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LIFE15 Kick-off meeting

Environmental Governance and Information Climate Governance and Information (GIE/GIC)

PROJECTS SUMMARIES

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Venue: EASME, Place Charles Rogier, 16, B-1210 Brussels
(Room 15 SDR-1)

LIFE – ClimAct (Klimabündnis Tirol)

The project aims at contributing to EU targets on climate protection by targeting the low-income households. These households have hardly been taken into consideration regarding the climate protection actions, but suffer immensely from the consequences of climate change as they spend high percentage of their income on energy and mobility. The project will increase the knowledge about possibilities to actively engage in climate protection and empower low-income households to take action themselves. Various factors influence climate-friendly behaviour, therefore the project targets different stakeholders such as electric utility companies and decision makers.

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LIFE - Close the Gap (Environmental Action Germany - Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.)

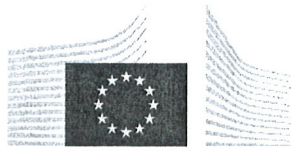
The project aims to bridge the gap between the figures on actual CO₂ emissions/fuel consumption by cars and those declared in official tests. While the gap was of 8% in 2001, in 2014 it increased to 40%. The project's objective is thus to empower policy makers on European and national level to improve the implementation of legislation concerning CO₂ emissions of cars. This will be done by evaluating the new Worldwide harmonized Light vehicles Test Procedures, by sharing best practices and developing solutions for better testing framework on European level, and by improving information provided to consumers.

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LIFE SHARA (Fundación Biodiversidad)

The project aims to support the implementation of the Spanish National Climate Change Adaptation Plan and the Portuguese National Strategy, increasing the resilience against climate change in the two countries. The project will enhance the capacity of the existing AdapteCCa networking platform and strengthen technical capacities for adaptation to climate change by organising courses for more than 200 local government technicians, professionals and university professors. The project will enhance coordination and cooperation among stakeholders, including links with private sector, also through drafting of the agreements with business organisations.

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U-MOB LIFE (Novotec Consultores, S.A.)

The project aims to promote the exchange and transfer of sustainable mobility best practices in university campuses, thus reducing the related CO₂ emissions. It will create and consolidate a self-sufficient European University Network for Sustainable Mobility and promote, by capacity building activities, the nomination of a Sustainable Mobility Manager in European universities. The project expects to promote the implementation of sustainable mobility best practices in at least 10 EU universities and reduce CO₂ emissions in EU campuses by the aggregated percentage of the university commitments (with 10 signed Action Plans setting specific CO₂ emission reduction target).

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LIFE FRANCA (Università degli Studi di Trento)

The project aims to raise awareness on flood risks and support spatial planning capacities to help anticipate such risks. Staff of public bodies will be trained to anticipate risks and the general public will be informed to promote a more participatory, involving all major stakeholders and encouraging practices that can minimise the risks in a given territory. Customized maps of flood risks in three areas will be elaborated for different user groups, while a digital platform will be set up to disseminate information about flood risk maps and scenarios. The project will also draft guidelines for the communication and anticipation of flood risks.

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LIFE SIDE (European University Institute)

The project aims to contribute to the design and implementation of the new EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) legislation. It will produce and disseminate knowledge and information on the economic functioning of the EU ETS by creating a forum for a constructive policy dialogue and by setting up a network of some 20 experts that, together with project outputs, will represent a knowledge hub and a point of reference for policy makers involved in the design and implementation of the EU ETS.

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LIFE Legal Actions (Environmental Action Germany - Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.)

The project aims to encourage NGOs and citizens of at least 7 European countries to take part in participatory processes concerning the development or revision of air quality plans. Furthermore it aims at improving the relationship between people and governments by enhancing accountability, transparency and responsiveness. The project will also encourage the implementation of air quality measures by disseminating knowledge about the sources and effects of air pollution and by providing legal advice on the participation in decision making processes with the aim of encouraging policy makers to improve air quality legislation and its implementation. It is expected that the project action will result in 5 proposals for air quality measures or participations in decision making in Member States with noncompliance with EU limit values.

