



25th Anniversary

**LIFE Programme
&
Habitats directive**

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Habitats Directive

- Natura 2000 networks
 - 18% of land & 6% of sea
 - 1500 animals and plant species
 - 200 rare habitats types
- LIFE contribution
 - Since the beginning: data collection & management
 - On the ground restoration



Nature Action Plan

- Nature directives are fit for purpose
- Contribution of LIFE recognised
- Improvement needed
 - Only 50% of birds and species in good conservation status
 - Remaining gap in marine environment
 - 50% sites with management plans including conservation objectives and measures
- Positive aspects
 - when targeted actions, improvement of status, recognition that natural environment underpins economy (tourism)



Nature Action Plan

4 priorities

- Improving guidance and knowledge and ensuring better coherence with broader socio-economic objectives
- Building political ownership and strengthening compliance
- Strengthening investments in Natura 2000 and improving synergies with other EU financing instruments
- Better communication and outreach, engaging citizens, stakeholders and communities

15 actions

- Suggestion to increase 10% LIFE budget devoted to nature and biodiversity projects



LIFE specificities

- LIFE is the only EU financial instrument fully dedicated to the environment and climate action
- LIFE has been successfully providing environmental solutions since 1992 (almost 4500 projects funded so far)
- Implement the objectives of the 7th Environment Action Programme
- Integrate environment into other policies
- Two sub-programmes (ENV+CLIMA)



LIFE Mid-term evaluation & Multi Annual Work Programme

➤ Mid-term evaluation

- To check if programme: effective, efficient, consistent with other programmes and if activities sustainable
- Deadline 30 June 2017

➤ Multi Annual Work programme 2018-2020

- allocation types of funding, the selection process and specific eligibility and award criteria for grants
- output and outcome indicators



The LIFE programme in Slovenia

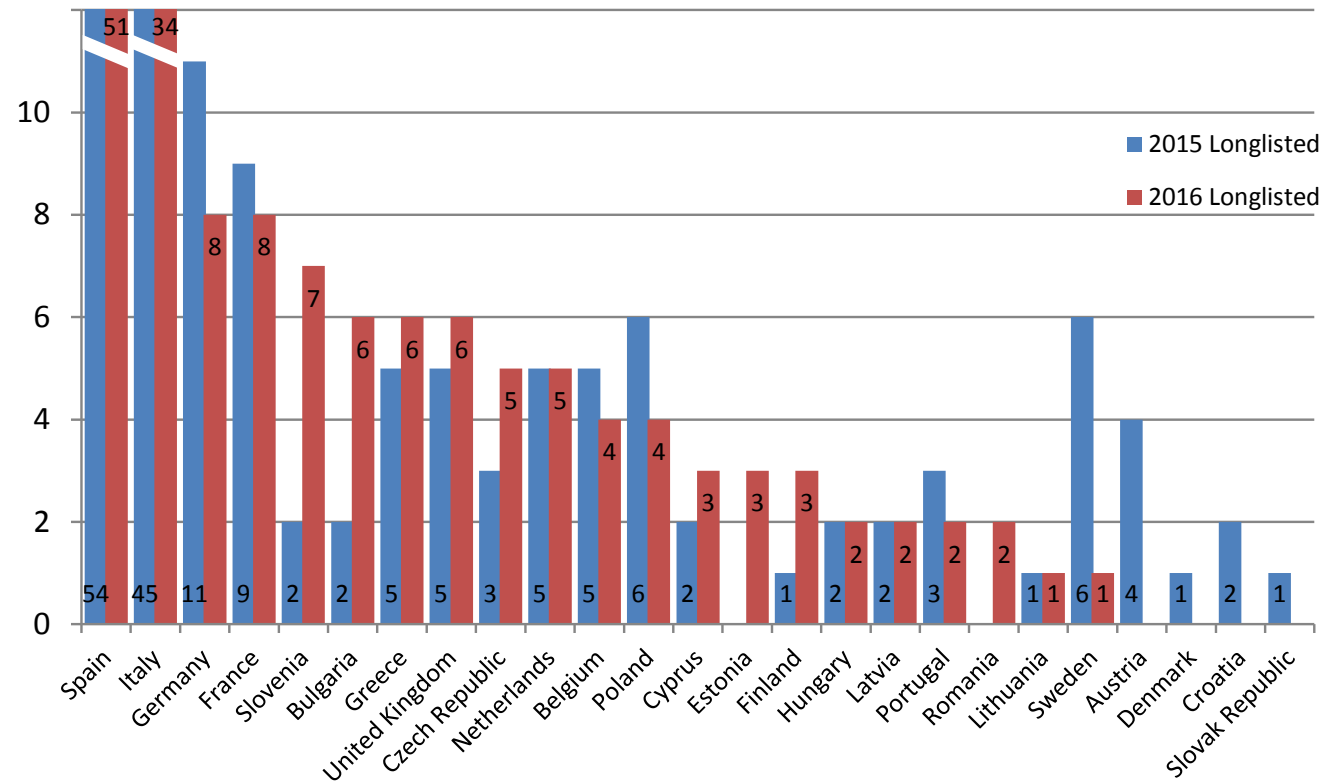
- 42 projects
 - 10 on environment innovation
 - 22 on nature conservation
 - 4 on information & communication
 - 2 on former LIFE third countries





The LIFE programme in Slovenia

Number of longlisted projects per country
Comparing the LIFE Call 2015 and 2016





The LIFE Programme in Slovenia: Four examples

→ SloWolf

- Innovative technology in DNA-based identification, nominated for the Green Award ceremony

→ DOPPS

- Improved conservation status of habitats and birds in Škocjanski zatok

→ LIFE Separate collection

- 100.000 schoolchildren involved

→ MANSALT

- Restauration of coastal pans, soon in the brochure on "LIFE greening jobs and skills"



Find out more

LIFE website

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/>

Calls:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life.htm>