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Delegations will find attached the full mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament on the LIFE programme, as agreed by the Permanent Representatives' Committee at its meeting on 11 November 2020.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	
AND THE COUNCIL OF THE	AND THE COUNCIL OF THE	AND THE COUNCIL OF THE	
EUROPEAN UNION,	EUROPEAN UNION,	EUROPEAN UNION,	
Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192 thereof,	Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1) thereof,	Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article-192(1) thereof,	
Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,	Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,	Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,	
After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,	After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,	After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,	
Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee ¹ ,	Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee ¹ ,	Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee- ² ,	

¹ Marking in relation to the Council's partial general approach adopted on 20 December 2018. Text highlighted in grey marks those parts of the text that were bracketed in the common understanding (document 7479/1/19 REV 1) and/or where the Council suggests changes to the text.

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Having regard to the opinion of the	Having regard to the opinion of the	Having regard to the opinion of the	
Committee of the Regions ² ,	Committee of the Regions ² ,	Committee of the Regions- ³ ,	
Acting in accordance with the	Acting in accordance with the	Acting in accordance with the	
ordinary legislative procedure,	ordinary legislative procedure,	ordinary legislative procedure,	
Whereas:	Whereas:	Whereas:	
1 OJ C , , p	1 OJ C , , p	2 OJ C , , p	
² OJ C , , p	² OJ C , , p	³ OJ C , , p	
		tal 1	
(1) Union environmental, climate	(1) Union environmental, climate	(1) Union environmental, climate	
and relevant clean energy policy	and relevant energy policy and	and relevant [] energy policy and	
and legislation have delivered	legislation have delivered	legislation have delivered	
substantial improvements to the	substantial improvements to the	substantial improvements to the	
state of the environment. However,	state of the environment. However,	state of the environment. However,	
major environmental and climate	major environmental and climate	major environmental and climate	
challenges remain, which if left	challenges remain, which if left	challenges remain, which if left	
unaddressed, will have significant	unaddressed, will have significant	unaddressed, will have significant	
negative consequences for the	negative consequences for the	negative consequences for the	
Union and the well-being of its	Union and the well-being of its	Union and the well-being of its	
citizens.	citizens.	citizens.	
	Reci	ital 2	
(2) The Programme for the	(2) The Programme for the	(2) The Programme for the	
Environment and Climate Action	Environment and Climate Action	Environment and Climate Action	
(LIFE), established by Regulation	(LIFE), established by Regulation	(LIFE), established by Regulation	
(EU) No 1293/2013 of the	(EU) No 1293/2013 of the	(EU) No 1293/2013 of the	
European Parliament and of the	European Parliament and of the	European Parliament and of the	
Council ³ for the period 2014 to	Council ¹ for the period 2014 to	Council- ⁴ for the period 2014 to	

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2020 is the latest in a series of	2020 is the latest in a series of	2020 is the latest in a series of	
Union programmes over 25 years	Union programmes over 25 years	Union programmes over 25 years	
which support the implementation	which support the implementation	which support the implementation	
of environmental and climate	of environmental and climate	of environmental and climate	
legislation and policy priorities. It	legislation and policy priorities. It	legislation and policy priorities. It	
was positively assessed in a recent	was positively assessed in a recent	was positively assessed in a recent	
mid-term evaluation ⁴ as being on	mid-term evaluation ² as being on	mid-term evaluation- ⁵ as being on	
track to be effective, efficient and	track to be effective, efficient and	track to be effective, efficient and	
relevant. The 2014-2020 LIFE	relevant. The 2014-2020 LIFE	relevant. The 2014-2020 LIFE	
Programme should therefore be	Programme should therefore be	Programme should therefore be	
continued with certain	continued with certain	continued with certain	
modifications identified in the mid-	modifications identified in the mid-	modifications identified in the mid-	
term evaluation and subsequent	term evaluation and subsequent	term evaluation and subsequent	
assessments. Accordingly, a	assessments. Accordingly, a	assessments. Accordingly, the	
Programme for the Environment	Programme for the Environment	Programme for the Environment	
and Climate Action (LIFE) (the	and Climate Action (LIFE) (the	and Climate Action (LIFE) (the	
'Programme') should be established	' <i>LIFE</i> Programme') should be	'LIFE Programme') should be	
for the period starting 2021.	established for the period starting	established for <u>a</u> period [] <u>of</u>	
	2021.	seven years to align its duration	
		with that of the multiannual	
		financial framework laid down	
³ Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of	¹ Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of	in Council Regulation (EU,	
the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the	the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the	Euratom) No [reference to the	
establishment of a Programme for the	establishment of a Programme for the	MFF Regulation to be inserted].	
Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)		
and repealing Regulation (EC) No	and repealing Regulation (EC) No		
614/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 185).	614/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 185).	⁴ Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of	
⁴ Report on the Mid-term Evaluation of the Programme for Environment and	² Report on the Mid-term Evaluation of the Programme for Environment and	the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 _December 2013 on the	
Climate Action (LIFE)(<u>SWD(2017) 355</u>	Climate Action (LIFE) (<u>SWD(2017)0355</u>).	establishment of a Programme for the	
final).		Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)	

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		and repealing Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 185). ⁵ Report on the Mid-term Evaluation	
		of the Programme for Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) (13993/17	
		-SWD(2017) 355 final).	
	Reci	tal 3	
(3) Pursuing the achievement of	(3) Pursuing the achievement of	(3) Pursuing the achievement of	
the Union's objectives and targets	the Union's objectives and targets	the Union's objectives and targets	
set by environmental, climate and	set by environmental, climate and	set by environmental, climate and	
related clean energy legislation,	<i>relevant</i> energy legislation, policy,	[] relevant energy []	
policy, plans and international	plans and international	legislation, policy, plans and	
commitments, the Programme	commitments, the <i>LIFE</i>	international commitments, the	
should contribute to the shift	Programme should contribute <i>in</i>	LIFE Programme should contribute	
towards a clean, circular, energy-	<i>line with a just transition</i> to the	in line with a just transition to the	
efficient, low-carbon and climate-	shift towards a <i>sustainable</i> ,	shift towards a .[],sustainable,	
resilient economy, to the protection	circular, energy-efficient,	circular, energy-efficient,	
and improvement of the quality of	renewable energy-based, climate-	renewable energy-based, [] low-	
the environment and to halting and	neutral and -resilient economy, to	emissions and climate-neutral and	
reversing biodiversity loss, either	the protection, <i>restoration</i> and	<u>-</u> resilient economy, to the	
through direct interventions or by	improvement of the quality of the	protection, restoration and	
supporting the integration of those	environment, including air, water	improvement of the quality of the	
objectives in other policies.	and <i>soil, and health</i> , to halting and	environment, including air, water	
	reversing biodiversity loss,	and soil, and health, to halting and	
	including through supporting the	reversing biodiversity loss,	
	implementation and management	including through supporting the	
	of the Natura2000 network and	implementation and management of	
	tackling the degradation of	the Natura 2000 network and	
	ecosystems, either through direct	tackling the degradation of	
	interventions or by supporting the	ecosystems, either through direct	
	integration of those objectives in	interventions in Member States or	

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	other policies. The LIFE	by supporting the integration of	
	Programme should also support	those objectives in other policies.	
	the implementation of the General	The LIFE Programme should also	
	action programmes adopted in	support the implementation of the	
	accordance with Article 192(3)	General action programmes on	
	TFEU, such as the 7th	environment and climate policy	
	Environment Action Programme ¹	adopted in accordance with Article	
		192(3) TFEU, such as the 7^{th}	
		Environment Action Programme- ⁶ .	
	¹ Decision No 1386/2013/EU of the		
	European Parliament and of the Council		
	of 20 November 2013 on a General Union	⁶ Decision No 1386/2013/EU of the	
	Environment Action Programme to 2020 'Living well, within the limits of our	European Parliament and of the Council of	
	planet' (OJ L 354 28.12.2013).	20 November 2013 on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2020	
		'Living well, within the limits of our	
		planet' (OJ L 354 28.12.2013).	
	Reci	tal 4	
(4) The Union is committed to	(4) The Union is committed to	(4) The Union is committed to	
developing a comprehensive	developing a comprehensive	developing a comprehensive	
response to the sustainable	response to the Sustainable	response to the Sustainable	
development goals of the United	Development Goals of the United	Development Goals of the United	
Nations 2030 Agenda for the	Nations 2030 Agenda for the	Nations 2030 Agenda for the	
Sustainable Development, which	Sustainable Development, which	Sustainable Development, which	
highlight the intrinsic connection	highlight the intrinsic connection	highlight the intrinsic connection	
between the management of natural	between the management of natural	between the management of natural	
resources to ensure their long-term	resources to ensure their long-term	resources to ensure their long-term	
availability, ecosystem services,	availability, ecosystem services,	availability, ecosystem services,	
their link to human health and	their link to human health and	their link to human health and	
sustainable and socially inclusive	sustainable and socially inclusive	sustainable and socially inclusive	
economic growth. In this spirit, the	economic growth. In this spirit, the	economic growth. In this spirit, the	

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Programme should make a material	<i>LIFE</i> Programme should <i>reflect</i>	LIFE Programme should make	
contribution to both economic	the principles of solidarity, while	reflect the principles of solidarity,	
development and social cohesion.	<i>making</i> a material contribution to	while making a material	
	both economic development and	contribution to both economic	
	social cohesion.	development and social cohesion.	
	Recital 4	4 a (new)	
	(4a) With a view to promoting	(4a) With a view to promoting	
	sustainable development,	sustainable development,	
	environmental and climate	environmental and climate	
	protection requirements should be	protection requirements should	
	integrated into the definition and	be integrated into the definition	
	implementation of all Union	and implementation of all Union	
	policies and activities. Synergies	policies and activities. Synergies	
	and complementarity with other	and complementarity with other	
	Union funding programmes	Union funding programmes	
	should, therefore, be promoted,	<u>should, therefore, be promoted,</u>	
	including by facilitating the	including by facilitating the	
	funding of activities that	funding of activities that	
	complement strategic integrated	complement strategic integrated	
	projects and strategic nature	projects and strategic nature	
	projects and support the uptake	projects and support the uptake	
	and replication of solutions	and replication of solutions	
	developed under the LIFE	developed under the Programme.	
	Programme. Coordination is	Coordination is required to	
	required to prevent double	prevent double funding. The	
	funding. The Commission and	Commission and Member States	
	Member States should take steps to	should take steps to prevent	
	prevent administrative overlap and	administrative overlap and	
	burden on project beneficiaries,	burden on project beneficiaries,	

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	arising from reporting obligations	arising from reporting	
	from different financial	obligations from different	
	instruments.	financial instruments.	

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Recital 5				
(5) The Programme should	(5) The <i>LIFE</i> Programme should	(5) The LIFE Programme should		
contribute to sustainable	contribute to sustainable	contribute to sustainable		
development and to the	development and to the	development and to the		
achievement of the objectives and	achievement of the objectives and	achievement of the objectives and		
targets of the Union environment,	targets of the Union environment,	targets of the Union environment,		
climate and relevant clean energy	climate and relevant energy	climate and relevant [] energy		
legislation, strategies, plans and	legislation, strategies, plans and	legislation, strategies, plans and		
international commitments, in	international commitments, in	international commitments, in		
particular the United Nations 2030	particular the United Nations 2030	particular the United Nations 2030		
Agenda for the Sustainable	Agenda for the Sustainable	Agenda for the Sustainable		
Development ⁵ , the Convention on	Development ¹ , the Convention on	Development ⁷ , the Convention on		
Biological Diversity ⁶ and the Paris	Biological Diversity ² and the Paris	Biological Diversity ⁸ and the Paris		
Agreement adopted under the	Agreement adopted under the	Agreement adopted under the		
United Nations Framework	United Nations Framework	United Nations Framework		
Convention on Climate Change ⁷	Convention on Climate Change ³	Convention on Climate Change ⁹		
("Paris Agreement on Climate	("Paris Agreement on Climate	("Paris Agreement on Climate		
Change").	Change"), and among others the	Change "). "), and among others		
	UNECE Convention on Access to	the UNECE Convention on		
	Information, Public Participation	Access to Information, Public		
	and Access to Justice in	Participation and Access to		
	Environmental Matters (the	Justice in Environmental Matters		
	"Aarhus Convention"), the	(the "Aarhus Convention"), the		
	UNECE Convention on Long-	UNECE Convention on Long-		
	Range Transboundary Air	Range Transboundary Air		
	Pollution, the UN Basel	Pollution, the UN Basel		
	Convention on the Control of	Convention on the Control of		
	Transboundary Movements of	Transboundary Movements of		
	Hazardous Wastes and Their	Hazardous Wastes and Their		
	Disposal, the UN Rotterdam	Disposal, the UN Rotterdam		

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 Agenda 2030, Resolution adopted by UN GA on 25/09/2015. 93/626/EEC: Council Decision of 25 October 1993 concerning the conclusion of the Convention on Biological Diversity, (OJ L 309, 13.12.1993, p. 1). OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 4. 	Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the UN Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Agenda 2030, Resolution adopted by UN GA on 25/09/2015. 93/626/EEC: Council Decision of 25 October 1993 concerning the conclusion of the Convention on Biological Diversity, (OJ L 309, 13.12.1993, p. 1). OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 4.	Convention on the PriorInformed Consent Procedure forCertain Hazardous Chemicalsand Pesticides in InternationalTrade and the UN StockholmConvention on Persistent OrganicPollutants.7Agenda 2030, Resolution adoptedby UNGAUN GA on 25/09/2015.893/626/EEC: Council Decision of25 October 1993 concerning theconclusion of the Convention onBiological Diversity, (OJ L 309,13.12.1993, p. 1).9OJ L 282, 19.10.2016, p. 4.	
	Reci	tal o	
(6) For achieving the overarching objectives, the implementation of the Circular economy package ⁸ , the 2030 Climate and Energy Policy Framework ^{9, 10, 11} , Union nature legislation ¹² , as well as of related policies ^{13, 14, 15, 16, 17} , is of particular importance.		(6) <u>(deletion)</u>	
8 COM(2015) 614 final, 02.12.2015.			

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9 2020 CI: / IE DI:	1st reading position of 17/4/2019	(Coreper 11/11/2020)	
⁹ 2030 Climate and Energy Policy Framework, COM(2014)15, 22.01.2014.			
¹⁰ EU Strategy on adaptation to			
climate change, COM(2013)216,			
16.04.2013.			
¹¹ Clean Energy for all Europeans			
package, COM(2016) 860, 30.11.2016.			
¹² Action Plan for nature, people and			
the economy, COM(2017)198, 27.04.2017. ¹³ Clean Air Programme for Europe,			
COM(2013)918.			
14 Directive 2000/60/EC of the			
European Parliament and of the Council of			
23 October 2000 establishing a framework			
for Community action in the field of water			
policy (OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1).			
Thematic Strategy for Son			
Protection, COM(2006)231. ¹⁶ Low Emission Mobility Strategy,			
COM/2016/0501 final.			
¹⁷ Action Plan on Alternative Fuels			
Infrastructure under Article 10(6) of			
Directive 2014/94/EU, 8.11.2017.			
	Recital	6a (new)	
	(6a) The Union attaches great	(6a) The Union attaches great	
	importance to the long-term	importance to the long-term	
	sustainability of the results of	sustainability of the results of	
	<i>c s s</i>		
	LIFE projects, and to the capacity	LIFE projects, and to the	
	to secure and maintain those	capacity to secure and maintain	
	results after project	those results after project	
	implementation, inter alia by	implementation, inter alia by	
	project continuation, replication	project continuation, replication	
	and/or transfer.	<u>and/or transfer.</u>	

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	Recital 7				
(7) Complying with the Union's	(7) Complying with the Union's	(7) Complying with the Union's			
commitments under the Paris	commitments under the Paris	commitments under the Paris			
Agreement on Climate Change	Agreement on Climate Change	Agreement on Climate Change			
requires the transformation of the	requires the transformation of the	requires the transformation of the			
Union into an energy efficient, low	Union into <i>a sustainable, circular,</i>	Union into an <u>a</u> sustainable,			
carbon and climate resilient society.	energy efficient, renewable energy-	circular, energy efficient, renewable			
This in turn requires actions, with a	based, climate-neutral and -	energy-based, [] low-emissions			
special focus on sectors that	resilient society. This in turn	and-climateneutral and -resilient			
contribute most to the current levels	requires actions, with a special	society. This in turn requires			
of CO ₂ output and pollution,	focus on sectors that contribute	actions, with a special focus on			
contributing to the implementation	most to the current levels of	sectors that contribute most to the			
of the 2030 energy and climate	greenhouse gas output and	current levels of [] greenhouse			
policy framework and the Member	pollution, <i>promoting energy</i>	gas output and pollution, promoting			
States' Integrated National Energy	efficiency and renewable energy,	energy efficiency improvements			
and Climate Plans and preparations	as well as contributing to the	and renewable energy, as well as			
for the Union's mid-century and	implementation of the 2030 energy	contributing to the implementation			
long-term climate and energy	and climate policy framework and	of the []2030 energy and			
strategy. The Programme should	the Member States' Integrated	climate policy framework and the			
also include measures contributing	National Energy and Climate Plans	Member States' Integrated National			
to the implementation of the	and to the implementation of the	Energy and Climate Plans and			
Union's climate adaptation policy to	Union's mid-century and long-term	preparations for to the			
decrease vulnerability to the	climate and energy strategy, <i>in line</i>	implementation of the Union's			
adverse effects of climate change.	with the long-term objectives of the	mid-century and long-term climate			
	Paris Agreement. The LIFE	and energy strategy, in line with			
	Programme should also include	the long-term objectives of the			
	measures contributing to the	Paris Agreement. The LIFE			
	implementation of the Union's	Programme should also include			
	climate adaptation policy to	measures contributing to the			
	decrease vulnerability to the	implementation of the Union's			

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	adverse effects of climate change.	climate adaptation policy to	
		decrease vulnerability to the	
		adverse effects of climate change.	
	Recital '	7a (new)	
	(7a) Projects under the new	(7a) Projects under the new Clean	
	Clean Energy Transition sub-	Energy Transition sub-programme	
	programme of the LIFE	of the LIFE Programme should	
	Programme should focus on the	focus on the creation of capacity	
	creation of capacity building and	building and diffusion of	
	diffusion of knowledge, skills,	knowledge, skills, innovative	
	innovative techniques, methods	techniques, methods and solutions	
	and solutions for reaching the	for reaching the objectives of the	
	objectives of the Union legislation	Union legislation and policy on the	
	and policy on the transition to	transition to renewable energy and	
	renewable energy and increased	increased energy efficiency. These	
	energy efficiency. These are	are typically coordination and	
	typically coordination and support	support actions of high EU	
	actions of high EU added-value,	added-value, aiming to break	
	aiming to break market barriers	market barriers that hamper the	
	that hamper the socio-economic	socio-economic transition to	
	transition to sustainable energy,	sustainable energy, typically	
	typically engaging small and	engaging small and middle-size	
	middle-size stakeholders, multiple	stakeholders, multiple actors	
	actors including local and regional	including local and regional	
	public authorities and non-profit	public authorities and non-profit	
	organisations. These actions bring	organisations. These actions	
	multiple co-benefits, such as	bring multiple co-benefits, such	
	tackling energy poverty, improved	as tackling energy poverty,	
	indoor air quality, reducing local	improved indoor air quality,	

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	pollutants thanks to energy	reducing local pollutants thanks	
	efficiency improvements and	to energy efficiency	
	increased distributed renewable	improvements and increased	
	energies, and contributing to	distributed renewable energies,	
	positive local economic effects and	and contributing to positive local	
	more socially inclusive growth.	economic effects and more	
		socially inclusive growth.	
	Reci	tal 8	
(8) The transition to clean energy	(8) <i>In order to contribute</i> to the	(8) [] Rapid deployment of	
is an essential contribution to the	mitigation of climate change and	renewable energy sources and	
mitigation of climate change with	the Union's international	improved energy efficiency []	
co-benefits for the environment.	commitments for decarbonisation,	can be an essential contribution <u>In</u>	
Actions for capacity building	the transformation of the energy	order to contribute to the	
supporting the clean energy	sector needs to be accelerated.	mitigation of climate change with	
transition, funded until 2020 under	Actions for capacity building	co-benefitsand the Union's	
Horizon 2020, should be integrated	supporting energy, efficiency and	international commitments for the	
in the Programme since their	renewable energy funded until	environment.decarbonisation, the	
objective is not to fund excellence	2020 under Horizon 2020 ¹ , should	transformation of the energy	
and generate innovation, but to	be integrated in the <i>new Clean</i>	sector needs to be accelerated.	
facilitate the uptake of already	Energy Transition sub-programme	Actions for capacity building	
available technology that will	of the LIFE Programme since their	supporting energy efficiency	
contribute to climate mitigation.	objective is not to fund excellence	improvements and renewable	
The inclusion of these capacity	and generate innovation, but to	energy-[], funded until 2020	
building activities into the	facilitate the uptake of already	under Horizon 2020 ¹⁰ , should be	
Programme offers potential for	available technology <i>for renewable</i>	integrated in the new Clean Energy	
synergies between the sub-	energy and energy efficiency, that	Transition sub-programme of the	
programmes and increases the	will contribute to climate	LIFE Programme since their	
overall coherence of Union	mitigation. The LIFE Programme	objective is not to fund excellence	
funding. Therefore, data should be	should involve all stakeholders and	and generate innovation, but to	

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collected and disseminated on the	sectors involved in a clean energy	facilitate the uptake of already	
uptake of existing research and	transition. The inclusion of these	available technology for renewable	
innovation solutions in the LIFE	capacity building activities into the	energy and energy efficiency, that	
projects, including from the	<i>LIFE</i> Programme offers potential	will contribute to climate	
Horizon Europe programme and its	for synergies between the sub-	mitigation. The LIFE Programme	
predecessors.	programmes and increases the	should involve all stakeholders	
	overall coherence of Union	and sectors involved in a clean	
	funding. Therefore, data should be	energy transition. The inclusion of	
	collected and disseminated on the	these capacity building activities	
	uptake of existing research and	into the LIFE Programme offers	
	innovation solutions in the LIFE	potential for synergies between the	
	projects, including from the	sub-programmes and increases the	
	Horizon Europe programme and its	overall coherence of Union	
	predecessors.	funding. Therefore, data should be	
		collected and disseminated on the	
	¹ Horizon 2020 Part III 'Secure,	uptake of existing research and	
	clean and efficient energy' (Societal	innovation solutions in the LIFE	
	Challenges) (Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013	projects, including from the	
	establishing the specific programme	Horizon Europe programme and its	
	implementing Horizon 2020 - the	predecessors.	
	Framework Programme for Research and		
	Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing	10 Horizon 2020 Part III 'Secure, clean	
	Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and	and efficient energy' (Societal Challenges) (Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3	
	2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.	December 2013 establishing the specific	
	965)).	programme implementing Horizon 2020 -	
		the Framework Programme for Research	
		and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing	
		Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/973/EC and	
		2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p.	
		965)).	