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LIFE-Food.Waste.StandUp (Federalimentare Servizi Srl)



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The project will raise awareness on surplus food management and on food waste prevention among agro-food companies, food retailers and consumers. It intends to support the implementation of the Italian food waste prevention strategy, contributing to achieving the objective to reduce food waste by 30% by 2025. Activities will involve an awareness raising campaign, dissemination of best practices and models for surplus food management and donation, training on surplus food donation/recovery procedures and on food waste prevention methods, and activation of info-points for consumers throughout Italy.

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LIFE Justice for Nature (Generalna Dyrekcja Ochrony Środowiska)

The main goal of the project is to increase the efficiency of the implementation of national and EU legislation on nature protection as well as to facilitate law enforcement in the field of nature protection (by improving coordination between different bodies - the judicial authorities, law enforcement authorities and regional directorates of environmental protection) through realization of pilot educational activities for all stakeholders involved in nature conservation process.

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Life Net pro Net (Fondazione Cariplo)

The project will set up a network of at least 150 volunteers for the active management of Natura 2000 sites, raising more generally the awareness of local communities about the importance of Natura 2000 network. It will train the volunteers and coordinate their activities that will include monitoring and surveillance of 15 Natura 2000 sites, raising local stakeholders' awareness, and collaboration with bodies in charge of the site management. Surveillance activities will target in particular the protection of bird species listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive or these species' habitats.

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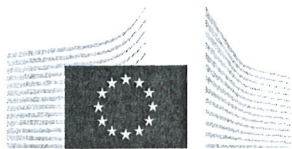
Clean Sea Life (Parco Nazionale dell'Asinara)

The project aims to reduce marine litter (ML) generated by tourism and fishing activities, by increasing awareness to the related threats and engaging stakeholders in four regions across Italy (Sardinia, Apulia, Emilia Romagna, and Marche). Activities will include the creation of a knowledge base on ML in the Mediterranean, cleaning operations, general awareness raising initiatives, and training of fishermen to pursue more responsible practices. The project will also provide guidelines for the management of ML, increase exchange of knowledge and the uptake of best practices and it will assist the authorities to achieve Good Environmental Status in line with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

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LIFE ASAP (ISPRA - Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale)

The project aims to reduce the introduction rate of invasive alien species (IAS) and their impacts by increasing public awareness and promoting active participation of stakeholders. The project will promote the adoption of voluntary codes and guidelines for managing IAS in at least 4 protected areas and will train staff of public bodies in charge of the implementation of the EU Regulation on IAS. The project will develop, by means of a participatory process, a



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first national blacklist of IAS along with a list of other proposals, to be submitted to the Italian government.

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LIFE FOR DANUBE STURGEONS (Umweltverband WWF Österreich / WWF Austria)

The project aims to promote the survival and recovery of the sturgeon population in the entire lower Danube region, as well as the species' long-term protection from illegal fishing and trade. This will be achieved by enhancing the capacity and practical knowledge of authorities, aiming at increased law enforcement. Moreover, the project will support the local fishing communities to protect the sturgeon population on their own, through the development of alternative income sources for their villages. The project will also develop surveillance mechanisms that will help identify illegal sturgeons in the market, aiming to increase awareness of retailers.

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NaturAll LIFE (Prosveta - Sofia JSC)

The project aims to increase awareness regarding the importance of the Bulgarian Natura 2000 (N2K) network, particularly with regard to its socio-economic dimensions. It will inform the current managers of N2K sites on the positive aspects of conservation and approach a significant percentage of farmers and hunters in the country, reaching over 600,000 people. It will also educate 32,000 elementary and middle school children annually, as well as 120 teachers, and will establish a network of classrooms that will be educated on the scientific, economic and spiritual value of the EU's natural capital.

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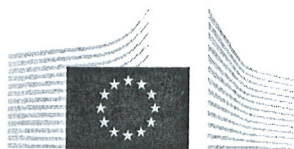
LIFEBioStandards (Global Nature Fund)

The project aims to increase the biodiversity performance of the food industry. Forty related standards and labels will be screened and recommendations to improve biodiversity performance will be provided. The project will then motivate standard organisations to include efficient biodiversity criteria into their schemes, and food processing companies to include such criteria in their sourcing guidelines. The performance of certified farms will be enhanced through the development of a Biodiversity Performance Tool which will operationalise biodiversity criteria and through a training tool for certifiers and farm managers. The project will establish a European-wide Sector Initiative "Biodiversity Performance in the Food Sector" for the implementation of a basis biodiversity standard and the continuous improvement towards efficient biodiversity protection.

