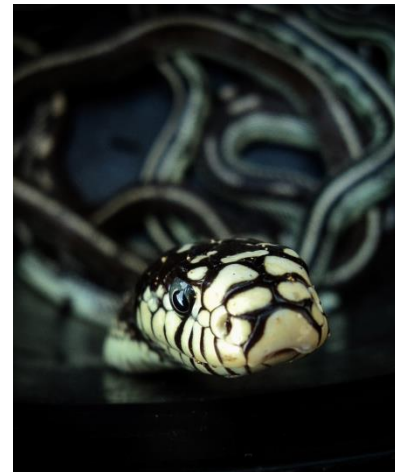


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## Project topics implementing thematic priorities for biodiversity:

*\*Link with Nature Directive*

1. Green infrastructure
2. Integration of biodiversity into financial and business decisions
3. Threatened species or habitats that are not included in the annexes of the Habitat Directive
4. **Invasive Alien Species (IAS)**



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## Invasive Alien Species (IAS)

4. Addressing **Invasive Alien Species** <sup>(7)</sup> by testing and implementing the following three steps on an appropriate spatial scale within a comprehensive framework:
- preventing the introduction of invasive alien species, in particular by tackling the priority pathways of their introduction,
  - establishing an early detection and rapid eradication system, and
  - eradicating, controlling or containing established invasive alien species.

The projects should be set up to improve existing — or introduce new — technical, administrative and/or legal frameworks on the relevant level, in particular in relation to, but not limited to, the species included on the list of invasive alien species of Union concern pursuant to Article 4(1) of the Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(8)</sup>.

*Explanatory note:* Where a step has already been addressed independently of the project or it is not possible to address it in the project context, the project actions shall at least be clearly situated in a broader framework that links all three steps.

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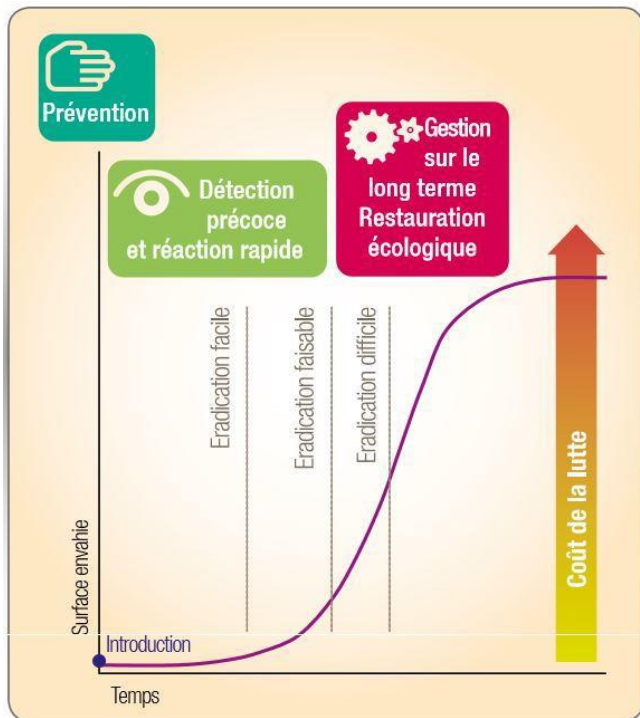
## Invasive Alien Species (IAS):

- ❑ Introduced, through human action, intentionally or unintentionally, across ecological barriers outside their natural range, with negative impacts on biodiversity and related ecosystem services
- ❑ IAS one of major causes of biodiversity loss
- ❑ Impact and costs constantly rising
- ❑ **LIFE: key tool supporting action against IAS**



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The «three steps» for the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of IAS



\*Diagram from IUCN France (2015)

## Regulation 1143/2014 on IAS entered into force on 1/1/2015

- **Chapter 1: General provisions**

- Chapter 2:

Prevention

- Chapter 3:

Early Detection and Rapid Eradication

- Chapter 4:

Management of widely spread IAS

- Chapter 5: Horizontal provisions

- Chapter 6: Final provisions

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## Examples on actions on IAS (1)

### Prevention:

- Unintentional introduction, e.g. ballast water, cleaning equipment, preventing spread through soil transport, man-made corridors ...
- Intentional introduction, e.g. involve relevant sectors and actors: horticulture, pets, aquaria,..., customs, consumers...
- Promotion of native species as alternatives to IAS...