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	Recital 9					
(9) The impact assessments of the	(9) The impact <i>assessment for</i>	(9) The impact assessment $[\dots]$				
Clean Energy legislation estimate	<i>the amendment</i> of the Energy	for the [] amendment of the				
that the delivery of the Union's	<i>Efficiency Directive</i> ¹ <i>estimates</i> that	Energy Efficiency Directive ¹¹ []				
2030 energy targets will require	the delivery of the Union's 2030	estimates that the delivery of the				
additional investments of EUR 177	energy targets will require	Union's 2030 energy targets will				
billion annually in the period 2021-	additional investments of EUR 177	require additional investments of				
2030. The biggest gaps relate to the	billion annually in the period 2021-	EUR 177 billion annually in the				
investments in buildings	2030. The biggest gaps relate to the	period 2021-2030. The biggest gaps				
decarbonisation (energy efficiency	investments in buildings	relate to the investments in				
and small-scale renewable energy	decarbonisation (energy efficiency	buildings decarbonisation (energy				
sources), where capital needs to be	and small-scale renewable energy	efficiency and small-scale				
channelled towards projects of	sources), where capital needs to be	renewable energy sources), where				
highly distributed nature. One of	channelled towards projects of	capital needs to be channelled				
the objectives of the Clean Energy	highly distributed nature. One of	towards projects of highly				
Transition sub-programme is to	the objectives of the Clean Energy	distributed nature. One of the				
build capacity for projects	Transition sub-programme, which	objectives of the Clean Energy				
development and aggregation,	covers rapid deployment of	Transition sub-programme, which				
thereby also helping to absorb	renewable energy and energy	covers rapid deployment of				
funds from the European Structural	<i>efficiency</i> , is to build capacity for	renewable energy sources and				
and Investment Funds and catalyse	the development and aggregation of	improved energy efficiency, is to				
investments in clean energy also	such projects, thereby also helping	build capacity for the development				
using the financial instruments	to absorb funds from the European	and aggregation of such projects				
provided under InvestEU.	Structural and Investment Funds	$[\dots], _{\underline{1}}$ thereby also helping to absorb				
	and catalyse investments in	funds from the European Structural				
	renewable energy and energy	and Investment Funds and catalyse				
	<i>efficiency</i> , also using the financial	investments in [] safe and				
	instruments provided under	sustainable renewable energy and				
	InvestEU.	energy efficiency, also using the				
		financial instruments provided				

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		under InvestEU.	
	¹ <i>Directive (EU) 2018/2002 of the</i>		
	European Parliament and of the Council		
	of 11 December 2018 amending Directive	¹¹ Docs 15091/16 ADD 10, 11 and 12	
	2012/27/EU on energy efficiency (OJ L	SWD(2016) 405 final. Directive (EU)	
	328, 21.12.2018, p. 210).	2018/2002 of the European Parliament	
		and of the Council of 11 December 2018	
		amending Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency	
	Recital	9a (new)	<u> </u>
	(9a) The LIFE programme is the	(9a) The LIFE programme is the	
	only programme dedicated	only programme dedicated	
	specifically to environment and	specifically to environment and	
	climate action, and therefore plays	climate action, and therefore	
	a crucial role in supporting the	plays a crucial role in supporting	
	implementation of Union	the implementation of Union	
	legislation and policies in those	legislation and policies in those	
	areas.	areas.	
	Reci	tal 10	
(10) Synergies with Horizon	(10) Synergies with Horizon	(10) Synergies with Horizon	
Europe should ensure that research	Europe should <i>facilitate</i> that	Europe should facilitate [] that	
and innovation needs to tackle	research and innovation needs to	research and innovation needs to	
environmental, climate and energy	tackle environmental, climate and	tackle environmental, climate and	
challenges within the EU are	energy challenges within the EU	energy challenges within the EU	
identified and established during	are identified and established	are identified and established	
Horizon Europe's strategic research	during Horizon Europe's strategic	during Horizon Europe's strategic	
and innovation planning process.	research and innovation planning	research and innovation planning	
LIFE should continue to act as a	process. The LIFE Programme	process. [] The LIFE Programme	
catalyst for implementing EU	should continue to act as a catalyst	should continue to act as a catalyst	
environment, climate and clean	for implementing EU environment,	for implementing EU environment,	

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energy policy and legislation,	climate and <i>relevant</i> energy policy	climate and relevant [] energy	
including by taking up and applying	and legislation, including by taking	policy and legislation, including by	
research and innovation results	up and applying research and	taking up and applying research and	
from Horizon Europe and help	innovation results from Horizon	innovation results from Horizon	
deploying them on a larger scale	Europe and help deploying them on	Europe and help deploying them on	
where it can help address	a larger scale where it can help	a larger scale where it can help	
environmental, climate or clean	address environmental, climate or	address environmental, climate or	
energy transition issues. Horizon	energy transition issues. Horizon	[] energy transition issues.	
Europe's European Innovation	Europe's European Innovation	Horizon Europe's European	
Council can provide support to	Council can provide support to	Innovation Council can provide	
scale up and commercialise new	scale up and commercialise new	support to scale up and	
breakthrough ideas that may result	breakthrough ideas that may result	commercialise new breakthrough	
from the implementation of LIFE	from the implementation of LIFE	ideas that may result from the	
projects.	projects. Similarly, synergies with	implementation of LIFE projects.	
	the Innovation Fund under the	Similarly, synergies with the	
	Emission Trading System should	Innovation Fund under the	
	also be taken into account.	Emission Trading System should	
		also be taken into account.	
	Reci	tal 11	
(11) An action that has received a	(11) An action that has received a	(11) An action that has received a	
contribution from the Programme	contribution from the <i>LIFE</i>	contribution from the LIFE	
can also receive a contribution from	Programme can also receive a	Programme can also receive a	
any other Union programme,	contribution from any other Union	contribution from any other Union	
provided that the contributions do	<i>programme</i> , provided that the	programme, provided that the	
not cover the same costs. Actions	contributions do not cover the same	contributions do not cover the same	
that receive cumulative funding	costs. Actions that receive	costs. Actions that receive	
from different Union programmes	cumulative funding from different	cumulative funding from different	
shall be audited only once, covering	Union programmes <i>should</i> be	Union programmes []-should be	
all involved programmes and their	audited only once, covering all	audited only once, covering all	

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respective applicable rules.	involved programmes and their	involved programmes and their	
	respective applicable rules.	respective applicable rules.	
	Reci	tal 12	
(12) The Union's most recent	(12) The most recent	(12) The Union's most recent	
Environmental Implementation	Commission Communication on	Commission Communication on	
Review package ¹⁸ indicates that	the Environmental Implementation	the Environmental Implementation	
significant progress is required to	Review (EIR) ¹ indicates that	Review package (EIR) ¹² indicates	
accelerate implementation of the	significant progress is required to	that significant progress is required	
Union environment acquis and	accelerate implementation of the	to accelerate implementation of the	
enhance the integration of	Union environment acquis and	Union environment acquis and	
environmental and climate	enhance the integration <i>and</i>	enhance the integration and	
objectives into other policies. The	<i>mainstreaming</i> of environmental	mainstreaming of environmental	
Programme should therefore act as	and climate objectives into other	and climate objectives into other	
a catalyst to achieve the required	policies. The <i>LIFE</i> Programme	policies. The LIFE Programme	
progress through developing,	should therefore act as a catalyst <i>to</i>	should therefore act as a catalyst to	
testing and replicating new	tackle horizontal, systemic	<u>tackle horizontal, systemic</u>	
approaches; supporting policy	challenges as well as the root	challenges as well as the root	
development, monitoring and	causes for implementation	causes for implementation	
review; enhancing stakeholder	deficiencies as identified in the	deficiencies as identified in the	
involvement; mobilising	<i>EIR and</i> to achieve the required	EIR and to achieve the required	
investments across Union	progress through developing,	progress through developing,	
investment programmes or other	testing and replicating new	testing and replicating new	
financial sources and supporting	approaches; supporting policy	approaches; supporting policy	
actions to overcome the various	development, monitoring and	development, monitoring and	
obstacles to the effective	review; <i>improving governance on</i>	review; improving governance on	
implementation of key plans	environmental, climate change	environmental, climate change	
required by environment	and related energy transition	and related energy transition	
legislation.	matters, including through	matters, including through	
	enhancing stakeholder involvement	enhancing stakeholder involvement	
	at all levels, capacity building,	at all levels, capacity building,	

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	communication and awareness;	communication and awareness;	
	mobilising investments across	mobilising investments across	
	Union investment programmes or	Union investment programmes or	
	other financial sources and	other financial sources and	
	supporting actions to overcome the	supporting actions to overcome the	
	various obstacles to the effective	various obstacles to the effective	
	implementation of key plans	implementation of key plans	
	required by environment	required by environment	
	legislation.	legislation.	
¹⁸ Communication from the			
Commission to the European Parliament,	$\frac{1}{1}$ Communication from the		
the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of	¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament,	¹² Communication from the	
the Regions - The EU Environmental	the Council, the European Economic and	Commission to the European Parliament,	
Implementation Review: Common	Social Committee and the Committee of	the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of	
challenges and how to combine efforts to	the Regions - The EU Environmental	the Regions - The EU Environmental	
deliver better results (COM/2017/063	Implementation Review: Common	Implementation Review: Common	
final).	challenges and how to combine efforts to deliver better results (COM/2017/0063).	challenges and how to combine efforts to	
	denver better results (COM/2017/0003).	deliver better results (5967/17 -	
		COM(2017) 63 final).	
	Recit		
(13) Halting and reversing	(13) Halting and reversing	(13) Halting and reversing	
biodiversity loss, including in	biodiversity loss, the degradation	biodiversity loss, the degradation	
marine ecosystems, requires	of ecosystems, including in marine	of ecosystems, including in marine	
support for the development,	ecosystems, requires support for the	ecosystems, requires support for the	
implementation, enforcement and	development, implementation,	development, implementation,	
assessment of relevant Union	enforcement and assessment of	enforcement and assessment of	
legislation and policy, including the	relevant Union legislation and	relevant Union legislation and	
EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020	policy, including the EU	policy, including the EU	
¹⁹ , Council Directive 92/43/EEC ²⁰	Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 ¹ ,	Biodiversity Strategy <u>for 2030</u> ¹³ ,	
and Directive 2009/147/EC of the	Council Directive 92/43/EEC ² and	Council Directive 92/43/EEC- ¹⁴ and	
European Parliament and of the	Directive 2009/147/EC of the	Directive 2009/147/EC of the	

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Council ²¹ and Regulation (EU)	European Parliament and of the	European Parliament and of the	
1143/2014 of the European	Council ³ and Regulation (EU)	Council- ¹⁵ and Regulation (EU)	
Parliament and of the Council ²² , in	1143/2014 of the European	1143/2014 of the European	
particular by developing the	Parliament and of the Council ⁴ , in	Parliament and of the Council- ¹⁶ , in	
knowledge base for policy	particular by developing the	particular by developing the	
development and implementation	knowledge base for policy	knowledge base for policy	
and by developing, testing,	development and implementation	development and implementation	
demonstrating and applying best	and by developing, testing,	and by developing, testing,	
practices and solutions on small	demonstrating and applying best	demonstrating and applying best	
scale or tailored to specific local,	practices and solutions, such as	practices and solutions, such as	
regional or national contexts,	effective management, on small	effective management, on small	
including integrated approaches for	scale or tailored to specific local,	scale or tailored to specific local,	
the implementation of the	regional or national contexts,	regional or national contexts,	
prioritised action frameworks	including integrated approaches for	including integrated approaches for	
prepared on the basis of Directive	the implementation of the	the implementation of the	
92/43/EEC. The Union should track	prioritised action frameworks	prioritised action frameworks	
its biodiversity-related expenditure	prepared on the basis of Directive	prepared on the basis of Directive	
to fulfil its reporting obligations	92/43/EEC. The Union and the	92/43/EEC. The Union and the	
under the Convention on Biological	<i>Member States</i> should track <i>their</i>	Member States should track its	
Diversity. Requirements for	biodiversity-related expenditure to	their biodiversity-related	
tracking in other relevant Union	fulfil <i>their</i> reporting obligations	expenditure to fulfil its their	
legislation should also be met.	under the Convention on Biological	reporting obligations under the	
	Diversity. Requirements for	Convention on Biological	
	tracking in other relevant Union	Diversity. Requirements for	
	legislation should also be met.	tracking in other relevant Union	
	Biodiversity-related Union	legislation should also be met.	
	spending will be tracked using a	Biodiversity-related Union	
	specific set of markers ⁵ .	spending will be tracked using a	
		specific set of markers- ¹⁷ .	
¹⁹ COM(2011) 244 final. ²⁰ Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21			
²⁰ Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21			

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May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7). ²¹ Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7). ²² Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 35).	 COM(2011)0244. Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7). Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7). Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 35). <i>SEC(2017)0250.</i> 	 13 <u>COM(2020)</u> 380 final. 14 Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7). 15 Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7). 16 Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 35). 17 Doc. SEC(20172018) 250. 	
	Reci	tal 14	
 (14) Recent evaluations and assessments, including the mid- term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 and the Fitness Check of Nature legislation, indicate that one of the main underlying causes for insufficient implementation of Union nature legislation and of the biodiversity strategy is the lack of adequate financing. The main Union funding instruments, including the [European Regional Development] 	(14) Recent evaluations and assessments, including the mid- term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 and the Fitness Check of Nature legislation, indicate that one of the main underlying causes for insufficient implementation of Union nature legislation and of the biodiversity strategy is the lack of adequate financing. The main Union funding instruments, including the [European Regional Development	(14) Recent evaluations and assessments, including the mid- term review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 and the Fitness Check of Nature legislation, indicate that one of the main underlying causes for insufficient implementation of Union nature legislation and of the biodiversity strategy is the lack of adequate financing. The main Union funding instruments, including the [European Regional Development	

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Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the	Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the	Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the	
European Agricultural Fund for	European Agricultural Fund for	European Agricultural Fund for	
Rural Development and the	Rural Development and the	Rural Development and the	
European Maritime and Fisheries	European Maritime and Fisheries	European Maritime and Fisheries	
Fund], can make a significant	Fund], can make a significant	Fund], can make a significant	
contribution towards meeting those	contribution towards meeting those	contribution towards meeting those	
needs. The Programme can further	needs, on a complementary basis.	needs-, on a complementary basis.	
improve the efficiency of such	The <i>LIFE</i> Programme can further	The LIFE Programme can further	
mainstreaming through strategic	improve the efficiency of such	improve the efficiency of such	
nature projects dedicated to	mainstreaming through strategic	mainstreaming through strategic	
catalysing the implementation of	nature projects dedicated to	nature projects dedicated to	
Union nature and biodiversity	catalysing the implementation of	catalysing the implementation of	
legislation and policy, including the	Union nature and biodiversity	Union nature and biodiversity	
actions set out in the Priority Action	legislation and policy, including the	legislation and policy, including the	
Frameworks developed in	actions set out in the Priority Action	actions set out in the Priority Action	
accordance with Directive	Frameworks developed in	Frameworks developed in	
92/43/EEC. The strategic nature	accordance with Directive	accordance with Directive	
projects should support	92/43/EEC. The strategic nature	92/43/EEC. The strategic nature	
programmes of actions in Member	projects should support	projects should support	
States for the mainstreaming of	programmes of actions in Member	programmes of actions in Member	
relevant nature and biodiversity	States for the mainstreaming of	States for the mainstreaming of	
objectives into other policies and	relevant nature and biodiversity	relevant nature and biodiversity	
financing programmes, thus	objectives into other policies and	objectives into other policies and	
ensuring that appropriate funds are	financing programmes, thus	financing programmes, thus	
mobilised for implementing these	ensuring that appropriate funds are	ensuring that appropriate funds are	
policies. Member States could	mobilised for implementing these	mobilised for implementing these	
decide within their Strategic Plan	policies. Member States could	policies. Member States could	
for the Common Agricultural	decide within their Strategic Plan	decide within their Strategic Plan	
Policy to use a certain share of the	for the Common Agricultural	for the Common Agricultural	
European Agricultural Fund for	Policy to use a certain share of the	Policy to use a certain share of the	

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Rural Development allocation to	European Agricultural Fund for	European Agricultural Fund for	
leverage support for actions that	Rural Development allocation to	Rural Development allocation to	
complement the Strategic Nature	leverage support for actions that	leverage support for actions that	
Projects as defined under this	complement the Strategic Nature	complement the Strategic Nature	
Regulation.	Projects as defined under this	Projects as defined under this	
	Regulation.	Regulation.	
	Reci	tal 15	
(15) The voluntary scheme for	(15) The voluntary scheme for	(15) The voluntary scheme for	
Biodiversity and Ecosystem	Biodiversity and Ecosystem	Biodiversity and Ecosystem	
Services in Territories of European	Services in Territories of European	Services in Territories of European	
Overseas (BEST) promotes the	Overseas (BEST) promotes the	Overseas (BEST)_promotes the	
conservation of biodiversity,	conservation of biodiversity,	conservation of biodiversity,	
including marine biodiversity, and	including marine biodiversity, and	including marine biodiversity, and	
sustainable use of ecosystem	sustainable use of ecosystem	sustainable use of ecosystem	
services, including ecosystem-	services, including ecosystem-	services, including ecosystem-	
based approaches to climate change	based approaches to climate change	based approaches to climate change	
adaptation and mitigation, in the	adaptation and mitigation, in the	adaptation and mitigation, in the	
Union's Outermost Regions and	Union's Outermost Regions and	Union's Outermost Regions and	
Overseas Countries and Territories.	Overseas Countries and Territories.	Overseas Countries and Territories.	
BEST has helped to raise awareness	Through the BEST preparatory	Through the BEST preparatory	
for the ecological importance of the	action adopted in 2011 and the	action adopted in 2011 and the	
Outermost Regions and Overseas	subsequent BEST 2.0 Programme	subsequent BEST 2.0 Programme	
Countries and Territories for	and BEST RUP project , BEST has	and BEST RUP project, BEST	
conserving global biodiversity. In	helped to raise awareness for the	has helped to raise awareness for	
their Ministerial Declarations in	ecological importance of the	the ecological importance of the	
2017 and 2018, Overseas Countries	Outermost Regions and Overseas	Outermost Regions and Overseas	
and Territories have expressed their	Countries and Territories and their	Countries and Territories for and	
appreciation for this small grant	key role in conserving global	their key role in conserving global	
scheme for biodiversity. It is	biodiversity. The Commission	biodiversity. The Commission	

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appropriate to allow the Programme	estimates that the need for	estimates that the need for	
to continue financing small grants	financial support for projects on	financial support for projects on	
for biodiversity in both the	the ground in those territories is	the ground in those territories is	
Outermost Regions and the	EUR 8 million per year. In their	EUR 8 million per year. In their	
Overseas Countries and Territories.	Ministerial Declarations in 2017	Ministerial Declarations in 2017	
	and 2018, Overseas Countries and	and 2018, Overseas Countries and	
	Territories have expressed their	Territories have expressed their	
	appreciation for this small grant	appreciation for this small grant	
	scheme for biodiversity. It is	scheme for biodiversity. It is	
	<i>therefore</i> appropriate <i>for</i> the <i>LIFE</i>	therefore appropriate to allow for	
	Programme to <i>finance</i> small grants	the LIFE Programme to continue	
	for biodiversity, <i>including capacity</i>	financing finance small grants for	
	building and catalytic actions, in	biodiversity, including capacity	
	both the Outermost Regions and the	building and catalytic actions, in	
	Overseas Countries and Territories.	both the Outermost Regions and the	
		Overseas Countries and Territories.	
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(16) Promoting the circular	(16) Promoting the circular	(16) Promoting the circular	
economy requires a mentality shift	economy and resource efficiency	economy and resource efficiency	
in the way of designing, producing,	requires a shift in the way of	requires a [] shift in the way of	
consuming and disposing of	designing, producing, consuming,	designing, producing, consuming,	
materials and products, including	<i>repairing, reusing, recycling</i> and	repairing, reusing, recycling and	
plastics. The Programme should	disposing of materials and products,	disposing of materials and products,	
contribute to the transition to a	including plastics, <i>focusing on the</i>	including plastics, focusing on the	
circular economy model through	whole life cycle of products. The	whole life cycle of products. The	
financial support targeting a variety	<i>LIFE</i> Programme should contribute	LIFE Programme should contribute	
of actors (businesses, public	to the transition to a circular	to the transition to a circular	
authorities and consumers), in	economy model through financial	economy model through financial	
particular by applying, developing,	support targeting a variety of actors	support targeting a variety of actors	

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and replicating best technology,	(businesses, public authorities and	(businesses, public authorities and	
practices and solutions tailored to	consumers), in particular by	consumers), in particular by	
specific local, regional or national	applying, developing, and	applying, developing, and	
contexts, including through	replicating best technology,	replicating best technology,	
integrated approaches for the	practices and solutions tailored to	practices and solutions tailored to	
implementation of waste	specific local, regional or national	specific local, regional or national	
management and prevention plans.	contexts, including through	contexts, including through	
Through supporting the	integrated approaches for the	integrated approaches for the	
implementation of the plastics	application of the waste hierarchy	application of the waste hierarchy	
strategy, action can be taken to	and the implementation of waste	and the implementation of waste	
address the problem of marine litter	management and prevention plans.	management and prevention plans.	
in particular.	Through supporting the	Through supporting the	
	implementation of <i>Commission</i>	implementation of Council	
	Communications of 16 January	Conclusion Commission	
	2018 on "A European Strategy for	Communications of 25 June16	
	Plastics in a Circular Economy",	January 2018 on delivering on the	
	action can be taken to address the	EU Action Plan <u>"A European</u>	
	problem of marine litter in	Strategy for the Plastics in a	
	particular.	Circular Economy- ¹⁸ [],", action	
		can be taken to address the problem	
		of marine litter in particular.	
		¹⁸ Doc. 10447/18 – Delivering on the	
		EU Action Plan for the Circular	
		Economy - Council conclusions.	