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LIFE_Redcapacita2015 (Fundación interuniversitaria Fernando González Bernáldez para los espacios naturales)

The project aims to improve the management of forests in the Spanish Mediterranean region included in the Natura 2000 network, so that objectives of biodiversity conservation and adaptation to climate change are incorporated. Up until now no adequate channels for the transfers of knowledge from scientists to managers and decision makers exist in Spain. Therefore, the project will enhance the training of Natura 2000 managers and will develop



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management tools for Natura 2000 forest areas which explicitly incorporate scientific knowledge and expertise.

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LIFE SOUTHERN WOLVES (Consejería de Medio Ambiente y Ordenación del Territorio)

The project aims to improve the coexistence of the Iberian wolf population with key economic activities in Andalusia and avoiding its extinction. Thus far, social and conservation problems arise due to the fact that both men and wolves exploit certain common resources (game, livestock), resulting in an intense struggle which leads to heavy pressure on wolf populations. The project will attempt to change the negative perception of game wardens, game reserves managers and owners in the Sierra Morena area. It will also sensitise the local rural populations of the problems that exist concerning the preservation of the Iberian wolf and will promote a more positive image for the animal by raising awareness of the added values it can offer to the rural economic sector and by bringing back the cultural meaning the wolf used to have.

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LIFE CHEREE (Technical University of Crete)

The project aims to build community knowledge, authority capacity, efficiency and compliance culture for effective enforcement of the REACH/CLP Regulations and the SEVESO III Directive. It will help develop and implement a set of common good-practices, including guidance, training and supporting inspections and duty holders' needs in Greece and Cyprus. It will provide a standardised national guidance on inspectors' training and will develop an e-Platform that will include an Inspectors e-Centre and a Hazardous Chemical Info Centre. The scope is to support knowledge harmonisation for the enforcement of EU regulations on sustainable use of chemicals and expand the added value of environmental prevention in handling hazardous chemicals.

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LIFE-FOODWASTEPREV (National Food Chain Safety Office)

The project aims to prevent food waste in the food chain. It plans to reduce food waste in Hungarian households (which are responsible for 30%-42% of all food wasted in the country) and change consumer attitudes in this field through a public awareness campaign. The project will also educate 5,000 schoolchildren and 200 teachers on the issue of food waste. A set of good practices for food waste prevention will be developed by four working groups for four different segments of the food chain (food industry, food retail, catering, community good practices).

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Trees Green Infra LIFE (Fundacja EkoRozwoju / Foundation for Sustainable Development)

The project aims to develop green infrastructure in rural and urbanised landscapes through better management of trees and by increasing public participation in their protection. A set of standards and good practices on managing trees as a key component of green infrastructure will be developed and disseminated to at least 1,500 stakeholders, such as legislators, urban



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planners and landscape architects. A movement entitled "Friend of the Trees" will be created as a permanent mechanism that will provide public participation in the management of trees, with at least 100 media events taking place and reaching 2 million people. The good practices will be promoted around the EU in order to strengthen and build up international agreements for the better management of trees.

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LIFE ARTEMIS (Slovenian Forestry Institute / Gozdarski inštitut Slovenije)

The project aims to reduce the harmful impacts of invasive alien species on biodiversity. It will increase the awareness of the general public, particularly of private forest owners, on threats caused by invasive alien species to forests and it will establish a national institutional framework for their early detection and for rapid response. A dedicated national information system will be developed to document and share information on alien species, with at least 30,000 observations included therein. The project will also mobilise and train at least 450 professionals and 350 volunteers in order to improve the national capacity for early detection of alien species in forests.

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LIFE TRiFOCAL London (The Waste and Resources Action Programme)

The projects aims to pilot a holistic communications campaign to encourage sustainable food systems in cities. In London households throw away an estimated 900,000 tonnes of food each year, of which 540,000 tonnes is avoidable, while 75% of food thrown away by the Hospitality and Food service sector could have been eaten by humans. The project will encourage sustainable behaviours, such as preventing food waste by changing planning, shopping, storage and meal preparation behaviours; promoting healthy and sustainable eating by changing purchasing and preparation practices; and the recycling of unavoidable food waste. The project will develop an interactive, multi-stakeholder food waste behavioural change 'Resource Bank' so that this activity can be replicated across other major EU cities.

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