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## Examples on actions on IAS (2)

### Early detection – rapid eradication:

- Early warning systems, e.g. involving relevant groups: anglers, hunters, landowners, foresters, horticulturists, farmers, etc.
- Ensure rapid reaction: avoid establishment of new populations

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## Examples on actions on IAS (3)

### **Eradication, control or containment:**

- Lethal or non-lethal methods for eradicating vertebrate species, selective trapping, take back systems, minimal side-effects, alternatives to pesticides, ...
- Combine eradication/management with restoration, rebuilding resilience towards new invasions

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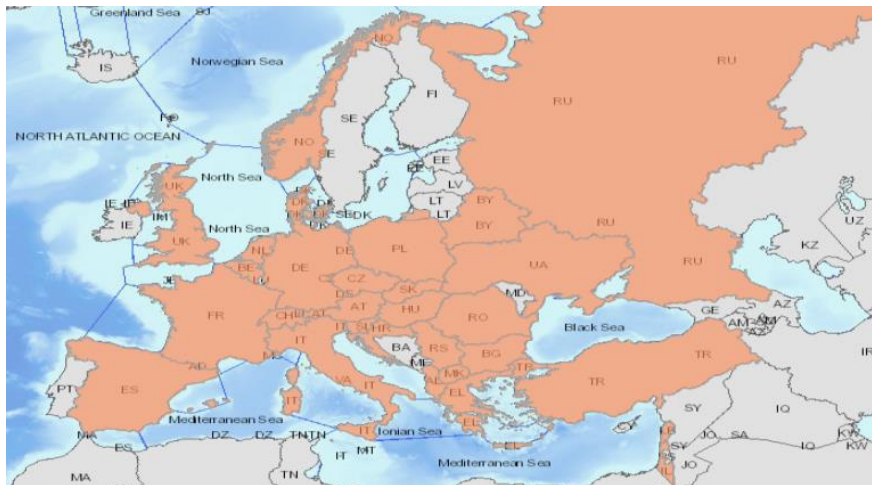
## Examples on actions on IAS (4)

### Horizontal issues:

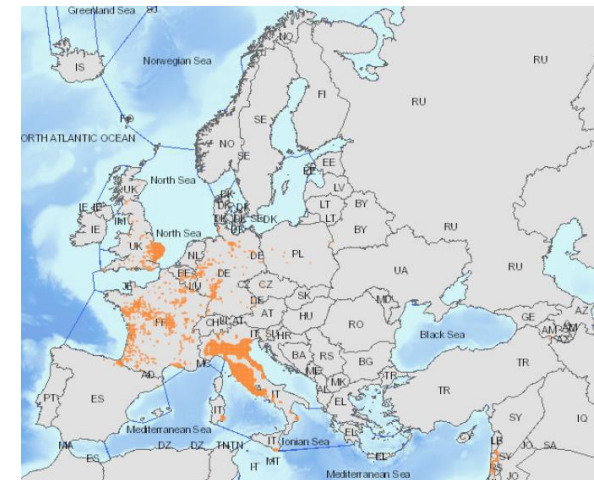
- Awareness raising – explain the IAS problematic
- Involve stakeholders and the wider public
- Address concerns (animal welfare, use of pesticides...)
- Citizen science/smartphone applications

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Some advice: consider sharing your data!



*Country level*



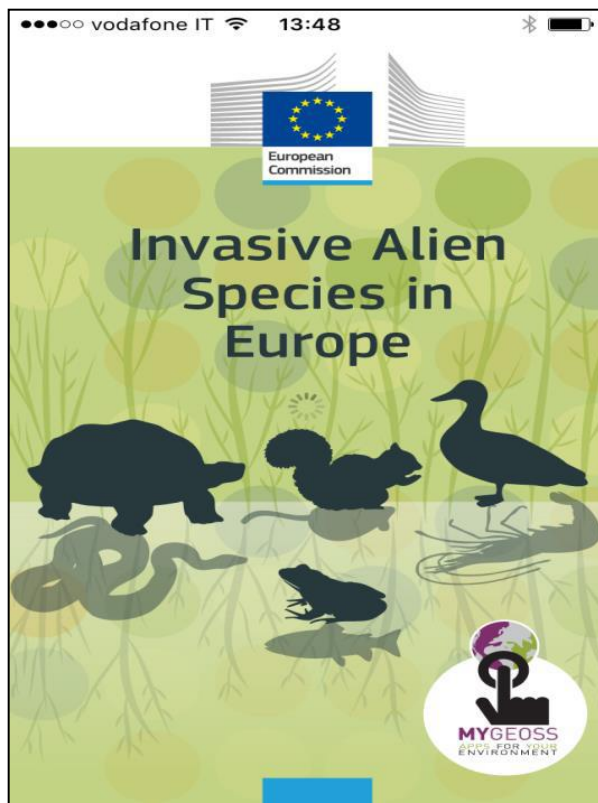
*10 x 10 Km Grid*

**EASIN** (*European IAS Information Network*): species search and mapping tools

<http://easin.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

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Some advice: consider reusing the JRC Invasive Alien Species Smartphone Application!



*Code available for reuse*

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