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	Recital 16a (new)					
	(16a) A high level of	(16a) A high level of				
	environmental protection is of	environmental protection is of				
	fundamental importance for the	fundamental importance for the				
	health and well-being of Union	health and well-being of Union				
	citizens. The Programme should	<u>citizens. The Programme should</u>				
	support the Union's objective to	support the Union's objective to				
	produce and use chemicals in ways	produce and use chemicals in				
	that lead to the minimisation of	ways that lead to the				
	significant adverse effects on	minimisation of significant				
	human health and the	adverse effects on human health				
	environment, with a view to	and the environment, with a view				
	reaching the objective of a non-	to reaching the objective of a non-				
	toxic environment in the EU. The	toxic environment in the EU. The				
	Programme should also support	Programme should also support				
	activities to facilitate the	activities to facilitate the				
	implementation of Directive	implementation of Directive				
	2002/49/EC of the Parliament and	2002/49/EC of the Parliament and				
	of the Council ¹ in order to achieve	<u>of the Council¹⁹ in order to</u>				
	noise levels that do not give rise to	achieve noise levels that do not				
	significant negative impacts on	give rise to significant negative				
	and risks to human health.'	impacts on and risks to human				
		<u>health.</u>				
	¹ Directive 2002/49/EC of the					
	European Parliament and of the Council	19 Directive 2002/49/EC of the				
	of 25 June 2002 relating to the assessment and management of	European Parliament and of the Council of				
	environmental noise - Declaration by the	25 June 2002 relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise -				
	Commission in the Conciliation	Declaration by the Commission in the				
	Committee on the Directive relating to the	Conciliation Committee on the Directive				
	assessment and management of					

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	environmental noise (OJ L 189,	relating to the assessment and management	
	18.7.2002, p. 12).	of environmental noise (OJ L 189,	
		<u>18.7.2002, p. 12).</u>	
	Recit		
(17) The Union's long-term	(17) The Union's long-term	(17) The Union's long-term	
objective for air policy is to achieve	objective for air policy is to achieve	objective for air policy is to achieve	
levels of air quality that do not	levels of air quality that do not	levels of air quality that do not	
cause significant negative impacts	cause significant negative impacts	cause significant negative impacts	
on and risks to human health.	on and risks to human health <i>and</i>	on and risks to human health and	
Public awareness about air	the environment, while reinforcing	the environment- ²⁰ , while	
pollution is high and citizens expect	the synergies between air quality	reinforcing the synergies between	
authorities to act. Directive (EU)	improvements and greenhouse gas	air quality improvements and	
2016/2284 of the European	emission reduction. Public	greenhouse gas emission	
Parliament and of the Council ²³	awareness about air pollution is	reduction. Public awareness about	
stresses the role Union funding can	high and citizens expect authorities	air pollution is high and citizens	
play in achieving clean air	to act, in particular in areas where	expect authorities to act- <u>, in</u>	
objectives. Therefore, the	the population and ecosystems are	particular in areas where the	
Programme should support projects,	exposed to high levels of air	population and ecosystems are	
including strategic integrated	pollutants. Directive (EU)	exposed to high levels of air	
projects, which have the potential to	2016/2284 of the European	pollutants. Directive (EU)	
leverage public and private funds,	Parliament and of the Council ¹	2016/2284 of the European	
to be showcases of good practice	stresses the role Union funding can	Parliament and of the Council []	
and catalysts for the	play in achieving clean air	stresses the role Union funding can	
implementation of air quality plans	objectives. Therefore, the <i>LIFE</i>	play in achieving clean air	
and legislation at local, regional,	Programme should support projects,	objectives. Therefore, the LIFE	
multi-regional, national and trans-	including strategic integrated	Programme should support projects,	
national level.	projects, which have the potential to	including strategic integrated	
	leverage public and private funds,	projects, which have the potential to	
	to be showcases of good practice	leverage public and private funds,	
	and catalysts for the	to be showcases of good practice	
	implementation of air quality plans	and catalysts for the	

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	and legislation at local, regional,	implementation of air quality plans	
	multi-regional, national and trans-	and legislation at local, regional,	
	national level.	multi-regional, national and trans-	
$\overline{^{23}}$ Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the	1 Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the	national level.	
European Parliament and of the Council of	Directive (EO) 2010/2204 of the		
14 December 2016 on the reduction of	European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of	$\overline{20}$ Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the	
national emissions of certain atmospheric	national emissions of certain atmospheric	Directive (EO) 2010/2204 of the	
pollutants, amending Directive	pollutants, amending Directive	European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of	
2003/35/EC and repealing Directive	2003/35/EC and repealing Directive	national emissions of certain	
2001/81/EC (OJ L 344, 17.12.2016, p. 1).	2001/81/EC (OJ L 344, 17.12.2016, p. 1).	atmospheric pollutants, amending	
		Directive 2003/35/EC and repealing	
		Directive 2001/81/EC (OJ L 344,	
	Recit	17.12.2016, p. 1).	
(10) D: (; 2000/(0/EC			
(18) Directive 2000/60/EC	(18) Directive $2000/60/EC^1$	(18) Directive $2000/60/EC^{-21}$	
established a framework for the	established a framework for the	established a framework for the	
protection of the Union's surface	protection of the Union's surface	protection of the Union's surface	
waters, coastal waters, transitional	waters, coastal waters, transitional	waters, coastal waters, transitional	
waters and groundwater. The	waters and groundwater. The	waters and groundwater. The	
objectives of the Directive are	objectives of <i>that</i> Directive are	objectives of $[\dots]$ that Directive are	
supported by the Blueprint to	supported by better	supported by []better	
Safeguard Europe's Water	implementation and integration of	implementation and integration of	
Resources ²⁴ which calls for better	water policy objectives into other	water policy objectives into other	
implementation and increased	policy areas. The <i>LIFE</i> Programme	policy areas. The LIFE Programme	
integration of water policy	should therefore support projects	should therefore support projects	
objectives into other policy areas.	which contribute to the effective	which contribute to the effective	
The Programme should therefore	implementation of Directive	implementation of Directive	
support projects which contribute to	2000/60/EC and of other <i>relevant</i>	2000/60/EC and of other relevant	
the effective implementation of	Union water legislation that	Union water legislation that	
Directive 2000/60/EC and of other	contributes to achieving a good	contributes to achieving a good	

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Union water legislation that	status of the Union's water bodies	status of the Union's water bodies	
contributes to achieving a good	through applying, developing and	through applying, developing and	
status of the Union's water bodies	replicating best practices, as well as	replicating best practices, as well as	
through applying, developing and	through mobilising complementary	through mobilising complementary	
replicating best practices, as well as	actions under other Union	actions complementary actions	
through mobilising complementary	programmes or financial sources.	under other Union programmes or	
actions under other Union		financial sources.	
programmes or financial sources.			
	¹ Directive 2000/60/EC of the		
	European Parliament and of the Council	²¹ Directive 2000/60/EC of the	
²⁴ COM(2012) 673 final.	of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the	European Parliament and of the Council of	
	field of water policy.	23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water	
		policy	
		1 5	
	Recit		
(19) The protection and restoration	(19) The protection and restoration	(19) The protection and restoration	
of the marine environment is one of	of the marine environment is one of	of the marine environment is one of	
the overall aims of the Union's	the overall aims of the Union's	the overall aims of the Union's	
environment policy. The	environment policy. The <i>LIFE</i>	environment policy. The LIFE	
Programme should support the	Programme should support the	Programme should support the	
following: the management,	following: the management,	following: the management,	
conservation, restoration and	conservation, restoration and	conservation, restoration and	
monitoring of biodiversity and	monitoring of biodiversity and	monitoring of biodiversity and	
marine ecosystems in particular in	marine ecosystems in particular in	marine ecosystems in particular in	
Natura 2000 marine sites and the	Natura 2000 marine sites and the	Natura 2000 marine sites and the	
protection of species in accordance	protection of species in accordance	protection of species in accordance	
with the prioritised action	with the prioritised action	with the prioritised action	
frameworks developed pursuant to	frameworks developed pursuant to	frameworks developed pursuant to	
Directive 92/43/EEC; the	Directive 92/43/EEC; the	Directive 92/43/EEC; the	
achievement of Good	achievement of Good	achievement of Good	

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Environmental Status in line with	Environmental Status in line with	Environmental Status in line with	
the Directive 2008/56/EC of the	the Directive 2008/56/EC of the	the Directive 2008/56/EC of the	
European Parliament and of the	European Parliament and of the	European Parliament and of the	
Council ²⁵ ; the promotion of clean	Council ¹ ; the promotion of clean	Council- ²² ; the promotion of clean	
and healthy seas; the	and healthy seas; the	and healthy seas; the	
implementation of the European	implementation of the <i>Commission</i>	implementation of Council	
strategy for plastic in a circular	<i>communication</i> on strategy for	Conclusion of 25 June 2018 <u>the</u>	
economy, to address the problem of	plastic in a circular economy, to	Commission communication on	
lost fishing gear and marine litter in	address the problem of lost fishing	delivering on the EU Action	
particular; and the promotion of the	gear and marine litter in particular;	Planstrategy for plastic in a	
Union's involvement in	and the promotion of the Union's	circular economy, to address the	
international ocean governance	involvement in international ocean	Circular Economy [];problem	
which is essential for achieving the	governance which is essential for	of lost fishing gear and marine	
goals of the United Nations 2030	achieving the goals of the United	litter in particular; and the	
Agenda for Sustainable	Nations 2030 Agenda for	promotion of the Union's	
Development and to guarantee	Sustainable Development and to	involvement in international ocean	
healthy oceans for future	guarantee healthy oceans for future	governance which is essential for	
generations. The Programme's	generations. The <i>LIFE</i>	achieving the goals of the United	
strategic integrated projects and	Programme's strategic integrated	Nations 2030 Agenda for	
strategic nature projects should	projects and strategic nature	Sustainable Development and to	
include relevant actions aiming at	projects should include relevant	guarantee healthy oceans for future	
the protection of the marine	actions aiming at the protection of	generations. The LIFE	
environment.	the marine environment.	Programme's strategic integrated	
		projects and strategic nature	
		projects should include relevant	
$\frac{25}{25}$ Directive 2008/56/EC of the	¹ Directive 2008/56/EC of the	actions aiming at the protection of	
European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for	European Parliament and of the Council of	the marine environment.	
community action in the field of marine	17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine		
environmental policy (Marine Strategy	environmental policy (Marine Strategy		
Framework Directive) (OJ L 164,	Framework Directive) (OJ L 164,		
25.6.2008, p. 19).			

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	1st reading position of 17/4/2019 25.6.2008, p. 19).	(Coreper 11/11/2020) ²² Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive) (OJ L 164, 25.6.2008, p. 19).	
	Recit	al 20	
(20) The improvement of governance on environmental, climate change and related clean energy transition matters requires involvement of civil society by raising public awareness, consumer engagement, and broadening of stakeholder involvement, including non-governmental organisations, in consultation on and implementation of related policies.	(20) The improvement of governance on environmental, climate change and related energy transition matters requires involvement of civil society by raising public awareness, <i>including</i> <i>through a communication strategy</i> <i>that takes into account new media</i> <i>and social networks</i> , consumer engagement, and broadening of stakeholder involvement <i>at all</i> <i>levels</i> , including non-governmental organisations, in consultation on and implementation of related policies. <i>It is, therefore,</i> <i>appropriate that the Programme</i> <i>support a broad range of NGOs as</i> <i>well as networks of non-profit- making entities that pursue an aim</i> <i>which is of general Union interest,</i> <i>and that are primarily active in the</i> <i>field of environment or climate</i>	 (20) The improvement of governance on environmental, climate change and related [] energy transition matters requires involvement of civil society by raising public awareness, including through a communication strategy that takes into account new media and social networks, consumer engagement, and broadening of stakeholder involvement at all levels, including non-governmental organisations, in consultation on and implementation of related policies. It is, therefore, appropriate that the Programme support a broad range of NGOs as well as networks of non-profit- making entities that pursue an aim which is of general Union interest, and that are primarily active in the field of environment 	

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	action, by awarding, in a	or climate action, by awarding, in	
	competitive and transparent	a competitive and transparent	
	manner, operating grants, in order	manner, operating grants, in	
	to help such NGOs, networks and	order to help such NGOs,	
	entities to make effective	networks and entities to make	
	contributions to Union policy, and	effective contributions to Union	
	to build up and strengthen their	<u>policy, and to build up and</u> strengthen their capacity to	
	capacity to become more efficient	become more efficient partners.	
	partners.	become more enicient partners.	
	Recit	tal 21	
(21) Whilst improving governance	(21) Whilst improving governance	(21) Whilst improving governance	
at all levels should be a cross-	at all levels should be a cross-	at all levels should be a cross-	
cutting objective for all sub-	cutting objective for all sub-	cutting objective for all sub-	
programmes of the Programme, the	programmes of the <i>LIFE</i>	programmes of the LIFE	
Programme should support the	Programme, the <i>LIFE</i> Programme	Programme, the LIFE Programme	
development and implementation of	should support the development and	should support the development and	
the horizontal legislation on the	implementation and enforcement	implementation and enforcement	
environmental governance,	of, and compliance with, the	of, and compliance with, the	
including the legislation	environment and climate acquis,	environment and climate acquis,	
implementing the United Nations	<i>in particular</i> of the horizontal	in particular of the horizontal	
Economic Commission for Europe	legislation on the environmental	legislation on the environmental	
(UNECE) Convention on Access to	governance, including the	governance, including the	
Information, Public Participation in	legislation implementing the United	legislation implementing the United	
Decision-Making and Access to	Nations Economic Commission for	Nations Economic Commission for	
Justice in Environmental Matters ²⁶ .	Europe (UNECE) Convention on	Europe (UNECE) Convention on	
	Access to Information, Public	Access to Information, Public	
	Participation in Decision-Making	Participation in Decision-Making	
	and Access to Justice in	and Access to Justice in	
	Environmental Matters ¹ .	Environmental Matters- ²³ .	

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²⁶ OJ L 124, 17.5.2005, p. 4.	1 OJ L 124, 17.5.2005, p. 4.	²³ OJ L 124, 17.5.2005, p. 4.	

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	Recital 22					
(22) The Programme should	(22) The <i>LIFE</i> Programme should	(22) The LIFE Programme should				
prepare and support market players	prepare and support market players	prepare and support market players				
for the shift towards a clean,	for the shift towards a <i>sustainable</i> ,	for the shift towards a				
circular, energy-efficient, low-	circular, energy-efficient,	[]sustainable, circular, energy-				
carbon and climate-resilient	renewable energy-based, climate-	efficient, renewable energy-based,				
economy by testing new business	neutral and -resilient economy by	[]low-emissions and climate_				
opportunities, upgrading	testing new business opportunities,	neutral and -resilient economy by				
professional skills, facilitating	upgrading professional skills,	testing new business opportunities,				
consumers' access to sustainable	facilitating consumers' access to	upgrading professional skills,				
products and services, engaging and	sustainable products and services,	facilitating consumers' access to				
empowering influencers and testing	engaging and empowering	sustainable products and services,				
novel methods to adapt the existing	influencers and testing novel	engaging and empowering				
processes and business landscape.	methods to adapt the existing	influencers and testing novel				
To support a broader market uptake	processes and business landscape.	methods to adapt the existing				
of sustainable solutions, general	To support a broader market uptake	processes and business landscape.				
public acceptance and consumer	of sustainable solutions, general	To support a broader market uptake				
engagement should be promoted.	public acceptance and consumer	of sustainable solutions, general				
	engagement should be promoted.	public acceptance and consumer				
		engagement should be promoted.				
	Recital 2	2a (new)				
	(22a) The Programme is designed	(22a) The Programme is designed				
	to support the demonstration of	to support the demonstration of				
	techniques, approaches and best	techniques, approaches and best				
	practices that can be replicated	practices that can be replicated				
	and upscaled. Innovative solutions	and upscaled. Innovative				
	would contribute to the	solutions would contribute to the				
	improvement of environmental	improvement of environmental				
	performance and sustainability, in	performance and sustainability,				
	particular for the development of	<u>in particular for the development</u>				

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	sustainable farming practices in	of sustainable farming practices	
	the areas active in the fields of	in the areas active in the fields of	
	climate, water, soil, biodiversity	climate, water, soil, biodiversity	
	and waste. Synergies with other	and waste. Synergies with other	
	programmes and policies, such as	programmes and policies, such as	
	the European Innovation	the European Innovation	
	Partnership for Agricultural	Partnership for Agricultural	
	Productivity and Sustainability	Productivity and Sustainability	
	and the EU Eco-Management and	and the EU Eco-Management and	
	Audit Scheme, should be	Audit Scheme, should be	
	emphasised in this regard.	emphasised in this regard.	
	Recit	al 23	
(23) At Union level, large	(23) At Union level, large	(23) At Union level, large	
investments in environmental and	investments in environmental and	investments in environmental and	
climate actions are primarily funded	climate actions are primarily funded	climate actions are primarily funded	
by major Union funding	by major Union funding	by major Union funding	
programmes (mainstreaming). In	programmes (mainstreaming). It is	programmes (mainstreaming). It is	
the context of their catalytic role,	therefore imperative to step up the	therefore imperative to step up	
strategic integrated projects and	mainstreaming efforts, to ensure	the mainstreaming efforts, to	
strategic nature projects to be	sustainability, biodiversity and	ensure sustainability, biodiversity	
developed under the Programme	climate proofing of other Union	and climate proofing of other	
should leverage financing	funding programmes and the	Union funding programmes and	
opportunities under those funding	integration of sustainability	the integration of sustainability	
programmes and other sources of	safeguards in all Union	safeguards in all Union	
funding such as national funds, and	instruments. In the context of their	instruments. In the context of their	
create synergies.	catalytic role, strategic integrated	catalytic role, strategic integrated	
	projects and strategic nature	projects and strategic nature	
	projects to be developed under the	projects to be developed under the	
	<i>LIFE</i> Programme should leverage	LIFE Programme should leverage	

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	financing opportunities under those	financing opportunities under those	
	funding programmes and other	funding programmes and other	
	sources of funding such as national	sources of funding such as national	
	funds, and create synergies.	funds, and create synergies.	
	Recital 2	3a (new)	
	(23a) The success of strategic	(23a) The success of strategic	
	nature projects and strategic	nature projects and strategic	
	integrated projects depends on	integrated projects depends on	
	close cooperation between	close cooperation between	
	national, regional and local	national, regional and local	
	authorities and the non-state	authorities and the non-state	
	actors affected by the	actors affected by the	
	Programme's objectives. The	Programme's objectives. The	
	principles of transparency and	principles of transparency and	
	disclosure regarding decisions	disclosure regarding decisions	
	concerning the development,	concerning the development,	
	implementation, assessment and	implementation, assessment and	
	monitoring of projects should,	monitoring of projects should,	
	therefore, be applied, in particular	therefore, be applied, in	
	in the case of mainstreaming or	<u>particular in the case of</u>	
	when multiple funding sources are	<u>mainstreaming or when multiple</u>	
	involved.	funding sources are involved.	

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		tal 24	
(24) Reflecting the importance of	(24) Reflecting the importance of	<u>(</u> 24) Reflecting the importance of	
tackling climate change in line with	tackling climate change <i>in a</i>	tackling climate change <u>in a</u>	
the Union's commitments to	coordinated and ambitious	coordinated and ambitious	
implement the Paris Agreement and	<i>manner</i> , in line with the Union's	manner, in line with the Union's	
the United Nations Sustainable	commitments to implement the	commitments to implement the	
Development Goals, this	Paris Agreement and the United	Paris Agreement and the United	
Programme will contribute to	Nations Sustainable Development	Nations Sustainable Development	
mainstream climate actions and to	Goals, <i>the LIFE</i> Programme will	Goals, the LIFE Programme will	
the achievement of an overall target	contribute to mainstream climate	contribute to mainstream climate	
of 25 % of the EU budget	actions and to the achievement of	actions and to the achievement of	
expenditures supporting climate	an overall target of <i>at least</i> 25 % of	an overall target of at least 30 % of	
objectives. Actions under this	the EU budget expenditures	the EU budget expenditures	
Programme are expected to	supporting climate objectives over	supporting climate objectives.	
contribute 61% of the overall	the MFF 2021-2027 period, and	Actions under the LIFE	
financial envelope of the	an annual target of 30 % as soon	Programme are expected to	
Programme to climate objectives.	as possible and at the latest by	contribute 61% of the overall	
Relevant actions will be identified	2027. Actions under the LIFE	financial envelope of the LIFE	
during the Programme's preparation	Programme are expected to	Programme to climate objectives.	
and implementation, and reassessed	contribute 61% of the overall	Relevant actions will be identified	
in the context of the relevant	financial envelope of the <i>LIFE</i>	during the LIFE Programme's	
evaluations and review processes.	Programme to climate objectives.	preparation and implementation,	
	Relevant actions will be identified	and reassessed in the context of the	
	during the <i>LIFE</i> Programme's	relevant evaluations and review	
	preparation and implementation,	processes. <u>.</u>	
	and reassessed in the context of the		
	relevant evaluations and review		
	processes.		

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	Recit		
(25) In the implementation of the	(25) In the implementation of the	(25) In the implementation of the	
Programme due consideration	<i>LIFE</i> Programme due	LIFE Programme due consideration	
should be given to the strategy for	consideration should be given to the	should be given to the strategy for	
outermost regions ²⁷ in view of	strategy for outermost regions ¹ in	outermost regions- ²⁴ in view of	
Article 349 TFEU and the specific	view of Article 349 TFEU and the	Article 349 TFEU and the specific	
needs and vulnerabilities of these	specific needs and vulnerabilities of	needs and vulnerabilities of these	
regions. Union policies other than	these regions. Union policies other	regions. Union policies other than	
environmental, climate and relevant	than environmental, climate and	environmental, climate and relevant	
clean energy transition policies	relevant energy policies should also	[] energy [] policies should	
should also be taken into account.	be taken into account.	also be taken into account.	
$\frac{1}{27}$ COM(2017) 623 final			
²⁷ COM(2017) 623 final	1 <i>Doc. 13715/17 -</i> COM(2017)0623.	²⁴ Doc. 13715/17 - COM(2017) 623	
		final.	
	Recit	al 26	
(26) In support of the	(26) In support of the	(26) In support of the	
implementation of the Programme,	implementation of the <i>LIFE</i>	implementation of the LIFE	
the Commission should collaborate	Programme, the Commission	Programme, the Commission	
with the Programme's national	should collaborate with the <i>LIFE</i>	should collaborate with the LIFE	
contact points, organise seminars	Programme's National Contact	Programme's National Contact	
and workshops, publish lists of	Points (NCP) network in order to	Points (NCP) network in order to	
projects funded under the	stimulate cooperation aiming to	stimulate cooperation aiming to	
Programme or undertake other	improve and make NCP services	improve and make [] NCP	
activities to disseminate project	across the EU more effective, as	services across the EU more	
results and to facilitate exchanges	well as to increase the overall	effective, as well as to increase the	
of experience, knowledge and best	quality of proposals submitted,	overall quality of proposals	
practices and the replication of	organise seminars and workshops,	submitted, organise seminars and	
project results across the Union.	publish lists of projects funded	workshops, publish lists of projects	

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Such activities should in particular	under the <i>LIFE</i> Programme or	funded under the LIFE Programme	
target Member States with a low	undertake other activities, such as	or undertake other activities to,	
uptake of funds and should	media campaigns, in order to	<u>such as media campaigns, in</u>	
facilitate the communication and	<i>better</i> disseminate project results	order to better disseminate project	
cooperation between project	and to facilitate exchanges of	results and to facilitate exchanges	
beneficiaries, applicants or	experience, knowledge and best	of experience, knowledge and best	
stakeholders of completed and	practices and the replication of	practices and the replication of	
ongoing projects in the same field.	project results across the Union,	project results across the Union-	
	thus promoting cooperation and	thus promoting cooperation and	
	communication. Such activities	communication. Such activities	
	should in particular target Member	should in particular target Member	
	States with a low uptake of funds	States with a low uptake of funds	
	and should facilitate the	and should facilitate the	
	communication and cooperation	communication and cooperation	
	between project beneficiaries,	between project beneficiaries,	
	applicants or stakeholders of	applicants or stakeholders of	
	completed and ongoing projects in	completed and ongoing projects in	
	the same field. It is essential that	the same field. It is essential that	
	such communication and	such communication and	
	cooperation activities are	cooperation activities are	
	addressed to regional and local	addressed to regional and local	
	authorities and stakeholders.	authorities and stakeholders.	

