



LIFE Programme

Newsletter

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This issue of LIFEnews welcomes the adoption of LIFE's new Multiannual Work Programme and its two-stage application process. We also introduce novel technologies to catch microplastics, storm-proof streets and follow migrating birds.

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Highlight

New features of the LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2018-2020

A two-phase selection procedure for applications to the LIFE sub-programme for environment will streamline administration and save applicants time. This is one among many updates in the new multiannual work programme for the LIFE programme in 2018–2020.

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Two-stage application for LIFE Resource Efficiency sub-programme

The project submission procedure for the 2018 call under LIFE's Resource Efficiency sub-programme will be organised in two stages. Applicants will be requested to submit an initial concept note in English that is approximately 10 pages long.

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News

Member States to benefit from €98.2 million in investments to improve citizens' quality of life

The EU has launched 10 new Integrated Projects to help implement environmental and climate legislation to its fullest extent. The projects have raised a total budget of €183.9 million and could leverage another €2 billion in complementary funds.

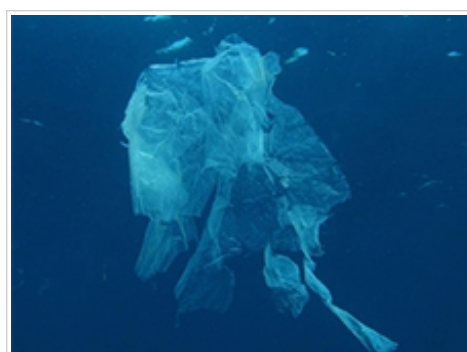
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A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy

The European Commission has released its new Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy. The strategy builds on prior EU efforts to deal with plastic waste in the environment. It notably states that, by 2030, all plastic packaging in the EU must be reusable or easily recyclable.

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Share your views on pollinator decline

The EU is asking for your view to help protect declining insect populations. Answers to a 20 minute online questionnaire will help policy makers determine how best to conserve Europe’s pollinators and the food chains that depend on them.

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Have your say on the EU Innovation Fund

The EU is investing revenues from its Emissions Trading System in projects to demonstrate low-carbon technology through a new Innovation Fund. Have your say on how the fund should work in an online consultation open until 10 April 2018.

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Events

23 February 2018

Apply to speak at European Sustainable Energy Week

The European Sustainable Energy Week has opened applications to speak at its annual Policy Conference from 04-08 June 2018 in Brussels, Belgium. Submit your idea for a panel discussion, round table or seminar online, and don’t forget to register your Energy Day event.

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Register your EU Green Week Partner Event

Take part in Europe’s transition towards sustainability between 21 April - 10 June. From workshops and public discussions to awareness-raising events for families, details of your Partner Event can be submitted online to register it as an official part of EU Green Week.

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27 - 29 March 2018

Waste Management & Recycling Conference for South East Europe

The LIFE programme is holding a workshop at the 9th Waste Management & Recycling Conference and Exhibition for South East Europe. Join us to discuss progress in the region on sustainable waste management.

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4 May 2018

LIFE Info Day 2018

Save the date! The European Commission is organising an Information & Networking Day on the 2018 LIFE call for project proposals. The event is open to potential applicants presenting project proposals on green technology, nature protection and climate action.

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Project news

Textile treatments stop microplastics released in the wash

Typical laundry loads can release millions of microfibers with each wash. The LIFE MERMAIDS project has found a natural polymer that fixes synthetic fibres in place, reducing by up to 80% the number of microplastics that they release into the environment.

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Benicàssim recycles spare tiles into climate-resilient drain

The municipality of Benicàssim, on the eastern coast of Spain, is pioneering a sustainable urban drainage system to evacuate torrential rain water from its town centre. Climate change is expected to increase the frequency with which heavy rainfall floods the streets of Mediterranean towns.

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EU birdwatchers offer bird's-eye view

Ornithology institutes across Europe have brought online the largest citizen science dataset ever produced on biodiversity in the EU. It has uploaded over 40 million observations collected by more than 100 000 amateur birdwatchers.

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