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	Recital (26a) new				
	(26a) Quality is the criterion	(26a) Quality should serve as is the			
	governing the project evaluation	leading criterion governing the			
	and award process in the LIFE	project evaluation and award			
	Programme. In order to facilitate	process in the LIFE Programme.			
	the implementation of the	The Commission should			
	objectives of the LIFE Programme	implement the LIFE Programme			
	across the Union and to promote	in a way that pursues			
	high quality of project proposals,	geographical balance. In order to			
	funding for technical assistance	facilitate the implementation of the			
	projects for the effective	objectives of the LIFE Programme			
	participation in the LIFE	across the Union and to promote			
	Programme should be made	high quality of project proposals,			
	available. The Commission should	funding for technical assistance			
	pursue an effective, quality-based	projects for the effective			
	geographical coverage across the	participation of underperforming			
	Union, including by supporting	Member States [] in the LIFE			
	Member States to increase the	Programme should be made			
	quality of the projects through	available [] The criteria for			
	capacity building. Specification of	underperformance-Commission			
	low effective participation and	should pursue an effective,			
	eligible activities and award	quality-based geographical			
	criteria to the LIFE Programme	<u>coverage across the Union,</u>			
	will be set out in the Multiannual	including by supporting Member			
	Work Programme guided by	States to increase the quality of			
	participation and success rate of	the projects through capacity			
	applicants from the respective	building. Specification of low			
	Member States taking into	effective participation and			
	account, among others, population	eligible activities and award			
	and population density, total area	criteria to the LIFE Programme			

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	of Natura 2000 sites for each	will be specified set out in the	
	Member State expressed as a	Multiannual Work Programme	
	proportion of the total area of	guided by participation and success	
	Natura 2000 and proportion of a	rate of applicants from the	
	Member State's territory covered	respective Member States taking	
	by Natura 2000 sites. Eligible	into account, among others,	
	activities should be of such nature	population and population density,	
	that they aim at improving the	total area of Natura 2000 sites for	
	quality of project applications.	each Member State expressed as a	
		proportion of the total area of	
		Natura 2000 and proportion of a	
		Member State's territory covered by	
		Natura 2000 sites. Eligible	
		activities should be of such nature	
		that they aim at improving the	
		quality of project applications.	
	Recit		
(27) The European Union Network	· · ·	(27) The European Union Network	
for the Implementation and	for the Implementation and	for the Implementation and	
Enforcement of Environmental Law	Enforcement of Environmental Law	Enforcement of Environmental Law	
(IMPEL), the European Network of	(IMPEL), the European Network of	(IMPEL), the European Network of	
Prosecutors for the Environment	Prosecutors for the Environment	Prosecutors for the Environment	
(ENPE) and the European Union	(ENPE) and the European Union	(ENPE) and the European Union	
Forum of judges for the	Forum of judges for the	Forum of judges for the	
environment (EUFJE) have been	environment (EUFJE ¹) have been	environment (EUFJE- ²⁵) have been	
created to facilitate the	created to facilitate the	created to facilitate the	
collaboration between Member	collaboration between Member	collaboration between Member	
States and play a unique role in the	States and play a unique role in the	States and play a unique role in the	
enforcement of the Union	enforcement of the Union	enforcement of the Union	

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environmental legislation. They	environmental legislation. They	environmental legislation. They	
provide a substantial contribution to	provide a substantial contribution to	provide a substantial contribution to	
reinforce consistency in the	reinforce consistency in the	reinforce consistency in the	
implementation and enforcement of	implementation and enforcement of	implementation and enforcement of	
Union environmental legislation	Union environmental legislation	Union environmental legislation	
across the Union, avoiding	across the Union, avoiding	across the Union, avoiding	
distortions of competition,	distortions of competition,	distortions of competition,	
contribute to improving the quality	contribute to improving the quality	contribute to improving the quality	
of the environmental inspection and	of the environmental inspection and	of the environmental inspection and	
the law enforcement mechanisms	the law enforcement mechanisms	the law enforcement mechanisms	
through a networking system at	through a networking system at	through a networking system at	
both, Union and Member State	both, Union and Member State	both, Union and Member State	
level, and provide exchange of	level, and provide exchange of	level, and provide exchange of	
information and experience at	information and experience at	information and experience at	
different administrative levels, as	different administrative levels, as	different administrative levels, as	
well as through training and in-	well as through training and in-	well as through training and in-	
depth discussions on environmental	depth discussions on environmental	depth discussions on environmental	
issues and enforcement aspects,	issues and enforcement aspects,	issues and enforcement aspects,	
including monitoring and	including monitoring and	including monitoring and	
permitting processes. In view of	permitting processes. In view of	permitting processes. In view of	
their contribution to the objectives	their contribution to the objectives	their contribution to the objectives	
of the Programme, it is appropriate	of the <i>LIFE</i> Programme, it is	of the LIFE Programme, it is	
to authorise the award of grants to	appropriate to authorise the award	appropriate to authorise the award	
IMPEL, ENPE and EUFJE without	of grants to IMPEL, ENPE and	of grants to IMPEL, ENPE and	
a call for proposals so as to	EUFJE without a call for proposals	EUFJE without a call for proposals	
continue to provide support to the	so as to continue to provide support	so as to continue to provide support	
activities of these associations. In	to the activities of these	to the activities of these	
addition, in other cases a call may	associations. In addition, in other	associations. In addition, in other	
not be required pursuant to the	cases a call may not be required	cases a call may not be required	
general requirements of the	pursuant to the general	pursuant to the general	

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Financial Regulation, e.g. for	requirements of the Financial	requirements of the Financial	
bodies designated by the Member	Regulation, e.g. for bodies	Regulation, e.g. for bodies	
States and operating under their	designated by the Member States	designated by the Member States	
responsibility, where those Member	and operating under their	and operating under their	
States are identified as beneficiaries	responsibility, where those Member	responsibility, where those Member	
of a grant by a legislative act of the	States are identified as beneficiaries	States are identified as beneficiaries	
Union.	of a grant by a legislative act of the	of a grant by a legislative act of the	
	Union.	Union.	
	¹ Doc. 5485/18 - COM(2018)0010, p.	$\frac{1}{25}$ Dec 5485/18 COM(2018) 10 final	
	5.	²⁵ Doc. 5485/18 - COM(2018) 10 final, p. 5.	
		p. 5.	
	Recit	tal 28	
(28) It is appropriate to lay down a	(28) It is appropriate to lay down a	(28) It is appropriate to lay down a	
financial envelope for the	financial envelope for the <i>LIFE</i>	financial envelope for the LIFE	
Programme which is to constitute	Programme which is to constitute	Programme which is to constitute	
the prime reference amount, within	the prime reference amount, within	the prime reference amount, within	
the meaning of point 17 of the	the meaning of point 17 of the	the meaning of point 17 of the	
Interinstitutional Agreement of 2	Interinstitutional Agreement of 2	Interinstitutional Agreement of	
December 2013 between the	December 2013 between the	2 December 2013 between the	
European Parliament, the Council	European Parliament, the Council	European Parliament, the Council	
and the Commission on budgetary	and the Commission on budgetary	and the Commission on budgetary	
discipline, on cooperation in	discipline, on cooperation in	discipline, on cooperation in	
budgetary matters and on sound	budgetary matters and on sound	budgetary matters and on sound	
financial management ²⁸ , for the	financial management ¹ , for the	financial management- ²⁶ , for the	
European Parliament and the	European Parliament and the	European Parliament and the	
Council during the annual	Council during the annual	Council during the annual	
budgetary procedure.	budgetary procedure.	budgetary procedure.	

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²⁸ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.	T OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1.	²⁶ OJ C 373, 20.12.2013, p. 1 .	

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		28a (new)	
	(28a) The maximum co-financing	(28a) The maximum co-financing	
	rates should be set at levels which	rates should be set at levels which	
	are necessary to maintain the	are necessary to maintain the	
	effective level of support provided	effective level of support provided	
	by the Programme. In order to	by the Programme. In order to	
	take into account the necessary	take into account the necessary	
	adaptability that is needed to	adaptability that is needed to	
	respond to the existing range of	respond to the existing range of	
	actions and entities, specific co-	actions and entities, specific co-	
	financing rates will facilitate	financing rates will facilitate	
	certainty, while maintaining a	<u>certainty, while maintaining a</u>	
	degree flexibility that be afforded	degree flexibility that be afforded	
	as per specific needs or	as per specific needs or	
	requirements. The specific co-	<u>requirements. The specific co-</u>	
	financing rates should always be	financing rates should always be	
	subject to the established relevant	subject to the established relevant	
	maximum co-financing rates.	<u>maximum co-financing rates.</u>	

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	Recital 29				
(29) Horizontal financial rules	(29) Horizontal financial rules	(29) Horizontal financial rules			
adopted by the European	adopted by the European	adopted by the European			
Parliament and the Council on the	Parliament and the Council on the	Parliament and the Council on the			
basis of Article 322 of the Treaty	basis of Article 322 of the Treaty	basis of Article 322 of the Treaty			
on the Functioning of the European	on the Functioning of the European	on the Functioning of the European			
Union apply to this Regulation.	Union apply to this Regulation.	Union apply to this Regulation.			
These rules are laid down in the	These rules are laid down in the	These rules are laid down in the			
Financial Regulation and determine	Financial Regulation and determine	Financial Regulation and determine			
in particular the procedure for	in particular the procedure for	in particular the procedure for			
establishing and implementing the	establishing and implementing the	establishing and implementing the			
budget through grants,	budget through grants,	budget through grants,			
procurement, prizes, indirect	procurement, prizes, indirect	procurement, prizes, indirect			
implementation, and provide for	implementation, and provide for	implementation, and provide for			
checks on the responsibility of	checks on the responsibility of	checks on the responsibility of			
financial actors. Rules adopted on	financial actors. Rules adopted on	financial actors. [Rules adopted on			
the basis of Article 322 TFEU also	the basis of Article 322 TFEU also	the basis of Article 322 TFEU also			
concern the protection of the	concern the protection of the	concern []other conditionalities			
Union's budget in case of	Union's budget in case of	to protect the budget.			
generalised deficiencies as regards	generalised deficiencies as regards				
the rule of law in the Member	the rule of law in the Member				
States, as the respect for the rule of	States, as the respect for the rule of				
law is an essential precondition for	law is an essential precondition for				
sound financial management and	sound financial management and				
effective EU funding.	effective EU funding.				

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	Recital 30				
(30) In accordance with the	(30) In accordance with	(30) In accordance with			
Financial Regulation, Regulation	Regulation (EU, Euratom) No	Regulation (EU, Euratom) No			
(EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the	2018/1046 of the European	<u>2018/1046 of the European</u>			
European Parliament and of the	Parliament and of the Council ¹	Parliament and of the Council ²⁷			
Council ²⁹ and Council Regulations	(the Financial Regulation),	(the Financial Regulation,).			
(Euratom, EC) No 2988/95 ³⁰ ,	Regulation (EU, Euratom) No	Regulation (EU, Euratom) No			
(Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 ³¹ and	883/2013 of the European	883/2013 of the European			
(EU) $2017/1939^{32}$, the financial	Parliament and of the Council ² ,	Parliament and of the Council- ²⁸			
interests of the Union are to be	<i>Council Regulation</i> (Euratom, EC)	and, Council Regulations (Euratom,			
protected through proportionate	No 2988/95 ³ , <i>Council Regulation</i>	EC) No- <u>2988/95-²⁹ , Council</u>			
measures, including the prevention,	(Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 ⁴ and	<u>Regulation</u> (Euratom, EC) No			
detection, correction and	Council Regulation (EU)	2185/96- ³⁰ and Council Regulation			
investigation of irregularities and	2017/1939 ⁵ , the financial interests	(EU) $2017/1939^{-31}$, the financial			
fraud, the recovery of funds lost,	of the Union are to be protected	interests of the Union are to be			
wrongly paid or incorrectly used	through proportionate measures,	protected through proportionate			
and, where appropriate, the	including the prevention, detection,	measures, including the prevention,			
imposition of administrative	correction and investigation of	detection, correction and			
sanctions. In particular, in	irregularities, <i>including</i> fraud, the	investigation of irregularities-and,			
accordance with Regulations (EU,	recovery of funds lost, wrongly	<u>including</u> fraud, the recovery of			
Euratom) No 883/2013 and	paid or incorrectly used and, where	funds lost, wrongly paid or			
(Euratom, EC) No 2185/96, the	appropriate, the imposition of	incorrectly used and, where			
European Anti-Fraud Office	administrative sanctions. In	appropriate, the imposition of			
(OLAF) may carry out	particular, in accordance with	administrative sanctions.			
investigations, including on-the-	<i>Regulation</i> (EU, Euratom) No	In particular, in accordance with			
spot checks and inspections, with a	883/2013 and <i>Regulation</i>	Regulations (EU, Euratom) No			
view to establishing whether there	(Euratom, EC) No 2185/96, the	883/2013 and <u>Regulation</u>			
has been fraud, corruption or any	European Anti-Fraud Office	(Euratom, EC) No 2185/96, the			
other illegal activity affecting the	(OLAF) may carry out	European Anti-Fraud Office			
financial interests of the Union. In	administrative investigations,	(OLAF) may carry out			

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accordance with Regulation (EU)	including on-the-spot checks and	administrative investigations,	
2017/1939, the European Public	inspections, with a view to	including on-the-spot checks and	
Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) may	establishing whether there has been	inspections, with a view to	
investigate and prosecute fraud and	fraud, corruption or any other	establishing whether there has been	
other illegal activities affecting the	illegal activity affecting the	fraud, corruption or any other	
financial interests of the Union as	financial interests of the Union.	illegal activity affecting the	
provided for in Directive (EU)	In accordance with Regulation (EU)	financial interests of the Union. In	
2017/1371 of the European	2017/1939, the European Public	accordance with Regulation (EU)	
Parliament and of the Council ³³ . In	Prosecutor's Office ("the EPPO")	2017/1939, the European Public	
accordance with the Financial	may investigate and prosecute	Prosecutor's Office (("the EPPO)")	
Regulation, any person or entity	offences against the Union's	may investigate and prosecute fraud	
receiving Union funds is to fully	financial interests, provided for in	and other illegal activities affecting	
cooperate in the protection of the	Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the	the offences against the Union's	
Union's financial interests and	European Parliament and of the	financial interests of the Union as,	
grant the necessary rights and	Council ⁶ . In accordance with the	provided for in Directive (EU)	
access to the Commission, OLAF,	Financial Regulation, any person or	2017/1371 of the European	
the European Public Prosecutor's	entity receiving Union funds is to	Parliament and of the Council- ³² . In	
Office (EPPO) and the European	fully cooperate in the protection of	accordance with the Financial	
Court of Auditors (ECA) and to	the Union's financial interests, to	Regulation, any person or entity	
ensure that any third parties	grant the necessary rights and	receiving Union funds is to fully	
involved in the implementation of	access to the Commission, OLAF,	cooperate in the protection of the	
Union funds grant equivalent rights.	the EPPO <i>in respect of those</i>	Union's financial interests and, to	
	Member States participating in	grant the necessary rights and	
²⁹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No	enhanced cooperation pursuant to	access to the Commission, OLAF,	
883/2013 of the European Parliament and	<i>Regulation (EU) 2017/1939,</i> and	the European Public Prosecutor's	
of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the	the European Court of Auditors	Office (EPPO) in respect of those	
European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and	(ECA), and to ensure that any third	Member States participating in	
repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999	parties involved in the	enhanced cooperation pursuant	
of the European Parliament and of the	implementation of Union funds	to Regulation (EU) 2017/1939,	
Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1).	grant equivalent rights.	and the European Court of Auditors	
10 10/ 1/1/ 00 L 2+0, 10.9.2015, p. 1).			

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³⁰ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom)	¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom)	(ECA), and to ensure that any third	
No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the	2018/1046 of the European Parliament	parties involved in the	
protection of the European Communities	and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the	implementation of Union funds	
financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95,	financial rules applicable to the general	grant equivalent rights.	
p.1).	budget of the Union, amending	grant equivalent rights.	
³¹ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996	Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No		
concerning on-the-spot checks and	1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No	77	
inspections carried out by the Commission	1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No	27 <u>Regulation (EU, Euratom)</u>	
in order to protect the European	1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No	2018/1046 of the European Parliament and	
Communities' financial interests against	283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU	of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the	
fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292,	and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).	financial rules applicable to the general	
15.11.1996, p. 2).	-	budget of the Union, amending	
32 [Full title + OJ L info].	 Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and 	<u>Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No</u> 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No	
³³ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the	of the Council of 11 September 2013	1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No	
European Parliament and of the Council of	concerning investigations conducted by the	<u>1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No</u>	
5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to	European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and	283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU	
the Union's financial interests by means of	repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999	and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom)	
criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).	of the European Parliament and of the	No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).	
	Council and Council Regulation (Euratom)	²⁸ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No	
	No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1).	883/2013 of the European Parliament and	
	³ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom)	of the Council of 11 September 2013	
	No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the	concerning investigations conducted by the	
	protection of the European Communities	European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and	
	financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95,	repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999	
	p.1).	of the European Parliament and of the	
	⁴ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC)	Council and Council Regulation (Euratom)	
	No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996	No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1).	
	concerning on-the-spot checks and	²⁹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom)	
	inspections carried out by the Commission	No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the	
	in order to protect the European	protection of the European Communities	
	Communities' financial interests against	financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95,	
	fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292,	p.1).	
	15.11.1996, p. 2).	30 Council Regulation (Euratom, EC)	
	5 $[Full title + OJL info].$	No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996	
		concerning on-the-spot checks and	

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	⁶ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).	 inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p2). 31 [Full title + OJ L info]. 32 Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29):) 	
	Reci	tal 31	<u> </u>
(31) The types of financing and	(31) The types of financing and	(31) The types of financing and	
the methods of implementation	the methods of implementation	the methods of implementation	
should be chosen on the basis of	should be chosen on the basis of	should be chosen on the basis of	
their ability to achieve the specific	their ability to achieve the specific	their ability to achieve the specific	
objectives of the actions and to	objectives of the actions and to	objectives of the actions and to	
deliver results, taking into account,	deliver results, taking into account,	deliver results, taking into account,	
in particular, the costs of controls,	in particular, the costs of controls,	in particular, the costs of controls,	
the administrative burden, and the	the administrative burden, and the	the administrative burden, and the	
expected risk of non-compliance.	expected risk of non-compliance.	expected risk of non-compliance.	
As regards grants, this should	As regards grants, this should	As regards grants, this should	
include consideration of the use of	include consideration of the use of	include consideration of the use of	
lump sums, flat rates and scales of	lump sums, flat rates and scales of	lump sums, flat rates and scales of	
unit costs.	unit costs. <i>The Commission should</i>	unit costs. The Commission	
	ensure that implementation is easy	should ensure that	
	to understand, and should promote	implementation is easy to	
	genuine simplification for project	understand, and should promote	
	developers.	genuine simplification for project	
		developers.	

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(32) The policy objectives of the Programme should be also addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the policy window(s) [] of the InvestEU.	(32) Where appropriate, the policy objectives of the LIFE Programme should be also addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under the InvestEU, including with the allocated amount from the LIFE Programme as specified within the multiannual work programmes under the LIFE Programme.	(32) Where appropriate, the policy objectives of the LIFE Programme should be also addressed through financial instruments and budgetary guarantee under [] the InvestEU, including with the allocated amount from the LIFE Programme as specified within the multiannual work programmes under the LIFE Programme.	
		tal 33	
(33) Pursuant to Article 94 of Council Decision 2013/755/EU ³⁴ , entities established in overseas countries and territories are eligible for funding subject to the rules and objectives of the Programme and possible arrangements applicable to the Member State to which the relevant overseas country or territory is linked. The participation of these entities to this Programme should focus primarily on projects under sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity.	(33) Pursuant to Article 94 of Council Decision 2013/755/EU ¹ , entities established in overseas countries and territories are eligible for funding subject to the rules and objectives of the <i>LIFE</i> Programme and possible arrangements applicable to the Member State to which the relevant overseas country or territory is linked. The participation of these entities to this <i>LIFE</i> Programme should focus primarily on projects under sub- programme Nature and Biodiversity.	(33) Pursuant to Article 94 of Council Decision 2013/755/EU- ³³ , entities established in overseas countries and territories are eligible for funding subject to the rules and objectives of the LIFE Programme and possible arrangements applicable to the Member State to which the relevant overseas country or territory is linked. The participation of these entities to this LIFE Programme should focus primarily on projects under sub- programme Nature and Biodiversity.	

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Council Decision 2013/755/EU of	Council Decision 2013/755/EU of	³³ Council Decision 2013/755/EU of	
25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with	25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with	25 November 2013 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with	
the European Union (Overseas Association	the European Union (Overseas Association	the European Union (Overseas Association	
Decision)(OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1).	Decision)(OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1).	Decision)(OJ L 344, 19.12.2013, p. 1).	
	Recit	cal 34	
(34) The Programme should be	(34) The Programme should be	(34) The LIFE Programme should	
open to third countries in	open to third countries in	be open to third countries in	
accordance with the agreements	accordance with the agreements	accordance with the agreements	
between the Union and those	between the Union and those	between the Union and those	
countries establishing the specific	countries establishing the specific	countries establishing the specific	
conditions for their participation;	conditions for their participation.	conditions for their participation.	
	Recit	cal 35	
(35) Third countries which are	(35) Third countries which are	<u>f(</u> 35) Third countries which are	
members of the European	members of the European	members of the European	
Economic Area (EEA) may	Economic Area (EEA) may	Economic Area (EEA) may	
participate in Union programmes in	participate in Union programmes in	participate in Union programmes in	
the framework of the cooperation	the framework of the cooperation	the framework of the cooperation	
established under the EEA	established under the EEA	established under the EEA	
agreement, which provides for the	agreement, which provides for the	agreement, which provides for the	
implementation of the programmes	implementation of the programmes	implementation of the programmes	
by a decision under that agreement.	by a decision under that agreement.	by a decision under that agreement.	
Third countries may also participate	Third countries may also participate	Third countries may also participate	
on the basis of other legal	on the basis of other legal	on the basis of other legal	
instruments. A specific provision	instruments. A specific provision	instruments. A specific provision	
should be introduced in this	should be introduced in this	should be introduced in this	
Regulation to grant the necessary	Regulation to grant the necessary	Regulation to grant the necessary	
rights for and access to the	rights for and access to the	rights for and access to the	

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authorizing officer responsible, the	authorizing officer responsible, the	authorizing officer responsible, the	
European Anti-Fraud Office	European Anti-Fraud Office	European Anti-Fraud Office	
(OLAF) as well as the European	(OLAF) as well as the European	(OLAF) as well as the European	
Court of Auditors to	Court of Auditors to	Court of Auditors to	
comprehensively exert their	comprehensively exert their	comprehensively exert their	
respective competences.	respective competences.	respective competences.	
	Recit	tal 36	
(36) Pursuant to points 22 and 23	(36) Pursuant to points 22 and 23	(36) Pursuant to points 22 and 23	
of the Inter-institutional agreement	of the Inter-institutional agreement	of the Inter-institutional agreement	
of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-	of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-	of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-	
Making, there is a need to evaluate	Making, there is a need to evaluate	Making, there is a need to evaluate	
this Programme on the basis of	<i>the LIFE</i> Programme on the basis	the LIFE Programme on the basis	
information collected through	of information collected through	of information collected through	
specific monitoring requirements,	specific monitoring requirements,	specific monitoring requirements,	
while avoiding overregulation and	while avoiding overregulation and	while avoiding overregulation and	
administrative burdens, in particular	administrative burdens, in particular	administrative burdens, in particular	
on Member States. These	on Member States. These	on Member States. These	
requirements, where appropriate,	requirements, where appropriate,	requirements, where appropriate,	
may include measurable indicators,	may include measurable indicators,	may include measurable indicators,	
as a basis for evaluating the effects	as a basis for evaluating the effects	as a basis for evaluating the effects	
of the Programme on the ground.	of the <i>LIFE</i> Programme on the	of the LIFE Programme on the	
The full impact of the Programme	ground. The full impact of the	ground. The full impact of the LIFE	
accrues through indirect, long-term	<i>LIFE</i> Programme accrues through	Programme accrues through	
and difficult-to-measure	indirect, long-term and difficult-to-	indirect, long-term and difficult-to-	
contributions towards achieving the	measure contributions towards	measure contributions towards	
full range of Union environment	achieving the full range of Union	achieving the full range of Union	
and climate objectives. For	environment and climate objectives.	environment and climate objectives.	
monitoring of the Programme,	For monitoring of the <i>LIFE</i>	For monitoring of the LIFE	
direct output indicators and tracking	Programme, direct output indicators	Programme, direct output indicators	

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	1st reading position of 17/4/2019	(Coreper 11/11/2020)	
requirements set out in this	and tracking requirements set out in	and tracking requirements set out in	
Regulation should be	this Regulation should be	this Regulation should be	
complemented by aggregation of	complemented by aggregation of	complemented by aggregation of	
specific project level indicators to	specific project level indicators to	specific project level indicators to	
be described in work programmes	be described in <i>multiannual</i> work	be described in multiannual work	
or calls for proposals, inter alia	programmes or calls for proposals,	programmes or calls for proposals,	
regarding Natura 2000 and	inter alia regarding Natura 2000	inter alia regarding Natura 2000	
emissions of certain atmospheric	and emissions of certain	and emissions of certain	
pollutants.	atmospheric pollutants.	atmospheric pollutants.	
	Recital 3	66a (new)	
	(36a) In order to ensure uniform	(36a)In order to ensure uniform	
	conditions for the implementation	conditions for the implementation	
	of this Regulation relating to the	of this Regulation relating to the	
	adoption of the multiannual work	adoption of the multiannual work	
	programmes, implementing powers	programmes, implementing powers	
	should be conferred on the	should be conferred on the	
	Commission. Those powers should	Commission. Those powers should	
	be exercised in accordance with	be exercised in accordance with	
	Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of	Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of	
	the European Parliament and of	the European Parliament and of the	
	the Council ¹ . If the Committee for	Council ³⁴ . If the Committee for the	
	the LIFE Programme does not	LIFE Programme does not deliver	
	deliver any opinion on a draft	any opinion on a draft	
	implementing act, the Commission	implementing act, the Commission	
	should, in accordance with the	should, in accordance with the	
	second subparagraph of Article	second subparagraph of Article 5(4)	
	5(4) of Regulation (EU) No	of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011,	
	182/2011, not adopt the draft	not adopt the draft implementing	
	implementing act.	act.	

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	¹ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p.13).	³⁴ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p.13).	
	Recit	al 37	
(37) In order to allow for a review	(37) In order to <i>ensure that</i>	(37) In order to allow for a review	
of the indicators, the power to adopt	support from and implementation	ensure that support from and	
acts in accordance with Article 290	of the Programme is consistent	implementation of the indicators	
of the Treaty on the Functioning of	with the policies and priorities of	Programme is consistent with the	
the European Union should be	the Union, the power to adopt acts	policies and priorities of the	
delegated to the Commission to	in accordance with Article 290 of	<u>Union</u> , the power to adopt acts in	
amend the indicators to be used for	the Treaty on the Functioning of the	accordance with Article 290 of the	
the purposes of reporting on	European Union should be	Treaty on the Functioning of the	
progress of the Programme towards	delegated to the Commission, in	European Union should be	
the achievement of its general and	order to amend the indicators or	delegated to the Commission, in	
specific objectives in particular in	supplement this Regulation in	order to amend the indicators to be	
view of their alignment with	respect of the indicators, and for	used or supplement this	
indicators set out for other Union	the establishment of the	Regulation in respect of the	
programmes. It is of particular	monitoring and evaluation	indicators, and for the purposes of	
importance that the Commission	<i>framework</i> . It is of particular	reporting on progress	
carry out appropriate consultations	importance that the Commission	establishment of the LIFE	
during its preparatory work,	carry out appropriate consultations	Programme towards the	
including at expert level, and that	during its preparatory work,	achievement of its general and	
those consultations be conducted in	including at expert level, and that	specific objectives in particular in	

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accordance with the principles laid	those consultations be conducted in	view of their alignment with	
down in the Interinstitutional	accordance with the principles laid	indicators set out for other Union	
Agreement of 13 April 2016 on	down in the Interinstitutional	programmesmonitoring and	
Better Law-Making. In particular,	Agreement of 13 April 2016 on	evaluation framework. It is of	
to ensure equal participation in the	Better Law-Making. In particular,	particular importance that the	
preparation of delegated acts, the	to ensure equal participation in the	Commission carry out appropriate	
European Parliament and the	preparation of delegated acts, the	consultations during its preparatory	
Council receive all documents at	European Parliament and the	work, including at expert level, and	
the same time as Member States'	Council receive all documents at	that those consultations be	
experts, and their experts	the same time as Member States'	conducted in accordance with the	
systematically have access to	experts, and their experts	principles laid down in the	
meetings of Commission expert	systematically have access to	Interinstitutional Agreement of	
groups dealing with the preparation	meetings of Commission expert	13 April 2016 on Better Law-	
of delegated acts.	groups dealing with the preparation	Making. In particular, to ensure	
	of delegated acts.	equal participation in the	
		preparation of delegated acts, the	
		European Parliament and the	
		Council receive all documents at	
		the same time as Member States'	
		experts, and their experts	
		systematically have access to	
		meetings of Commission expert	
		groups dealing with the preparation	
		of delegated acts.	
	Reci		
(38) Since the objectives of this	(38) Since the objectives of this	(38) Since the objectives of this	
Regulation, namely contributing to	Regulation, namely contributing to	Regulation, namely contributing to	
sustainable development and to the	a high level of environmental	a high level of environmental	
achievement of the objectives and	protection and ambitious climate	protection and ambitious climate	
targets of the Union environment,	action with good governance and a	action with good governance and	

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climate and relevant clean energy	multi-stakeholder approach	a multi-stakeholder approach	
legislation, strategies, plans or	sustainable development and to the	sustainable development and to the	
international commitments cannot	achievement of the objectives and	achievement of the objectives and	
be sufficiently achieved by the	targets of the Union environment,	targets of the Union environment,	
Member States but can rather, by	biodiversity, climate, circular	<u>biodiversity,</u> climate <u>, circular</u>	
reason of scale and effects of this	economy, and relevant renewable	economy, and relevant	
Regulation, be better achieved at	energy and energy efficiency	[]renewable energy and energy	
Union level, the Union may adopt	legislation, strategies, plans or	efficiency -legislation, strategies,	
measures, in accordance with the	international commitments cannot	plans or international commitments	
principle of subsidiarity as set out	be sufficiently achieved by the	cannot be sufficiently achieved by	
in Article 5 of the Treaty on	Member States but can rather, by	the Member States but can rather,	
European Union. In accordance	reason of scale and effects of this	by reason of scale and effects of	
with the principle of proportionality	Regulation, be better achieved at	this Regulation, be better achieved	
as set out in that Article, this	Union level, the Union may adopt	at Union level, the Union may	
Regulation does not go beyond	measures, in accordance with the	adopt measures, in accordance with	
what is necessary in order to	principle of subsidiarity as set out	the principle of subsidiarity as set	
achieve those objectives.	in Article 5 of the Treaty on	out in Article 5 of the Treaty on	
	European Union. In accordance	European Union. In accordance	
	with the principle of proportionality	with the principle of proportionality	
	as set out in that Article, this	as set out in that Article, this	
	Regulation does not go beyond	Regulation does not go beyond	
	what is necessary in order to	what is necessary in order to	
	achieve those objectives.	achieve those objectives.	

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	Re	cital 39	
(39) Regulation (EU) No	(39) Regulation (EU) No	(39) Regulation (EU) No	
1293/2013 should therefore be	1293/2013 should therefore be	1293/2013 should therefore be	
repealed,	repealed,	repealed,	
Tepeuleu,	1	1 40 (new)	
		40) It is appropriate to ensure a smooth transition without interruption between the previous Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and the LIFE Programme and to align the start of the LIFE Programme with that of the multiannual financial framework as laid down in Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No [reference to the MFF Regulation to be inserted]. Therefore, the LIFE Programme should apply as from 1 January 2021,	
HAVE ADOPTED THIS	HAVE ADOPTED THIS	HAVE ADOPTED THIS	
REGULATION:	REGULATION:	REGULATION:	
CHAPTER I	CHAPTER I	CHAPTER I	
GENERAL PROVISIONS	GENERAL PROVISIONS	GENERAL PROVISIONS	

	Article 1 - 1st	subparagraph
Article 1	Article 1	Article 1
Subject matter	Subject matter	Subject matter
Subject muller	Subject matter	Subject muller
This Regulation establishes the	This Regulation establishes a	This Regulation establishes [] a
Programme for the Environment	Programme for the Environment	Programme for the Environment
and Climate Action (LIFE) (the	and Climate Action (LIFE) (the	and Climate Action (LIFE) (the
'Programme').	' <i>LIFE</i> Programme').	'LIFE Programme') for the period
		from 1 January 2021 to 31
		December 2027.
	Article 1 - 2nd	subparagraph
It lays down the objectives of the	It lays down the objectives of the	It lays down the objectives of the
Programme, the budget for the	<i>LIFE</i> Programme, the budget for	LIFE Programme, the budget for
period 2021-2027, the forms of	the period 2021-2027, the forms of	[] this <u>the</u> period [],2021-
Union funding and the rules for	Union funding and the rules for	<u>2027</u> , the forms of Union funding
providing such funding.	providing such funding.	and the rules for providing such
		funding.
		graph 1 - point 1
Article 2	Article 2	Article 2
Definitions	Definitions	Definitions
For the purposes of this Regulation,	For the purposes of this Regulation,	For the purposes of this Regulation,
the following definitions apply:	the following definitions apply:	the following definitions apply:
(1) strategic nature projects'	(1) 'strategic nature projects'	(1) 'strategic nature projects'
(1) strategic nature projects' means projects that support the	means projects that support the	(1) 'strategic nature projects' means projects that support the
achievement of Union nature and	achievement of Union nature and	achievement of Union nature and
biodiversity objectives by	biodiversity objectives by	biodiversity objectives by
implementing coherent programmes	implementing coherent programmes	implementing coherent programmes
of action in the Member States to	of action in the Member States to	of action in the Member States to
mainstream these objectives and	mainstream these objectives and	mainstream these objectives and
priorities into other policies and	priorities into other policies and	priorities into other policies and
priorities into other ponetes and	priorities into other policies and	priorities into other ponetes and

financing instruments, including through coordinated implementation of the priority action frameworks established pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC;	financing instruments, including through coordinated implementation of the priority action frameworks established pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC;	financing instruments, including through coordinated implementation of the priority action frameworks established pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC;	
	Article 2 - parag	graph 1 - point 2	
(2) 'strategic integrated projects' means projects that implement on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant clean energy Union legislation or policy, while ensuring involvement of stakeholders and promoting the coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source;	 (2) 'strategic integrated projects' means projects that implement on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant energy Union legislation or policy, while ensuring involvement of stakeholders and promoting the coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source; 	(2) 'strategic integrated projects' means projects that implement on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant [] energy [] Union legislation or policy, while ensuring involvement of stakeholders and promoting the coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private	

Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point 3		
(3) 'technical assistance projects'	(3) 'technical assistance projects'	(3) 'technical assistance projects'
means projects that support the	means projects that support the	means projects that support the
development of capacity to	development of capacity to	development of capacity- <u>[]</u> to
participate in standard action	participate in standard action	participate in standard action
projects, the preparation of strategic	projects, the preparation of	projects, the preparation of strategic
integrated projects, the preparation	strategic nature projects and	nature projects and strategic
for accessing other Union financial	strategic integrated projects, the	integrated projects, the preparation
instruments or other measures	preparation for accessing other	for accessing other Union financial
necessary for preparing the	Union financial instruments or	instruments or other measures
upscaling or replication of results	other measures necessary for	necessary for <u>I</u> preparing the
from other projects funded by the	preparing the upscaling or	upscaling or replication of results
Programme, its predecessor	replication of results from other	from other projects funded by the
programmes or other Union	projects funded by the <i>LIFE</i>	LIFE Programme, its predecessor
programmes, in view of pursuing	Programme, its predecessor	programmes or other Union
the objectives set out in Article 3;	programmes or other Union	programmes, in view of pursuing
	programmes, in view of pursuing	the objectives set out in Article 3.
	the objectives set out in Article 3.	Such projects may also include
	Such projects may also include	capacity-building related to the
	capacity-building related to the	activities of Member States
	activities of Member States	authorities for effective
	authorities for effective	participation in the LIFE
	participation in the LIFE	Programme;
	Programme;	

Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point 4			
(4) 'standard action projects' means projects, other than strategic integrated projects, strategic nature projects or technical assistance projects, that pursue the specific objectives of the Programme set out in Article 3(2);	(4) 'standard action projects' means projects, other than strategic integrated projects, strategic nature projects or technical assistance projects, that pursue the specific objectives of the Programme set out in Article 3(2);	(4) 'standard action projects' means projects, other than strategic integrated projects, strategic nature projects or technical assistance projects, that pursue the specific objectives of the Programme set out in Article 3(2);	
	Article 2 - paras	graph 1 - point 5	
 (5) 'blending operations' means actions supported by the Union budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article 2(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/ ('the Financial Regulation'), combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments from the Union budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors; 	(5) 'blending operations' means actions supported by the Union budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article 2(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/ ('the Financial Regulation'), combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments from the Union budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors;	(5) 'blending operations' means actions supported by the Union budget, including within blending facilities pursuant to Article 2(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/ ('the Financial Regulation'), combining non-repayable forms of support and/or financial instruments from the Union budget with repayable forms of support from development or other public finance institutions, as well as from commercial finance institutions and investors;	

Article 2 - paragraph 1 - point 6			
(6) 'legal entity' means any	(6) 'legal entity' means any	(6) 'legal entity' means any	
natural or legal person created and	natural or legal person created and	natural or legal person created and	
recognised as such under national	recognised as such under national	recognised as such under national	
law, Union law or international law,	law, Union law or international law,	law, Union law or international law,	
which has legal personality and	which has legal personality and	which has legal personality and	
which may, acting in its own name,	which may, acting in its own name,	which may, acting in its own name,	
exercise rights and be subject to	exercise rights and be subject to	exercise rights and be subject to	
obligations, or an entity without a	obligations, or an entity without a	obligations, or an entity without a	
legal personality in accordance with	legal personality in accordance with	legal personality in accordance with	
Article 190(2)(c) of the Financial	Article $190(2)(c)$ of the Financial	Article $190(2)(c)$ of the Financial	
Regulation.	Regulation.	Regulation.	
	Article 3 – p	paragraph 1	
Article 3	Article 3	Article 3	
Programme objectives	Programme objectives	[] Objectives	
		<u>Programme objectives</u>	
1. The general objective of the	1. The general objective of the		
Programme is to contribute to the	LIFE Programme shall be to	1. The general objective of the	
shift towards a clean, circular,	contribute to the shift towards a	LIFE Programme []-shall be to	
energy-efficient, low-carbon and	sustainable, circular, energy-	contribute to the shift towards a	
climate-resilient economy,	efficient, renewable energy-based,	[] sustainable, circular, energy-	
including through the transition to	climate-neutral and -resilient	efficient, renewable energy-based,	
clean energy, to the protection and	economy, to protect, restore and	low-emissions [] and climate-	
improvement of the quality of the	<i>improve</i> the quality of the	neutral and -resilient economy,	
environment and to halting and	environment, including the air,	[] to the protection protect.	
reversing biodiversity loss, thereby	water and soil, and to halt and	restore and improvement of	
contributing to sustainable	reverse biodiversity loss and to	<u>improve</u> the quality of the	
development.	tackle the degradation of	environment, including the air,	
	ecosystems, including through	water and soil, and to halting halt	
	supporting the implementation and	and reversing reverse biodiversity	
	management of the Natura 2000	loss and to tackle the degradation	

	<i>network</i> , thereby contributing to sustainable development. <i>The</i> <i>LIFE Programme shall also</i> <i>support the implementation of</i> <i>General action programmes</i> <i>adopted in accordance with Article</i> <i>192(3) TFEU</i> .	of ecosystems, including through supporting the implementation and management of the Natura 2000 network-and tackling the degradation of ecosystems, thereby contributing to sustainable development. The LIFE Programme shall also support the	
		implementation of General action programmes on environment and elimate policy adopted in accordance with Article 192(3) TFEU.	
	Article 3 – parag	raph 2 – chapeau	
2. The Programme has the following specific objectives:	2. The <i>LIFE</i> Programme <i>shall have</i> the following specific objectives:	 The LIFE Programme [] shall have the following specific objectives: [] 	
	Article 3 – parag	graph 2 – point a	
 (a) to develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques and approaches for reaching the objectives of the Union legislation and policy on environment and climate action, including the transition to clean energy, and to contribute to the application of best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity; 	 (a) to develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, <i>methods</i> and approaches for reaching the objectives of the Union legislation and policy on environment, <i>including nature and biodiversity, and on</i> climate action, including the transition to <i>renewable</i> energy <i>and increased energy efficiency</i>, and to contribute <i>to the knowledge base and</i> to the 	 (a) to develop, demonstrate and promote innovative techniques, methods and approaches for reaching the objectives of the Union legislation and policy on environment, including nature and biodiversity, [] or and on climate action, including the transition to [] renewable energy or and increased energy efficiency, and to contribute to the knowledge base 	

	application of best practice, <i>in</i> <i>particular</i> in relation to nature and biodiversity, <i>including through the</i> <i>support of the Natura 2000</i> <i>network</i> ;	and to the application of best practice, in particular in relation to nature and biodiversity, including through the support of the Natura 2000 network;	
	Article 3 – parag	graph 2 – point b	
(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy, including by improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;	(b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy on environment, including nature and biodiversity, and on climate action and the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;	 (b) to support the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy on environment, including nature and biodiversity, or and on climate action and the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency, including by improving governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society; 	

	Article 3 – parag	graph 2 – point c	
(c) to catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance.	(c) to catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy on environment, including nature and biodiversity, and on climate action and the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance.	(c) to catalyse the large-scale deployment of successful technical and policy-related solutions for implementing the relevant Union legislation and policy on environment, including nature and biodiversity, or []and on climate action and the transition to renewable energy or increased energy efficiency efficiency by replicating results, integrating related objectives into other policies and into public and private sector practices, mobilising investment and improving access to finance.	
	Article 4 - titl	e and chapeau	
Article 4	Article 4	Article 4	
Programme structure	Structure	[] Structure	
The Programme is structured as follows:	The <i>LIFE</i> Programme <i>shall be</i> structured as follows:	The LIFE Programme [] shall be structured as follows:	
	Article 4 - p	baragraph 1	
(1) the field Environment, which includes:	(1) the field Environment, which includes:	(1) the field Environment, which includes:	

Article 4 - paragraph 1 - point a			
(a) the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity;	(a) the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity;	(a) the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity;	
	Article 4 - parag	graph 1 - point b	
(b) the sub-programme Circular	(b) the sub-programme Circular	(b) the sub-programme Circular	
Economy and Quality of Life;	Economy and Quality of Life	Economy and Quality of Life;	
	Article 4 - J	baragraph 2	
(2) the field Climate Action, which includes:	(2) the field Climate Action, which includes:	(2) the field Climate Action, which includes:	
	Article 4 - para	graph 2 - point a	
(a) the sub-programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation;	(a) the sub-programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation;	(a) the sub-programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation;	
	Article 4 - parag	graph 2 - point b	
(b) the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.	(b) the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.	(b) the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.	
	Article 5 –	paragraph 1	
Article 5 Budget	Article 5 Budget	Article 5 Budget	
1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR 5 450 000 000 in current prices.	1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR 6 442 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 7 272 000 000 in current prices).	1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the LIFE Programme for the period 2021-2027 shall be EUR [5 432 000 000] in [current] prices.	

Article 5 – paragraph 2			
2. The indicative distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:	2. The indicative distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:	2. The indicative distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:	
(a) EUR 3 500 000 000 for the field Environment, of which	 (a) EUR 4 715 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 5 322 000 000 in current prices, which constitutes 73,2% of the total financial envelope of the Programme) for the field Environment, of which 21 	(a) EUR- <u>[3 488 000 000]</u> for the field Environment, of which	
(1) EUR 2 150 000 000 for the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity and	(1) EUR 2 829 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 3 261 420 000 in current prices which constitutes 44,9% of the total financial envelope of the Programme) for the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity and	i) EUR <u>143 000 000</u> for the sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity and	
(2) EUR 1 350 000 000 for the sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of Life;	 (2) EUR 1 886 000 000 in 2018 prices (EUR 2 060 580 000 in current prices which constitutes 28,3% of the total financial envelope of the Programme) for the sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of Life; 	ii) EUR <u>{1 345 000 000</u> } for the sub-programme Circular Economy and Quality of Life;	
 (b) EUR 1 950 000 000 for the field Climate Action, of which (1) EUR 950 000 000 for the sub-programme Climate Change 	 (b) EUR 1 950 000 000 for the field Climate Action, of which (1) EUR 950 000 000 for the sub-programme Climate Change 	 (b) EUR [<u>1 944 000 000</u>] for the field Climate Action, of which i) EUR [<u>947 000 000</u>] for the sub-programme Climate Change 	

Mitigation and Adaptation and	Mitigation and Adaptation and	Mitigation and Adaptation and	
(2) EUR 1 000 000 000 for the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.	(2) EUR 1 000 000 000 for the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.	ii) EUR <u>{997 000 000</u> } for the sub-programme Clean Energy Transition.	
	Article 5 – 1	paragraph 3	
3. The amounts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be without prejudice to provisions on flexibility set out in Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council ³⁵ [the new Multiannual Financial Framework Regulation] and the Financial Regulation.	3. The amounts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be without prejudice to provisions on flexibility set out in Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ [the new Multiannual Financial Framework Regulation] and the Financial Regulation.	1 3. The amounts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be without prejudice to provisions on flexibility set out in Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council— ³⁵ [the new Multiannual Financial Framework Regulation] and the Financial Regulation]	
35 [Please insert full title and OJ info]	$\overline{1} \qquad [Please insert full title and OJ info].$	$\overline{35}$ [Please insert full title and OJ info].	
	Article 5 – para	ngraph 3a (new)	
	3a. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, at least 60% of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the field Environment referred to in point (a) in paragraph 2 shall be dedicated to grants for projects supporting the Sub-programme Nature and Biodiversity referred to in point i) of point (a) in paragraph 2.	3a. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, at least 60% of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the field Environment referred to in point (a) in paragraph 2 shall be dedicated to grants for projects supporting the Sub- programme Nature and Biodiversity referred to in point i) of point (a) in paragraph 2.	

Article 5 – paragraph 4			
4. The amount referred to in	4. The <i>LIFE Programme may</i>	4. [] The LIFE Programme	
paragraph 1 may be used for	<i>finance</i> technical and	may finance [] technical and	
technical and administrative	administrative assistance <i>activities</i>	administrative assistance activities	
assistance for the implementation of	by the Commission for the	by the Commission for the	
the Programme, such as	implementation of the LIFE	implementation of the LIFE	
preparatory, monitoring, control,	Programme, such as preparatory,	Programme, such as preparatory,	
audit and evaluation activities	monitoring, control, audit and	monitoring, control, audit and	
including corporate information	evaluation activities including	evaluation activities including	
technology systems.	corporate information technology	corporate information technology	
	systems and network activities	systems and wide network activities	
	supporting the LIFE Programme's	supporting the LIFE Programme's	
	National Contact Points, including	National Contact Points, including	
	training, mutual learning activities	training, mutual learning activities	
	and events to share experience.	and events to share experience.	
	Article 5 – parag	raph 5 – chapeau	
5. The Programme may finance	5. The Programme may finance	5. The LIFE Programme may	
activities implemented by the	activities implemented by the	finance activities implemented by	
Commission in support of the	Commission in support of the	the Commission in support of the	
preparation, implementation and	preparation, implementation and	preparation, implementation and	
mainstreaming of Union	mainstreaming of Union	mainstreaming of Union	
environmental, climate or relevant	environmental, climate or relevant	environmental, climate or relevant	
clean energy transition legislation	energy legislation and policies	[]-energy []-legislation and	
and policies for the purpose of	for the purpose of achieving the	policies for the purpose of	
achieving the objectives set out in	objectives set out in Article 3. Such	contributing to the achievement	
Article 3. Such activities may	activities may include:	of []achieving the objectives set	
include:		out in Article 3. Such activities may	
		include:	

Article 5 – paragraph 5 - point a			
(a) information and	(a) information and	(a) information and	
communication, including	communication, including	communication, including	
awareness raising campaigns.	awareness raising campaigns.	awareness raising campaigns.	
Financial resources allocated to	Financial resources allocated to	Financial resources allocated to	
communication activities pursuant	communication activities pursuant	communication activities pursuant	
to this Regulation shall also cover	to this Regulation shall also cover	to this Regulation shall also cover	
corporate communication regarding	corporate communication regarding	corporate communication regarding	
the political priorities of the Union,	the political priorities of the Union,	the political priorities of the Union,	
as well as regarding the	as well as regarding the	as well as regarding the	
implementation and transposition	implementation and transposition	implementation and transposition	
status of Union environmental,	status of Union environmental,	status of Union environmental,	
climate or relevant clean energy	climate or relevant energy	climate or relevant [] energy	
legislation;	legislation;	legislation;	
		graph 5 - point b	T
(b) studies, surveys, modelling	(b) studies, surveys, modelling	(b) studies, surveys, modelling	
and scenario building;	and scenario building;	and scenario building;	
		graph 5 - point c	
(c) preparation, implementation,	(c) preparation, implementation,	(c) preparation, implementation,	
monitoring, checking and	monitoring, checking and	monitoring, checking and	
evaluation of projects not funded by	evaluation of policies,	evaluation of [] policies,	
the Programme, policies,	programmes and legislation, as well	programmes and legislation, as well	
programmes and legislation;	as assessment and analysis of	as assessment and analysis of	
	projects not funded by the LIFE	projects not funded by the LIFE	
	Programme, if they serve the	Programme, if they serve the	
	purposes of the objectives as set	purposes of the objectives as set	
	out in Article 3;	out in Article 3;	

	Article 5 – para	graph 5 - point d
(d) workshops, conferences and	(d) workshops, conferences and	(d) workshops, conferences and
meetings;	meetings;	meetings;
	Article 5 – para	graph 5 - point e
(e) networking and best-practice	(e) networking and best-practice	(e) networking and best-practice
platforms;	platforms;	platforms;
	Article 5 – para	graph 5 - point f
(f) other activities.	(f) other activities, <i>such as</i>	(f) other activities, such as prizes.
	prizes.	
	Article 6 – paragraph	1 – introductory part
Article 6	Article 6	Article 6
Third countries associated to the	Third countries associated to the	Third countries associated to the
Programme	Programme	Programme
1. The Programme shall be open	1. Subject to fully complying	1. The LIFE Programme shall
to the following third countries:	with all its rules and regulations,	be open to the following third
	the Programme shall be open to the	countries:
	following third countries:	

Article 6 – paragraph 1 - point a				
(a) European Free Trade	(a) European Free Trade	(a) European Free Trade		
Association (EFTA) members	Association (EFTA) members	Association (EFTA) members		
which are members of the European	which are members of the European	which are members of the European		
Economic Area (EEA), in	Economic Area (EEA), in	Economic Area (EEA), in		
accordance with the conditions laid	accordance with the conditions laid	accordance with the conditions laid		
down in the EEA agreement;	down in the EEA agreement;	down in the EEA agreement;		
	Article 6 – parag			
(b) acceding countries, candidate	(b) acceding countries, candidate	(b) acceding countries, candidate		
countries and potential candidates,	countries and potential candidates,	countries and potential candidates,		
in accordance with the general	in accordance with the general	in accordance with the general		
principles and general terms and	principles and general terms and	principles and general terms and		
conditions for the participation of	conditions for the participation of	conditions for the participation of		
those countries in Union	those countries in Union	those countries in Union		
programmes established in the	programmes established in the	programmes established in the		
respective framework agreements	respective framework agreements	respective framework agreements		
and Association Council decisions,	and Association Council decisions,	and Association Council decisions,		
or similar agreements and in	or similar agreements and in	or similar agreements and in		
accordance with the specific	accordance with the specific	accordance with the specific		
conditions laid down in agreements	conditions laid down in agreements	conditions laid down in agreements		
between the Union and those	between the Union and those	between the Union and those		
countries;	countries;	countries;		
	Article 6 – parag			
(c) countries covered by the	(c) countries covered by the	(c) countries covered by the		
European Neighbourhood Policy, in	European Neighbourhood Policy, in	European Neighbourhood Policy, in		
accordance with the general	accordance with the general	accordance with the general		
principles and general terms and	principles and general terms and	principles and general terms and		
conditions for the participation of	conditions for the participation of	conditions for the participation of		
those countries in Union	those countries in Union	those countries in Union		
programmes established in the	programmes established in the	programmes established in the		
respective framework agreements	respective framework agreements	respective framework agreements		

i		and according according to the second	
and association council decisions,	and association council decisions,	and association council decisions,	
or similar agreements, and in	or similar agreements, and in	or similar agreements, and in	
accordance with the specific	accordance with the specific	accordance with the specific	
conditions laid down in agreements	conditions laid down in agreements	conditions laid down in agreements	
between the Union and those	between the Union and those	between the Union and those	
countries;	countries;	countries;	
		graph 1 - point d	
(d) other third countries, in	(d) other third countries, in	(d) other third countries, in	
accordance with the conditions laid	accordance with the conditions laid	accordance with the conditions laid	
down in a specific agreement	down in a specific agreement	down in a specific agreement	
covering the participation of the	covering the participation of the	covering the participation of the	
third country to any Union	third country to any Union	third country to any Union	
programme, provided that the	programme, provided that the	programme, provided that the	
agreement	agreement	agreement	
- ensures a fair balance as	 ensures a fair balance as 	- ensures a fair balance as	
regards the contributions and	regards the contributions and	regards the contributions and	
benefits of the third country	benefits of the third country	benefits of the third country	
participating in the Union	participating in the Union	participating in the Union	
programmes;	programmes;	programmes;	
- lays down the conditions of	 lays down the conditions of 	- lays down the conditions of	
participation in the programmes,	participation in the programmes,	participation in the programmes,	
including the calculation of	including the calculation of	including the calculation of	
financial contributions to individual	financial contributions to individual	financial contributions to individual	
programmes and their	programmes and their	programmes and their	
administrative costs. These	administrative costs. These	administrative costs. These	
contributions shall constitute	contributions shall constitute	contributions shall constitute	
assigned revenues in accordance	assigned revenues in accordance	assigned revenues in accordance	
with Article [21(5)] of the Financial	with Article [21(5)] of the Financial	with Article [21(5)] of the Financial	
Regulation;	Regulation;	Regulation;	
- does not confer to the third	– does not confer to the third	- does not confer to the third	
country a decisional power on the	country a decisional power on the	country a decisional power on the	
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programme; - guarantees the rights of the Union to ensure sound financial management and to protect its financial interests.	programme; – guarantees the rights of the Union to ensure sound financial management and to protect its financial interests.	programme; - guarantees the rights of the Union to ensure sound financial management and to protect its financial interests. paragraph 2	
2. Where a third country	2. Where a third country	2. Where a third country	
participates in the programme by a	participates in the programme by a	participates in the LIFE	
decision under an international	decision under an international	programme by a decision under an	
agreement or by virtue of any other	agreement or by virtue of any other	international agreement or by virtue	
legal instrument, the third country	legal instrument, the third country	of any other legal instrument, the	
shall grant the necessary rights and	shall grant the necessary rights and	third country shall grant the	
access required for the authorizing	access required for the authorizing	necessary rights and access required	
officer responsible, the European	officer responsible, the European	for the authorizing officer	
Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Court of Auditors to	Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Court of Auditors to	responsible, the European Anti- Fraud Office (OLAF), the European	
comprehensively exert their	comprehensively exert their	Court of Auditors to	
respective competences. In the case	respective competences. In the case	comprehensively exert their	
of OLAF, such rights shall include	of OLAF, such rights shall include	respective competences. In the case	
the right to carry out investigations,	the right to carry out investigations,	of OLAF, such rights shall include	
including on-the-spot checks and	including on-the-spot checks and	the right to carry out investigations,	
inspections, provided for in	inspections, provided for in	including on-the-spot checks and	
Regulation (EU, Euratom)	Regulation (EU, Euratom)	inspections, provided for in	
No883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council	No883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council	Regulation (EU, Euratom)	
concerning investigations	concerning investigations	No883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council	
conducted by the European Anti-	conducted by the European Anti-	concerning investigations	
Fraud Office (OLAF).	Fraud Office (OLAF).	conducted by the European Anti-	
		Fraud Office (OLAF).	

Article 6 a (new)			
	Article 6a	Article 6a	
	International cooperation	International cooperation	
	In the course of implementing the	In the course of implementing the	
	LIFE Programme, cooperation	LIFE Programme, cooperation	
	with relevant international	with relevant international	
	organisations, and with their	organisations, and with their	
	institutions and bodies, shall be	institutions and bodies, shall be	
	possible where needed for the	possible where needed for the	
	purpose of achieving the general	purpose of achieving the general	
	objectives set out in Article 3	objectives set out in Article 3.	
	Art	icle 7	
Article 7	Article 7	Article 7	
Synergies with other Union	Synergies with other Union	Synergies with other Union	
programmes	programmes	programmes	
The Programme shall be	The Commission shall facilitate	The Commission shall facilitate	
implemented in a way which	the consistent implementation of	consistency of the <u>consistent</u>	
ensures its consistency with the	the LIFE Programme and the	implementation of the LIFE	
European Regional Development	Commission and the Member	Programme []and the	
Fund, the European Social Fund,	States shall facilitate coherence	Commission and the Member	
the Cohesion Fund, the European	and coordination with the	States shall facilitate coherence	
Agricultural Fund for Rural	European Regional Development	and coordination with the	
Development, and the European	Fund, the European Social Fund+,	European Regional Development	
Maritime and Fisheries Fund,	the Cohesion Fund, the European	Fund, the European Social Fund+,	
Horizon Europe, the Connecting	Agricultural Fund for Rural	the Cohesion Fund, the European	
Europe Facility and InvestEU, in	Development, and the European	Agricultural Fund for Rural	
order to create synergies,	Maritime and Fisheries Fund,	Development, and the European	
particularly as regards strategic	Horizon Europe, the Connecting	Maritime and Fisheries Fund,	
nature projects and strategic	Europe Facility and InvestEU, in	Horizon Europe, [] the	
integrated projects, and to support	order to create synergies,	Connecting Europe Facility and	

the uptake and replication of solutions developed under the Programme.	particularly as regards strategic nature projects and strategic integrated projects, and to support the uptake and replication of solutions developed under the <i>LIFE</i> Programme. <i>The</i> <i>Commission and Member States</i> <i>shall pursue complementarity at</i>	InvestEU, in order to create synergies, particularly as regards strategic nature projects and strategic integrated projects, and to support the uptake and replication of solutions developed under the LIFE Programme. <u>The</u> Commission and Member States	
	all levels.	shall pursue complementarity at	
		all levels.	
	Article 8 – J		
Article 8	Article 8	Article 8	
Implementation and forms of Union	Implementation and forms of Union	Implementation and forms of Union	
funding	funding	funding	
1. The Programme shall be	1. The <i>Commission shall</i>	1. The Commission shall	
implemented in direct management	<i>implement the LIFE</i> Programme	implement the LIFE Programme	
in accordance with the Financial	in direct management in accordance	[] in direct management in	
Regulation or in indirect	with the Financial Regulation or in	accordance with the Financial	
management with bodies referred to	indirect management with bodies	Regulation or in indirect	
in Article $[61(1)(c)]$ of the	referred to in Article [61(1)(c)] of	management with bodies referred to	
Financial Regulation.	the Financial Regulation.	in Article $[61(1)(c)]$ of the	
		Financial Regulation.	
		paragraph 2	
2. The Programme may provide	2. The <i>LIFE</i> Programme may	2. The LIFE Programme may	
funding in any of the forms laid	provide funding in any of the forms	provide funding in any of the forms	
down in the Financial Regulation,	laid down in the Financial	laid down in the Financial	
in particular grants, prizes and	Regulation, in particular grants,	Regulation, in particular grants,	
procurement. It may also provide	prizes and procurement. It may also	prizes and procurement. It may also	
financing in the form of financial	provide financing in the form of financial instruments within	provide financing in the form of financial instruments within	
instruments within blending			
operations.	blending operations.	blending operations.	

Article 8 – paragraph 2a (new)			
2a. At least 85% of the budget for the LIFE Programme shall be allocated to grants as referred to in Article 10(2) and 10(5), to projects financed through other forms of funding to the extent specified within the multiannual work programme, or, where appropriate and to the extent specified within the multiannual work programme referred to in Article 17, for financial instruments in the form of blending operations as referred to in Article 8(2). The Commission shall ensure that the projects financed by other forms of funding are fully in line with the objectives set out in Article 3 of this Regulation. The maximum amount allocated to grants as referred to in Article 10(3b) shall be 15 Mio EUR.	2a. At least 85% of the budget for the LIFE Programme shall be allocated to grants as referred to in Article 10(2) and 10(5), <u>to projects financed through</u> <u>other forms of funding to</u> <u>the extent specified within</u> <u>the multiannual work</u> <u>programme,</u> or, where appropriate and to the extent specified within the multiannual work programme referred to in Article 17, for financial instruments in the form of blending operations as referred to in Article 8(2). <u>The maximum amount</u> allocated to grants as referred to in Article		

be adapted in accorde	
requirements of each	
programme, project t	ype or type of
grant.	
Article 8 – paragra	aph 2b – second subparagraph – chapeau (new)
For projects as descri	
10(3b) the maximum	<i>co-financing</i>
rates shall not exceed	195% of
eligible costs for proj	ects during
the period of the first	
work programme; for	r the second
multiannual work pro	ogramme and
subject to confirmation	on in this
work programme, the	e co-financing
rate shall be 75% of e	0
Article 8 – paragr	raph 2b – second subparagraph - point a (new)
X	<u>a)</u> and up to 75-% of eligible
	costs [] for<u>%</u> in the case of
	projects funded under the sub-
	programme Nature and
	Biodiversity, in the field
	Environment particular those that
	concern priority habitats or species
	for the implementation of Directive
	92/43/EEC or the species of birds
	considered as a priority for funding
	by the Committee for Adaptation to
	Technical and Scientific Progress
	set up pursuant to Article 16 of
	Directive 2009/147/EC when
	necessary to achieve the

	conservation objective <u>. For the</u>	
	actions referred to in Article	
	<u>10(5), the maximum co-financing</u>	
	rate shall be 70 % of the eligible	
	<u>costs. Without prejudice to the</u>	
	relevant and determined	
	<u>maximum co-financing rates,</u>	
	specific rates shall be further	
	specified in the multiannual work	
	programme referred to in Article	
	<u>17. They may be adapted in</u>	
	accordance with the	
	requirements of each sub-	
	programme, project type or type	
	<u>of grant.</u>	
Article 8 – paragraph 2b – seco	nd subparagraph - point b (new)	
X	b) up to For projects as	
	described in Article 10(3b) the	
	maximum co-financing rates shall	
	not exceed 95% of eligible costs	
	for projects as described in Article	
	<u>10(3b)</u> during the period of the first	
	multiannual work programme _z	
	and; for the second multiannual	
	work programme and subject to	
	work programme and subject to	
	work programme and subject to confirmation in this work	
	work programme and subject to confirmation in this work programme, the co-financing rate	

Article 8 – paragraph 2c (new)			
	2c. Quality is the criterion governing the project evaluation and award process in the LIFE Programme. The Commission shall pursue an effective, quality- based geographical coverage across the Union, including by supporting Member States to increase the quality of the projects through capacity building.	2c. While quality serves as Quality is the leading criterion governing the project evaluation and award process, in the LIFE Programme. The Commission shall implement the LIFE Programme in a way that pursues pursue an effective, quality-based geographical balance. In case such a balance is not reached the Commission shall provide an analysis of underlying reasons to coverage across the Committee for-Union, including by supporting Member States to increase the LIFE Programme referred to in Article 20a. quality building.	
	Arti	cle 9	
CHAPTER II ELIGIBILITY	CHAPTER II ELIGIBILITY	CHAPTER II ELIGIBILITY	
Article 9 Grants	Article 9 Grants	Article 9 Grants	
Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation.	Grants under the <i>LIFE</i> Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation.	Grants under the LIFE Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation.	

Article 10 - paragraph 1			
Article 10	Article 10	Article 10	
Eligible actions	Eligible actions	Eligible actions	
1. Only actions implementing	1. Only actions implementing	1. Only actions implementing	
the objectives referred to in Article	the objectives referred to in Article	the objectives referred to in Article	
3 shall be eligible for funding.	3 shall be eligible for funding.	3 shall be eligible for funding.	
	Article 10 -	paragraph 2	
2. Grants may finance the	2. Grants may finance the	2. Grants may finance the	
following types of action:	following types of action:	following types of action:	
			-
		graph 2 - point a	
(a) strategic nature projects under	(a) strategic nature projects under		
the sub-programme referred	the sub-programme referred to in	the sub-programme referred to in	
to in point (1)(a) of Article 4;	point (1)(a) of Article 4;	point (1)(a) of Article 4;	
4,	Article 10 - nara	graph 2 - point b	
(b) strategic integrated projects	(b) strategic integrated projects	(b) strategic integrated projects	
under the sub-programmes	under the sub-programmes referred	under the sub-programmes referred	
referred to in points (1)(b),	to in points (1)(b), (2)(a) and 2(b)	to in points (1)(b), (2)(a) and 2(b)	
(2)(a) and 2(b) of Article 4;	of Article 4;	of Article 4;	
		graph 2 - point c	
(c) technical assistance projects;	(c) technical assistance projects;	(c) technical assistance projects;	
		graph 2 - point d	
(d) standard action projects;	(d) standard action projects;	(d) standard action projects;	
Article 10 - paragraph 2 - point e			
(e) other actions needed for the	(e) other actions needed for the	(e) other_Other actions needed	
purpose of achieving the	purpose of achieving the general	for the purpose of achieving the	
general objective set out in	objective set out in Article 3(1),	general objective set out in	
Article 3(1).	including coordination and	Article 3(1), including	
	support actions aimed at capacity-	coordination and support actions	

	building, dissemination of information and knowledge, and awareness raising to support the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency.	aimed at capacity-building, dissemination of information and knowledge, and awareness raising to support the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency.	
	Article 10 –	paragraph 3	
3. Projects under the sub- programme Nature and Biodiversity concerning the management, restoration and monitoring of Natura 2000 sites in accordance with Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC shall be supported in accordance with prioritised action frameworks established pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC.	3. Projects under the sub- programme Nature and Biodiversity concerning the management, restoration and monitoring of Natura 2000 sites in accordance with Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC shall <i>take account of</i> <i>priorities set out in national and</i> <i>regional plans, strategies and</i> <i>policies on nature and biodiversity</i> <i>conservation, including in</i> prioritised action frameworks established pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC.	3. Projects under the sub- programme Nature and Biodiversity concerning the management, restoration and monitoring of Natura 2000 sites in accordance with Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC shall-[] take account of priorities set out in national or and regional plans, strategies and policies on nature and biodiversity conservation, inter alia , including in prioritised action frameworks established pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC.	
	Article 10 – para	agraph 3b (new)	
	3b. Technical assistance projects for capacity building related to the activities of Member States' authorities to improve the effective participation in the LIFE programme shall support activities of those Member States with low effective participation, with a view	3b. Technical assistance projects for <u>capacity building related to</u> <u>the activities of Member States'</u> <u>authorities to improve</u> the effective participation <u>of</u> <u>underperforming Member States</u> <u>in the LIFE programme</u> shall support activities of <u>those</u> Member	

	services across the EU <u>, as well as</u> and to <u>increase increasing</u> the overall quality of proposals submitted.	
Article 10 –	paragraph 4	
4. Grants may finance activities outside <i>a Member State or an</i> <i>overseas country or territory linked</i> <i>to it</i> , provided that the project pursues Union environmental and climate objectives and the activities outside the Union are necessary to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories or an overseas country or territory, or to support international agreements to which the Union is party.	4. [Grants may finance activities outside [] <u>a Member State or an</u> <u>overseas country or territory</u> <u>linked to it</u> , provided that the project pursues Union environmental and climate objectives and <u>those</u> activities [] are necessary to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State <u>s []</u>	
the functioning of non-profit making entities which are involved in the development, implementation and enforcement of Union legislation and policy and which are	the functioning of non-profit making entities which [] contribute to are involved in the development, implementation and enforcement of Union legislation	
	4. Grants may finance activities outside a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to it, provided that the project pursues Union environmental and climate objectives and the activities outside the Union are necessary to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories or an overseas country or territory, or to support international agreements to which the Union is party. Article 10 – 5. Operating grants shall support the functioning of non-profit making entities which are involved in the development, implementation and enforcement of Union	Article 10 – paragraph 44. Grants may finance activities outside a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to it, provided that the project pursues Union environmental and climate objectives and the activities outside the Union are necessary to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories or an overseas country or territory, or to support international agreements to which the Union is party.4. [Grants may finance activities outside []a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to it, provided that the project pursues Union environmental and climate objectives and the activities outside the Union are necessary to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member State territories or an overseas country or territory, or to support international agreements to which the Union is party.4. [Grants may finance activities outside []a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to it, provided that the project pursues Union environmental and climate objectives and those activities [] are necessary to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in Member States [] for the functioning of non-profit making entities which are involved in the development, implementation and enforcement of Union legislation and policy and which are5. Operating grants shall support the functioning of non-profit making entities which are involved in the development, implementation and enforcement of Union legislation and policy and which are

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environment or climate action,	environment or climate action,	active in the field of environment or	
including clean energy transition.	including energy transition, in line	climate action, including []	
	with the objectives of the LIFE	energy transition, in line with the	
	Programme referred to in Article	objectives of the LIFE Programme	
	3.	referred to in Article 3.	
		paragraph 1	
Article 11	Article 11	Article 11	
Eligible entities	Eligible entities	Eligible entities	
1. The eligibility criteria set out	1. The eligibility criteria set out	1. The eligibility criteria set out	
in paragraph 2 to 3 shall apply in	in paragraph 2 to 3 shall apply in	in paragraph 2 to 3 shall apply in	
addition to the criteria set out in	addition to the criteria set out in	addition to the criteria set out in	
Article [197] of the Financial	Article [197] of the Financial	Article [197] of the Financial	
Regulation.	Regulation.	Regulation.	
	Article 11 - parag	graph 2 – chapeau	
2. The following entities are	2. The following entities are	2. The following entities []	
eligible:	eligible:	shall be eligible:	
	Article 11 - para	graph 2 - point a	
(a) legal entities established in	(a) legal entities established in	(a) legal entities established in	
any of the following countries or	any of the following countries or	any of the following countries or	
territories:	territories:	territories:	
	Article 11 - paragrag	oh 2 - point a - point 1	
(1) a Member State or an	(1) a Member State or an	(1) a Member State or an	
overseas country or territory linked	overseas country or territory linked	overseas country or territory linked	
to it;	to it;	to it;	
	Article 11 - paragrag	h 2 - point a - point 2	
(2) a third country associated to	(2) a third country associated to	(2) a third country associated to	
the Programme;	the <i>LIFE</i> Programme;	the LIFE Programme;	
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		oh 2 - point a -point 3		
(3) other third countries listed in	(3) other third countries listed in	(3) other third countries listed in		
the work programme under the	the <i>multiannual</i> work programme	the multiannual work programme		
conditions specified in paragraphs 4	referred to in Article 17, under the	referred to in Article 17, under the		
to 6;	conditions specified in paragraphs 4	conditions specified in paragraphs 4		
	to 6 <i>of this Article</i> ;	to 6 of this Article;		
	Article 11 - para	graph 2 - point b		
(b) any legal entity created under	(b) any legal entity created under	(b) any legal entity created under		
Union law or any international	Union law or any international	Union law or any international		
organisation.	organisation.	organisation.		
e				
	Article 11 -	paragraph 3		
3. Natural persons are not	3. Natural persons <i>shall</i> not <i>be</i>	3. Natural persons [] shall not		
eligible.	eligible.	be eligible.		
	Article 11 -	paragraph 4		
4. Legal entities established in a	4. Legal entities established in a	4. [Legal entities established in a		
third country which is not	third country which is not	third country which is not		
associated to the Programme are	associated to the Programme are	associated to the LIFE Programme		
exceptionally eligible to participate	exceptionally eligible to participate	[] shall be exceptionally eligible		
where this is necessary for the	where this is necessary for the	to participate where this is		
achievement of the objectives of a	achievement of the objectives of a	necessary for the achievement of		
given action to ensure the	given action to ensure the	the objectives of a given action to		
effectiveness of interventions	effectiveness of interventions	ensure the effectiveness of		
carried out in the Union.	carried out in the Union.	interventions carried out in the		
		Union.		

	Article 11 -	paragraph 5	
5. Legal entities participating in	5. Legal entities participating in	5. []	
consortia of at least three	consortia of at least three		
independent entities, established in	independent entities, established in		
different Member States or overseas	different Member States or overseas		
countries or territories linked to	countries or territories linked to		
those states or third countries	those states or third countries		
associated to the Programme or	associated to the Programme or		
other third countries, are eligible.	other third countries, are eligible.		
	Article 11 -		
6. Legal entities established in a	6. Legal entities established in a	6. [Legal entities established in a	
third country which is not	third country which is not	third country which is not	
associated to the Programme should	associated to the Programme should	associated to the LIFE Programme	
in principle bear the cost of their	in principle bear the cost of their	shall in principle bear the cost of	
participation.	participation.	their participation.	
	Article 11 – para	agraph 6 a (new)	
	6a. In order to ensure effective		
	use of the Programme's funds and		
	efficient participation by the legal		
	entities referred to in paragraph 4,		
	the Commission is empowered to		
	adopt delegated acts in accordance		
	with Article 21 to supplement this		
	Article by laying down the extent		
	to which participation by those		
	legal entities in the environmental		
	and climate policy conducted by		
	the Union is sufficient for them to		
	be considered eligible for the		
	Programme.		

Article 12				
Article 12	Article 12			
Direct award	Direct award []			
Without prejudice to Article [188] of the Financial Regulation, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies listed in Annex I.	Without prejudice to Article [188] of the Financial Regulation, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies listed in Annex I.			
	The total amount of grants awarded to the bodies listed in Annex I shall not be higher than [18 mio EUR] of the budgetary resources for the LIFE Programme.			
Article 13	– chapeau			
	Article 13			
Specification of award criteria	Specification of award criteria			
<i>The Commission shall set out</i> award criteria <i>in the multiannual</i> <i>work programme referred to in</i> <i>Article 17 and</i> the calls for proposals taking into account the following <i>principles</i> :	The Commission shall set out award criteria [] in the multiannual work programme referred to in Article 17 and the calls for proposals taking into account the following principles:			
Article 13 – point a				
(a) projects financed by the <i>LIFE</i> Programme shall <i>be of Union</i> <i>interest by making a significant</i>	(a) projects financed by the LIFE Programme shall be of Union interest by making a significant			
	Article 12 <i>Direct award</i> Without prejudice to Article [188] of the Financial Regulation, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies listed in Annex I. Annex I. <u>Article 13</u> <i>Specification of</i> award criteria <i>The Commission shall set out</i> award criteria <i>in the multiannual</i> <i>work programme referred to in</i> <i>Article 17 and</i> the calls for proposals taking into account the following <i>principles</i> : <u>Article 13</u> (a) projects financed by the <i>LIFE</i> Programme shall <i>be of Union</i>	Article 12Article 12Direct awardDirect award []Without prejudice to Article [188] of the Financial Regulation, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies listed in Annex I.Without prejudice to Article [188] of the Financial Regulation, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies listed in Annex I.Annex I.The total amount of grants awarded to the bodies listed in Annex I.The total amount of grants awarded to the bodies listed in Annex I shall not be higher than [18 mio EUR] of the budgetary resources for the LIFE Programme.Article 13Article 13Specification of award criteriaArticle 13The Commission shall set out award criteria in the multiannual work programme referred to in Article 17 and the calls for proposals taking into account the following principles:The Commission shall set out account the following principles:Article 13 - programme referred to in Article 17 and the calls for proposals taking into account the following principles:The Commission shall set out account the following principles:Article 13 - programme referred to in Article 17 and the calls for proposals taking into account the following principles:(a) projects financed by the LIFE Programme shall be of Union interest by making a significant		

objectives of the Programme and,	and shall not undermine the	and shall not undermine the general	
where possible, shall promote the	general and specific objectives of	and specific [] objectives of the	
use of green public procurement;	the <i>LIFE</i> Programme <i>referred to in</i>	LIFE Programme referred to in	
	Article 3 and, whenever possible,	Article 3 and, where whenever	
	shall promote the use of green	possible, shall promote the use of	
	public procurement;	green public procurement;	
	Article 13 – p	ooint aa (new)	
	(aa) projects shall ensure a cost-	(aa) projects financed by the	
	effective approach and be	LIFE Programme shall be ensure	
	technically and financially	<u>a</u> cost-effective <u>approach</u> and <u>be</u>	
	coherent;	technically and financially	
		coherent;	
	Article 13 – p	ooint ab (new)	
	(ab) projects with the highest	(ab) projects with the highest	
	potential contribution for the	potential contribution for the	
	achievement of the objectives set	achievement of the objectives set	
	out in Article 3 shall be given	out in Article 3 shall be given	
	priority;	<u>priority;</u>	
		9 – point b	
(b) projects that provide co-	(b) projects that provide co-	(b) projects that provide co-	
benefits and promote synergies	benefits and promote synergies	benefits and promote synergies	
between the sub-programmes	between the sub-programmes	between the sub-programmes	
referred to in Article 4 shall be	referred to in Article 4 shall <i>benefit</i>	referred to in Article 4 shall []	
given priority;	from a bonus in their evaluation;	benefit from a bonus in their	
		evaluation;	
		<u> – point c</u>	
(c) projects with the highest	(c) projects with the highest	(c) projects with the highest	
potential of being replicated and	potential of being replicated and	potential of being replicated and	
taken-up by the public or private	taken-up by the public or private	taken-up by the public or private	

sector or of mobilising the largest investments or financial resources (catalytic potential) shall be given priority;	sector or of mobilising the largest investments or financial resources (catalytic potential) shall <i>benefit</i> <i>from a bonus in their evaluation</i> ;	sector or of mobilising the largest investments or financial resources (catalytic potential) shall [] benefit from a bonus in their evaluation;	
	Article 13	– point d	
(d) the replicability of standard action project results shall be ensured;	(d) the replicability of standard action project results shall be ensured;	(d) the replicability of standard action project results shall be ensured;	
	Article 13	– point e	
(e) projects that build on or upscale the results of other projects funded by the Programme, its predecessor programmes or with other Union funds shall benefit from a bonus in their evaluation;	(e) projects that build on or upscale the results of other projects funded by the <i>LIFE</i> Programme, its predecessor programmes or with other Union funds shall benefit from a bonus in their evaluation;	(e) projects that build on or upscale the results of other projects funded by the LIFE Programme, its predecessor programmes or with other Union funds shall benefit from a bonus in their evaluation;	
Article 13 – point ee			
		(ea) []	

Article 13 – point f			
(f) where appropriate, special regard shall be given to projects in geographical areas with specific	(f) where appropriate, special regard shall be given to projects in geographical areas with specific	(f) where appropriate, special regard shall be given to projects in geographical areas with specific	
needs or vulnerabilities, such as areas with specific environmental	needs or vulnerabilities, such as areas with specific environmental	needs or vulnerabilities, such as areas with specific environmental	
challenges or natural constraints,	challenges or natural constraints,	challenges or natural constraints,	
trans-border areas or outermost regions.	trans-border areas, <i>areas of high</i> <i>natural value</i> or outermost regions.	trans-border areas, areas of high natural value or outermost regions.	
	Artic	cle 14	
Article 14 Eligible costs related to purchase of land In addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation, costs relating to the purchase of land shall be considered eligible provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:	Article 14 Eligible costs related to purchase of land In addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation, costs relating to the purchase of land shall be considered eligible provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:	Article 14 Eligible costs related to purchase of land In addition to the criteria set out in Article [186] of the Financial Regulation, costs relating to the purchase of land shall be considered eligible provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:	
	Article 14	4 - point a	
(a) the purchase will contribute to improving, maintaining and restoring the integrity of the Natura 2000 network set up pursuant to Article 3 of Directive 92/43/EEC, including through improving connectivity by the creation of corridors, stepping stones, or other	(a) the purchase will contribute to improving, maintaining and restoring the integrity of the Natura 2000 network set up pursuant to Article 3 of Directive 92/43/EEC, including through improving connectivity by the creation of corridors, stepping stones, or other	 (a) the purchase will contribute to improving, maintaining and restoring the integrity of the Natura 2000 network set up pursuant to Article 3 of Directive 92/43/EEC, including through improving connectivity by the creation of corridors, stepping stones, or other 	

elements of green infrastructure;	elements of green infrastructure;	elements of green infrastructure;		
Article 14 - point b				
(b) land purchase is the only or	(b) land purchase is the only or	(b) land purchase is the only or		
most cost-effective way of	most cost-effective way of	most cost-effective way of		
achieving the desired conservation	achieving the desired conservation	achieving the desired conservation		
outcome;	outcome;	outcome;		
	Article 14	4 - point c		
(c) the land purchased is reserved	(c) the land purchased is reserved	(c) the land purchased is reserved		
in the long term for uses consistent	in the long term for uses consistent	in the long term for uses consistent		
with the specific objectives of the	with the specific objectives of the	with the specific objectives of the		
Programme;	<i>LIFE</i> Programme;	LIFE Programme;		
	Article 14	4 - point d		
(d) the Member State concerned	(d) the Member State concerned	(d) the Member State concerned		
ensures, by way of transfer or	ensures, by way of transfer or	ensures, by way of transfer or		
otherwise, the long-term	otherwise, the long-term	otherwise, the long-term		
assignment of such land to nature	assignment of such land to nature	assignment of such land to nature		
conservation purposes.	conservation purposes.	conservation purposes.		
	Article 15 –	paragraph 1		
Article 15	Article 15	Article 15		
Cumulative, complementary and	Cumulative, complementary and	Cumulative , complementary and		
combined funding	combined funding	combined and alternative funding		
1. An action that has received a	1. An action that has received a	1. An action that has received a		
contribution from another Union	contribution from another Union	contribution from another Union		
programme may also receive a	programme may also receive a	programme may also receive a		
contribution under the Programme,	contribution under the <i>LIFE</i>	contribution under the LIFE		
provided that the contributions do	Programme, provided that the	Programme, provided that the		
not cover the same costs. The rules	contributions do not cover the same	contributions do not cover the same		
of each contributing Union	costs and that the action pursues	costs. and that the action pursues		

programme shall apply to its respective contribution to the action. The cumulative funding shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from the different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support.	<i>the environmental or climate</i> <i>objectives set out in Article 3, and</i> <i>does not undermine any of them.</i> The rules of each contributing Union programme shall apply to its respective contribution to the action. The cumulative funding shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from the different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support.	the environmental or climate objectives set out in Article 3, and does not undermine any of them. The rules of each contributing Union programme shall apply to its respective contribution to the action. The cumulative funding shall not exceed the total eligible costs of the action and the support from the different Union programmes may be calculated on a pro-rata basis in accordance with the documents setting out the conditions for support.	
	Article 15 –	paragraph 2	
2. Actions awarded a Seal of Excellence certification, or which comply with the following cumulative, comparative conditions:	2. Actions awarded a Seal of Excellence certification, or which comply with the following cumulative, comparative conditions:	2. Actions awarded a Seal of Excellence certification , or which comply under this Programme by <u>complying []</u> with the following cumulative, comparative conditions:	

 (a) they have been assessed in a call for proposals under the Programme; (b) these complements the programme 	 (a) they have been assessed in a call for proposals under the <i>LIFE</i> Programme; (b) the second particular the secon	 (a) they have been assessed in a call for proposals under the LIFE Programme; (b) these assurates with the 	
(b) they comply with the minimum quality requirements of that call for proposals;	(b) they comply with the minimum quality requirements of that call for proposals;	(b) they comply with the minimum quality requirements of that call for proposals;	
(c) they may not be financed under that call for proposals due to budgetary constraints.	(c) they may not be financed under that call for proposals due to budgetary constraints.	(c) they may not be financed under that call for proposals due to budgetary constraints:	
may receive support from the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund+ or the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article [67] of Regulation (EU) XX [Common Provisions Regulation] and Article [8] or Regulation (EU) XX [Financing, management and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy], provided that such actions are consistent with the objectives of the programme concerned. The rules of the Fund providing support shall apply.	may receive support from the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund+ or the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 67 of Regulation (EU) XX [Common Provisions Regulation] and Article 8 or Regulation (EU) XX [Financing, management and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy], provided that such actions are consistent with the objectives <i>and eligibility criteria</i> of the programme concerned. The rules of the Fund providing support shall apply.	may receive support from the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund+ or the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article [67] of Regulation (EU) XX [Common Provisions Regulation] and paragraph 4 of Article 73[8] of Regulation (EU) XX [Financing, management and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy CAP Strategic Plan Regulation], provided that such actions are consistent with the objectives and eligibility criteria of the programme concerned. The rules of the Fund providing support	
		of the Fund providing support shall appl y.	

Article 16 – paragraph 1				
CHAPTER III	CHAPTER III	CHAPTER III		
BLENDING OPERATIONS	BLENDING OPERATIONS	BLENDING OPERATIONS		
	Article 16			
Article 16	Blending operations	Article 16		
Blending operations		Blending operations		
	Blending operations under <i>the</i>			
Blending operations under this	<i>LIFE</i> Programme shall be	Blending operations under []-the		
Programme shall be implemented in	implemented in accordance with the	LIFE Programme shall be		
accordance with the [InvestEU	<i>Invest EU Regulation</i> and Title X	implemented in accordance with the		
Regulation] and Title X of the	of the Financial Regulation, with	Invest EU Regulation and Title X		
Financial Regulation.	due regard to sustainability and	of the Financial Regulation, with		
	transparency requirements.	due regard to sustainability and		
		transparency requirements.		
	Article	17 – title		
CHAPTER IV	CHAPTER IV	CHAPTER IV		
PROGRAMMING,	PROGRAMMING,	PROGRAMMING,		
MONITORING, REPORTING	MONITORING, REPORTING	MONITORING, REPORTING		
AND EVALUATION	AND EVALUATION	AND EVALUATION		
Article 17	Article 17	Article 17		
Work programme	Multiannual work programme	Multiannual work<u>Work</u> programme		
	Article 17 –			
1. The Programme shall be	1. The <i>Commission</i> shall, <i>by</i>	1. The Commission shall, by		
implemented by at least two	means of implementing acts, adopt	means of implementing acts, adopt		
multiannual work programmes	multiannual work programmes <i>for</i>	[] two multiannual work		
referred to in Article 110 of the	the LIFE Programme. Those	programmes for the LIFE Programme []. []. Those		
Financial Regulation. Work	implementing acts shall be adopted	implementing acts shall be adopted in		
programmes shall set out, where	in accordance with the	accordance with the examination		
applicable, the overall amount	examination procedure referred to	procedure referred to in Article 20a(2).		
reserved for blending operations.	in Article <i>20a(2)</i> .			

Article 17 noregraph 2 shancey				
Article 17 – paragraph 2 – chapeau				
2. Each multiannual work	2. Each multiannual work	2. Each multiannual work		
programme shall specify, in line	programme shall specify, in line	programme shall specify, in line		
with the objectives set out in Article	with the objectives set out in Article	with the objectives set out in Article		
3, the following:	3, the following:	3, the following:		
	Article 17 – para	graph 2 – point a		
(a) the allocation of funds within	(a) the allocation of funds within	(a) the allocation of funds within		
each sub-programme between	each sub-programme between	each sub-programme between		
needs thereunder and between	needs thereunder and between	needs thereunder and between		
different types of funding;	different types of funding, as well	different types of funding, as well		
	as the maximum total amount	as the maximum total amount		
	allocated to grants as referred to in	allocated to grants as referred to in		
	Article 10(2)(a) and 10(2)(b);	Article 10(2)(a) and 10(2)(b);		
	Article 17 – paragra	ph 2 – point aa (new)		
	(aa) the maximum total amount	(aa) the maximum total amount		
	for financial instruments within	for financial instruments within		
	blending operations under the	blending operations under the LIFE		
	LIFE Programme, where	Programme, where applicable.:		
	applicable.			

Article 17 – paragraph 2 – point ab/ac (new)				
	(ab) the maximum total amount	(ac) the maximum total amount		
	for grants to be awarded to the	for grants to be awarded to the		
	bodies listed in Annex I in	bodies listed in Annex I in		
	accordance with Article 12;	accordance with Article 12;		
	Article 17 – para	graph 2 – point b		
(b) the project topics or specific	(b) the project topics or specific	(b) the project topics or		
needs for which there is pre-	needs for which there is pre-	specific needs for which there is		
allocation of funding for the	allocation of funding for the	pre-allocation of funding for the		
projects referred to in points (c) and	projects referred to in points (c) and	projects referred to in points (c) and		
(d) of Article 10(2);	(d) of Article 10(2);	(d) of Article 10(2);		
	Article 17 – para	graph 2 – point c		
(c) the target plans for which	(c) the <i>strategies and</i> plans	(c) the $[\dots]$ -strategies and plans		
funding may be requested for	targeted by strategic integrated	targeted by strategic integrated		
projects as referred to in point (b)	<i>projects</i> for which funding may be	projects for which funding may be		
of Article 10(2);	requested for projects as referred to	requested for projects as referred to		
	in point (b) of Article 10(2);	in point (b) of Article 10(2);		
	Article 17 – para	graph 2 – point d		
(d) the maximum eligibility	(d) the maximum eligibility	(d) the maximum eligibility		
period for the implementation of	period for the implementation of	period for the implementation of		
the project.	the project;	the project;		
	Article 17 – paragraph 2 – point da (new)			
	(da) indicative timetables for the	(da) indicative timetables for the		
	calls for proposals for the period	calls for proposals for the period		
	covered by the multiannual work	covered by the multiannual work		
	programme;	programme;		

Article 17 – paragraph 2 – point db (new)			
(db) the technical methodology			
for the project submission and			
selection procedure and the award			
criteria in accordance with the			
elements referred to in Article 13;			
Article 17 – paragra	ph 2 – point dc (new)		
(dc) the specification of the co-			
financing rates referred to in			
Article 8(2b);			
Article 17 – paragra	ph 2 – point dd (new)		
(dd) the maximum co-financing			
rates for the eligible actions			
referred to in Article 10(2) e;			
Article 17 – paragra	ph 2 – point de (new)		
<i>(de) detailed rules concerning the</i>			
application of cumulative,			
complementary and combined			
funding, where relevant;			
Article 17 – paragra	ph 2 – point df (new)		
(df) the specification of low			
effective participation and eligible			
activities and award criteria for			
technical assistance projects for			
the capacity building related to the			
activities of Member States'			
authorities for the effective			
participation in the LIFE			
programme.			

Article 17 – paragraph 2 – point e (new)			
	(e) the technical methodology for		
	the project submission and		
	selection procedure and the award		
	criteria in accordance with the		
	elements referred to in Article 13;		
Article 17 – paragra	oh 2 – point ea (new)		
	(ea) performance		
	indicators, in accordance with		
	Article 18(1), for each sub-		
	programme and type of projects;		
	programme and type of projects,		
Article 17 – paragra	oh 2 – point eb (new)		
	(eb) the specification of the co-		
	financing rates referred to in Article		
	8(2b);		
Article 17 – paragrap	h 2 – point ebb (new)		
	(ebb) the maximum co-financing		
	rates for the eligible actions		
	referred to in Article 10(2) e;		
Article 17 – paragraph 2 – point ec (new)			
	(ec) detailed rules concerning the		
	application of cumulative,		
	complementary and combined		
	alternative funding, where		
	relevant;		
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Article 1 / – paragra	ph 2 – point ed (new)		
	(ed) the specification of		
	underperformance as well as low		
	effective participation and eligible		
	activities and award criteria for		
	technical assistance projects for the		
	capacity building related to the		
	activities of Member States'		
	authorities for the effective		
	participation in the LIFE		
	Programme programme.		
Article 17 – par	ragraph 2a (new)		
2a. The duration of the first	2a. The duration of the first		
multiannual work programme	multiannual work programme		
shall be four years and the	shall be four years and the		
duration of the second	duration of the second		
multiannual work programme	multiannual work programme		
shall be three years.	shall be three years.		
shut be three years.	shan be three years.		
Article 17 – par	agraph 2b (new)		
2b. In the framework of the	2b. In the framework of the		
multiannual work programmes the	multiannual work programmes		
Commission shall publish calls of	the Commission shall publish		
proposals for the covered period.	calls of proposals for the covered		
The Commission shall ensure that	period. The Commission shall		
unused funds in a given call for	ensure that unused funds in a		
proposals are reallocated between	given call for proposals are		
the different types of actions	reallocated between the different		
referred to in Article 10(2) within	types of actions referred to in		
the same field.	Article 10(2) within the same		
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Article 17 – paragraph 2c (new)			
	2c. The Commission shall ensure stakeholder consultation in the development of the multiannual work programmes.	2c. The Commission shall ensure stakeholder consultation in the development of the multiannual work programmes.	
	Article 18 -	paragraph 1	
Article 18 Monitoring and reporting 1. Indicators to report on progress of the Programme towards the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 3 are set in Annex II.	Article 18 Monitoring and reporting 1. The Commission shall report on progress of the LIFE Programme towards the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 3 based on the	Article 18 Monitoring and reporting 1. The Commission shall [] report on progress of the LIFE Programme towards the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 3 based on the	
	<i>indicators contained</i> in Annex II.	indicators contained [] in Annex II.	
		paragraph 2	
2. To ensure effective assessment of progress of the Programme towards the achievement of its objectives, the	2. To ensure effective assessment of progress of the <i>LIFE</i> Programme towards the achievement of its objectives, the	2. To ensure effective assessment of progress of the LIFE Programme towards the achievement of its objectives, the	
Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 to amend Annex II to review or complement the	Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 to amend Annex II to review or complement the	Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 to amend Annex II to review or complement the	
indicators where considered necessary and to supplement this Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework.	indicators where considered necessary, <i>including in view of</i> <i>their alignment with indicators set</i> <i>out for other Union programmes</i> , and to supplement this Regulation	indicators where considered necessary and in particular, <u>including</u> in view of their alignment with indicators set out for other Union programmes[].	

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evaluation framework.		
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in accordance with Article 21 to	to adopt delegated acts in	
define on the basis of Annex II	accordance with Article 21 to	
specific indicators for each sub-	define on the basis of Annex II	
programme and type of projects.	specific indicators for each sub-	
	programme and type of projects.	
Article 18 -	paragraph 3	
3. The <i>Commission</i> shall ensure	3. The Commission shall ensure	
that data for monitoring programme	that data for monitoring programme	
implementation and results are	implementation and results are	
collected efficiently, effectively,	collected efficiently, effectively,	
and in a timely manner. To that end	and in a timely manner. To that end	
and according to relevant	and according to available relevant	
<i>methodologies</i> , proportionate	methodologies, proportionate	
reporting requirements shall be	reporting requirements shall be	
imposed on recipients of Union	imposed on recipients of Union	
funds to enable the collection of	funds to enable the collection of	
aggregable project-level output and	aggregable project-level output and	
impact indicators, for all relevant		
specific environment and climate		
policy objectives, including in		
relation to Natura 2000 and the	relation to Natura 2000 and the	
emissions of certain atmospheric air	emissions of certain atmospheric air	
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	 2a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 to define on the basis of Annex II specific indicators for each sub- programme and type of projects. 3. The Commission shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner. To that end and according to relevant methodologies, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funds to enable the collection of aggregable project-level output and impact indicators, for all relevant specific environment and climate policy objectives, including in relation to Natura 2000 and the 	Regulation with provisions on the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation framework.Article 18 - paragraph 2a (new)3. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 to define on the basis of Annex II specific indicators for each sub- programme and type of projects.3. The []2a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 21 to define on the basis of Annex II specific indicators for each sub- programme and type of projects.Article 18 - programme and type of projects.3. The Commission shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner. To that end and according to relevant methodologies, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funds to enable the collection of aggregable project-level output and impact indicators, for all relevant specific environment and climate policy objectives, including in relation to Natura 2000 and the emissions of certain atmospheric air

	Article 18 - paragraph 4			
4. The Commission shall	4. The Commission shall	[4. The Commission shall		
regularly monitor and report on	regularly monitor and report on	regularly monitor and report on		
mainstreaming of climate and	mainstreaming of climate and	mainstreaming of climate and		
biodiversity objectives, including	biodiversity objectives, including	biodiversity objectives, including		
the amount of expenditure. The	the amount of expenditure. The	the amount of expenditure. The		
contribution of this Regulation to	contribution of this Regulation to	contribution of this Regulation to		
the budget-wide target of 25% of	the budget-wide target of 25% of	the budget-wide target of fat least		
expenditure contributing to climate	expenditure contributing to climate	<u>30</u>% of expenditure contributing to		
objectives shall be tracked through	objectives shall be tracked through	climate objectives shall be tracked		
the Union climate marker system.	the Union climate marker system.	through the Union climate marker		
Biodiversity-related spending shall	Biodiversity-related spending shall	system. Biodiversity-related		
be tracked using a specific set of	be tracked using a specific set of	spending shall be tracked using a		
markers. Those tracking methods	markers. Those tracking methods	specific set of markers. Those		
shall be used to quantify the	shall be used to quantify the	tracking methods shall be used to		
commitment appropriations	commitment appropriations	quantify the commitment		
expected to contribute respectively	expected to contribute respectively	appropriations expected to		
to climate and to biodiversity	to climate and to biodiversity	contribute respectively to climate		
objectives over the Multiannual	objectives over the Multiannual	and to biodiversity objectives over		
Financial Framework for 2021-	Financial Framework for 2021-	the Multiannual Financial		
2027 at the appropriate level of	2027 at the appropriate level of	Framework for 2021-2027 at the		
disaggregation. The spending shall	disaggregation. The spending shall	appropriate level of disaggregation.		
be presented annually in the budget	be presented annually in the budget	The spending shall be presented		
Programme Statement. The	Programme Statement. The	annually in the [] Programme		
contribution of the Programme to	contribution of the Programme to	Statement. The contribution of the		
Union climate and biodiversity	Union climate and biodiversity	LIFE Programme to Union climate		
objectives shall be reported	objectives shall be reported	and biodiversity objectives shall be		
regularly in the context of	regularly in the context of	reported regularly in the context of		
evaluations and the annual report.	evaluations and the annual report.	evaluations and the annual report. <u>.</u>		

	Article 18 - paragraph 5			
5. The Commission shall assess	5. The Commission shall assess	5. The Commission shall assess		
synergies between the Programme	synergies between the <i>LIFE</i>	synergies between the LIFE		
and other complementary Union	Programme and other	Programme and other		
programmes and between its sub-	complementary Union programmes	complementary Union programmes		
programmes.	and between its sub-programmes.	and between its sub-programmes.		
	Article 19 –	paragraph 1		
Article 19	Article 19	Article 19		
Evaluation	Evaluation	Evaluation		
1. Evaluations shall be carried	1. The Commission shall carry	1. The Commission shall carry		
out in a timely manner to feed into	<i>out</i> evaluations in a timely	out evaluations $[\dots]$ in a timely		
the decision-making process.	manner to feed into the decision-	manner to feed into the decision-		
	making process with due regard to	making process with due regard to		
	coherence, synergies, Union added	coherence, synergies, Union		
	value and long-term sustainability,	added value and long-term		
	using Union's climate and	sustainability, using Union's		
	environment priorities.	climate and environment		
		priorities.		
	Article 19 –	paragraph 2		
2. The interim evaluation of the	2. The <i>Commission shall</i>	2. The Commission shall		
Programme shall be performed	<i>perform the mid-term</i> evaluation of	perform the interimmid-term		
once there is sufficient information	the <i>LIFE</i> Programme once there	evaluation of the LIFE Programme		
available about the implementation	is sufficient information available	$[\dots]$ once there is sufficient		
of the Programme, but no later than	about the implementation of the	information available about the		
four years after the start of the	Programme, but no later than 42	implementation of the Programme,		
5	<i>months</i> after the start of the <i>LIFE</i>			
Programme implementation.		but no later than four years <u>42</u> months after the start of the LIFE		
	Programme implementation,			
	making use of the output and	Programme implementation.		
	result indicators as set in	making use of the output and		
	accordance with Annex II.	result indicators as set in		

	accordance with Annex II.
The evaluation sho	all cover at least
the following:	The evaluation shall cover at least
	the following:
(a) qualitative a	nd quantitative (a) qualitative and quantitative
aspects of the impl	ementation of aspects of the implementation of
the Programme;	the Programme;
(b) efficiency of	
resources;	resources;
(c) the degree to	
objectives of all the	
been achieved, spe	
possible, results a	
(d) the actual or	
success of projects	
other Union funds	
account, in particu	<u> </u>
of increased coher	
Union financial in	
	which synergies with other Union financial
between the object	
reached and its con	
with other relevant	
programmes;	have been reached and its
	<u>complementarity with other</u>
v	Ided value and relevant Union programmes;
long-term impact of	
Programme, with a	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
a decision on the r	
modification or su	
measures;	modification or suspension of the
	measures;

	 (g) the extent to which stakeholders have been involved; (h) a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the contribution of the LIFE Programme to the conservation status of habitats and species listed under Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC; (i) an analysis of the geographical coverage across the Union, as referred to in article 8(2c), and, if no such coverage is reached, an analysis of the underlying reasons. 	(g) the extent to which stakeholders have been involved; (h) a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the contribution of the LIFE Programme to the conservation status of habitats and species listed under Directives 92/43/EEC and 2009/147/EC; (i) an analysis of the geographical coverage across the Union, as referred to in article 8(2c), and, if no such coverage is reached, an analysis of the underlying reasons.	
		paragraph 3	
3. At the end of the implementation of the Programme,	3. At the end of the implementation of the <i>LIFE</i>	3. At the end of the implementation of the LIFE	
but no later than four years after the	Programme, but no later than four	Programme, but no later than four	
end of the period specified in the	years after the end of the period	years after the end of the period	
second paragraph of Article 1, a	specified in the second paragraph of	specified in [] <u>the second</u>	
final evaluation of the Programme	Article 1, a final evaluation of the	paragraph of Article 1, the	
shall be carried out by the Commission.	<i>LIFE</i> Programme shall be carried out by the Commission.	Commission shall carry out a final evaluation of the LIFE	
		Programme [].shall be carried	
		out by the Commission.	

	Article 19 –	paragraph 4	
4. The Commission shall	4. The Commission shall	4. The Commission shall	
communicate the conclusions of the	communicate the conclusions of the	communicate the conclusions of the	
evaluations accompanied by its	evaluations accompanied by its	evaluations accompanied by its	
observations, to the European	observations, to the European	observations, to the European	
Parliament, the Council, the	Parliament, the Council, the	Parliament, the Council, the	
European Economic and Social	European Economic and Social	European Economic and Social	
Committee and the Committee of	Committee and the Committee of	Committee and the Committee of	
the Regions.	the Regions and the Commission	the Regions and the Commission	
	shall make the results of the	shall make the results of the	
	evaluations publicly available.	evaluations publicly available.	
		paragraph 1	
CHAPTER V	CHAPTER V	CHAPTER V	
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL	TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL	TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL	
PROVISIONS	PROVISIONS	PROVISIONS	
Article 20	Article 20	Article 20	
Information, communication and	Information, communication and	Information, communication and	
publicity	publicity	publicity	
1. The recipients of Union	1. The recipients of Union	1. The recipients of Union	
funding shall acknowledge the	funding shall acknowledge the	funding shall acknowledge the	
origin and ensure the visibility of	origin and ensure the visibility of	origin and ensure the visibility of	
the Union funding (in particular	the Union funding (in particular	the Union funding (in particular	
when promoting the projects and	when promoting the projects and	when promoting the projects and	
their results), by providing	their results), by providing	their results), by providing	
coherent, effective and	coherent, effective and	coherent, effective and	
proportionate targeted information	proportionate targeted information	proportionate targeted information	
to multiple audiences, including the	to multiple audiences, including the	to multiple audiences, including the	
media and the public.	media and the public. <i>For this</i>	media and the public. For this	
	purpose, the recipients shall use	purpose, the recipients shall use the	

	the LIFE Programme logo, depicted in Annex IIa, or, where this is not feasible, mention the LIFE Programme for all communication activities and appear on notice boards at strategic places visible to the public. All durable goods acquired in the framework of the LIFE Programme shall bear the LIFE Programme logo except in cases specified by the Commission.	LIFE Programme logo, depicted in Annex III, or, where this is not feasible, mention the LIFE Programme for all communication activities and appear on notice boards at strategic places visible to the public. All durable goods acquired in the framework of the LIFE Programme shall bear the LIFE ProgrammProgramme logo except in cases specified by the Commission.	
2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, and its actions and results. Financial resources	2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the <i>LIFE</i> Programme, and its actions and results. Financial	 paragraph 2 2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the LIFE Programme, and its actions and results. Financial 	
allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.	resources allocated to the <i>LIFE</i> Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.	resources allocated to the LIFE Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 3.	

Article 20a – paragraph 1					
	Article 20a Article 20a				
Committee procedure	Committee procedure				
1. The Commission shall be	1. The Commission shall be				
assisted by the Committee for the	assisted by the Committee for the				
LIFE Programme. That committee					
shall be a committee within the	shall be a committee within the				
meaning of Regulation (EU)	meaning of Regulation (EU)				
No 182/2011.	No 182/2011.				
Article 20a	– paragraph 2				
2. Where reference is made to	2. Where reference is made to				
this paragraph, Article 5 of	this paragraph, Article 5 of				
Regulation (EU) No 182/2011	Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall				
shall apply.	apply.				
Article 20a	– paragraph 3				
3. Where the Committee	<u>3.</u> Where the Committee delivers				
delivers no opinion, the	no opinion, the Commission shall				
Commission shall not adopt the	not adopt the draft implementing				
draft implementing act and the	act and the third subparagraph of				
third subparagraph of Article 5(4)	Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) No				
of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011	182/2011 shall apply.				
shall apply.					
	– paragraph 4				
4. The Commission shall report					
annually to the Committee on the	annually to the Committee on the				
overall progress of the	overall progress of the				
implementation of the sub-	implementation of the sub-				
programmes and on particular	programmes and on particular				
actions, inter alia on blending	actions, inter alia on blending				

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	operations implemented through	operations implemented through	
	budgetary resources allocated	budgetory resources allocated from	
	from the LIFE Programme.	the LIFE Programme.	
		paragraph 1	
Article 21	Article 21	Article 21	
Exercise of the delegation	Exercise of the delegation	Exercise of the delegation	
1. The power to adopt delegated	1. The power to adopt delegated	1. The power to adopt delegated	
acts is conferred on the	acts is conferred on the	acts is conferred on the	
Commission subject to the	Commission subject to the	Commission subject to the	
conditions laid down in this Article.	conditions laid down in this Article.	conditions laid down in this Article.	
	Article 21 –	paragraph 2	
2. The power to adopt delegated	2. The power to adopt delegated	2. The power to adopt delegated	
acts referred to in Article 18(2)	acts referred to in <i>Articles</i> 18(2)	acts referred to in Article 18(2) and	
shall be conferred on the	and (2a) shall be conferred on the	(2a) shall be conferred on the	
Commission until 31 December	Commission until 31 December	Commission until 31 December	
2028.	2028.	2028.	
	Article 21 –	paragraph 3	
3. The delegation of power	3. The delegation of power	3. The delegation of power	
referred to in Article 18(2) may be	referred to in <i>Articles</i> 18(2) and	referred to in Article 18(2) and (2a)	
revoked at any time by the	(2a) may be revoked at any time by	may be revoked at any time by the	
European Parliament or by the	the European Parliament or by the	European Parliament or by the	
Council. A decision to revoke shall	Council. A decision to revoke shall	Council. A decision to revoke shall	
put an end to the delegation of the	put an end to the delegation of the	put an end to the delegation of the	
power specified in that decision. It	power specified in that decision. It	power specified in that decision. It	
shall take effect the day following	shall take effect the day following	shall take effect the day following	
the publication of the decision in	the publication of the decision in	the publication of the decision in	
the Official Journal of the	the Official Journal of the European	the Official Journal of the	
<i>European Union</i> or at a later date	Union or at a later date specified	<i>European Union</i> or at a later date	
European Union or at a later date	Union or at a later date specified	European Union or at a later date	

specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.	therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.	specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.	
	Article 21 –	paragraph 4	
4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.	4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.	4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.	
	Article 21 –	paragraph 5	
5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.	5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.	5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.	

Article 21 – paragraph 6			
6. A delegated act adopted	6. A delegated act adopted	6. A delegated act adopted	
pursuant to Article 18(2) shall enter	pursuant to <i>Articles</i> 18(2) <i>and (2a)</i>	pursuant to Article 18(2) and (2a)	
into force only if no objection has	shall enter into force only if no	shall enter into force only if no	
been expressed either by the	objection has been expressed either	objection has been expressed either	
European Parliament or the Council	by the European Parliament or the	by the European Parliament or the	
within a period of two months of	Council within a period of two	Council within a period of two	
notification of that act to the	months of notification of that act to	months of notification of that act to	
European Parliament and the	the European Parliament and the	the European Parliament and the	
Council or if, before the expiry of	Council or if, before the expiry of	Council or if, before the expiry of	
that period, the European	that period, the European	that period, the European	
Parliament and the Council have	Parliament and the Council have	Parliament and the Council have	
both informed the Commission that	both informed the Commission that	both informed the Commission that	
they will not object. That period	they will not object. That period	they will not object. That period	
shall be extended by two months at	shall be extended by two months at	shall be extended by two months at	
the initiative of the European	the initiative of the European	the initiative of the European	
Parliament or of the Council.	Parliament or of the Council.	Parliament or of the Council.	
	Artic	le 22	
Article 22	Article 22	Article 22	
Repeal	Repeal	Repeal	
Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 is	Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013	Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013	
repealed with effect from 1 January	shall be repealed with effect from 1	[] shall be repealed with effect	
2021.	January 2021.	from 1 January 2021.	

Article 23 – paragraph 1				
Article 23	Article 23	Article 23		
Transitional provisions	Transitional provisions	Transitional provisions		
1. This Regulation shall not affect the continuation or modification of the actions concerned, until their closure, under Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council ³⁶ and under Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, which shall continue to apply to the projects concerned until their closure.	1. This Regulation shall not affect the continuation or modification of the actions concerned, until their closure, under Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council ¹ and under Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, which shall continue to apply to the projects concerned until their closure.	1. This Regulation shall not affect the continuation or modification of the actions concerned, until their closure, under Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council ³⁶ and under Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, which shall continue to apply to the projects concerned until their closure.		
³⁶ Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+) (OJ L 149, 9.6.2007, p. 1).	1 Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+) (OJ L 149, 9.6.2007, p. 1).	36 Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 concerning the Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE+) (OJ L 149, 9.6.2007, p. 1).		
	Article 23 –	paragraph 2		
2. The financial envelope for the Programme may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the Programme and the measures adopted under Regulations (EC) No	2. The financial envelope for the <i>LIFE</i> Programme may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the <i>LIFE</i> Programme and the measures adopted under Regulations (EC) No	2. The financial envelope for the LIFE Programme may also cover technical and administrative assistance expenses necessary to ensure the transition between the LIFE Programme and the measures adopted under Regulations (EC) No		
614/2007 and (EU) No 1293/2013.	614/2007 and (EU) No 1293/2013.	614/2007 and (EU) No 1293/2013.		

	Article 23 –	paragraph 3	
3. If necessary, appropriations	3. If necessary, appropriations	3. If necessary, appropriations	
may be entered in the budget	may be entered in the budget	may be entered in the budget	
beyond 31 December 2027 to cover	beyond 31 December 2027 to cover	beyond 31 December 2027 to cover	
the expenses provided for in Article	the expenses provided for in Article	the expenses provided for in Article	
5(4), to enable the management of	5(4), to enable the management of	5(4), to enable the management of	
projects not completed by that date	projects not completed by that date.	projects not completed by that date.	
		paragraph 4	
4. Reflows from financial	4. Reflows from financial	4. Reflows from financial	
instruments established under	instruments established under	instruments established under	
Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013	Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013	Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013	
may be invested in the financial	may be invested in the financial	may be invested in the financial	
instruments established under	instruments established under	instruments established under	
[InvestEU Fund].	[InvestEU Fund].	[InvestEU Fund].	
		paragraph 5	
5. The appropriations	5. The appropriations	5. The appropriations	
corresponding to assigned revenue	corresponding to assigned revenue	corresponding to assigned revenue	
arising from the repayment of	arising from the repayment of	arising from the repayment of	
amounts wrongly paid pursuant to	amounts wrongly paid pursuant to	amounts wrongly paid pursuant to	
Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 or	Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 or	Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 or	
Regulation (EC) No 1293/2013	Regulation (EC) No 1293/2013	Regulation (EC) No 1293/2013	
shall be used, in accordance with	shall be used, in accordance with	shall be used, in accordance with	
Article 21 of Regulation (EU,	Article 21 of Regulation (EU,	Article 21 of Regulation (EU,	
Euratom) No 966/2012 of the	Euratom) No 966/2012 of the	Euratom) No 966/2012 of the	
European Parliament and of the	European Parliament and of the	European Parliament and of the	
Council ³⁷ , to finance the	Council ¹ , to finance the <i>LIFE</i>	Council ³⁷ , to finance the LIFE	
Programme.	Programme.	Programme.	
37 Regulation (FU Eurotom)			
³⁷ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament	¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom)	³⁷ Regulation (EU, Euratom)	
110 900/2012 of the European Parnament			

and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).	No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).	No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).	
	Arti	ele 24	
Article 24	Article 24	Article 24	
Entry into force	Entry into force	Entry into force	
This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.	
This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.	This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.	This Regulation shall apply from1 January 2021.This Regulation shall be binding in	
Done at Brussels,	Done at,	its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.	
For the EuropeanFor the CouncilParliamentThe PresidentThe PresidentThe President	For the European Parliament For the Council The President The President	Done at Brussels, For the European For the Council	
		ParliamentThe PresidentThe President	

ANNEX I - paragraph 1			
ANNEX I	<u>ANNEX I</u>		
Bodies to which grants may be	Bodies to which grants may be		
awarded without a call for	awarded without a call for		
proposals	proposals		
1. European Union Network for	1) <u>.</u> European Union Network for		
the Implementation and	the Implementation and		
Enforcement of Environmental Law	Enforcement of Environmental Law		
(IMPEL);	(IMPEL);		
ANNEX I -	paragraph 2		
2. European Network of	2). European Network of		
Prosecutors for the Environment	Prosecutors for the Environment		
(ENPE);	(ENPE);		
ANNEX I - paragraph 3			
3. European Union Forum of	3) <u>.</u> European Union Forum of		
Judges for the Environment	Judges for the Environment		
(EUFJE).	(EUFJE).		

ANNEX	ANNEX II - point 1 - point 1.1.			
ANNEX II	<u>ANNEX II</u>			
<u>Indicators</u>	Indicators			
1. Output indicators	1. Output indicators			
1.1. Number of projects developing, demonstrating and promoting innovative techniques and approaches;	1.1. Number of projects developing, demonstrating and promoting innovative techniques and approaches;			
ANNEX	XII - point 1 - point 1.2.			
1.2. Number of projects applying best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity;	1.2. Number of projects applying best practice in relation to nature and biodiversity;			
ANNEX	XII - point 1 - point 1.3.			
1.3. Number of projects for the development, implementation, monitoring or enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy;	1.3. Number of projects for the development, implementation, monitoring or enforcement of the relevant Union legislation and policy;			
ANNEX	X II - point 1 - point 1.4.			
1.4. Number of projects improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;	1.4. Number of projects improving governance through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society;			

ANNE	EX II - point 1 - point 1.5.	
1.5. Number of projects	1.5. Number of projects .	
implementing	including strategic integrated and	
	strategic nature projects,	
- key plans or strategies;	implementing	
- programmes of action for	r · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
mainstreaming Nature and	- key plans or strategies;	
Biodiversity.	- programmes of action for	
	mainstreaming Nature and	
	Biodiversity.	
Anne	ex II – point 2 – point 2.1	
2. Result indicators	2. Result indicators	
2.1. Net change to the	2.1. Net change to the	
environment and climate, based on	environment and climate, based on	
the aggregation of project level	the aggregation of project level	
indicators to be specified in the	indicators to be specified in the	
calls for proposals under the sub-	calls for proposals under the sub-	
programmes for	programmes for	
Annex II –	- point 2 – point 2.1 - indent 1	
- Nature and Biodiversity;	- Nature and Biodiversity;	
Annex II –	- point 2 – point 2.1 - indent 2	
- Circular Economy and	- Circular Economy and	
Quality of Life covering at least the	Quality of Life covering at least the	
following	following	

	Annex II – point 2 – point	2.1 - indent 2 - sub-indents			
 Air quality Soil Water Waste 	point	- Air quality - Soil - Water - Waste			
		ment 71			
Annex II – point 2 – point 2.1 – indent 3 a (new)					
	- Chemicals	- Chemicals			
		ment 72			
Annex II – point 2 – point 2.1 – indent 5 a (new)					
	- Noise	<u>- Noise</u>			
	Amend	ment 73			
Annex II – point 2 – point 2.1 – indent 5 b (new)					
	- Resource use and efficiency	- Resource use and efficiency			
	Annex II – point 2 -	- point 2.1 - indent 3			
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation;		- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation;			
Annex II – point 2 – point 2.1 – indent 4					
- Clean Energy Transition.		- Clean Energy Transition.			
	Anney II - noi	nt 2 – point 2.2			
2.2. Cumulative investments triggered by the projects or finance accessed (million EUR);	<u>Annex 11 – por</u>	2.2. Cumulative investments triggered by the projects or finance accessed (million EUR);			

Annex II – point 2 – point 2.2a (new)				
	2.2a. Public Awareness			
	Annex II – p	oint 2 – point 2.3		
2.3. Number of organisations		2.3. Number of organisations		
involved in projects or receiving		involved in projects or receiving		
operating grants		operating grants;		
	Annex II – p	oint 2 – point 2.4		
2.4. Share of projects having had a	•	2.4. Share of projects having had a		
catalytic effect after the end date of		catalytic effect after the end date of		
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