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The Role of the National Contact Point (NCP)

Recital 37 of the LIFE-regulation EU/1293/2013

The experience of past LIFE programmes has highlighted the importance of LIFE national contact points, in particular in providing support to applicants and beneficiaries and thereby contributing to the successful implementation of the programmes. The system of LIFE national and regional contact points should therefore be continued and, where possible, strengthened, in particular in Member States with low project uptake, and collaboration between the Commission and the LIFE national contact points and amongst LIFE national and regional contact points should be reinforced.

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Article 26 of the LIFE-regulation EU/1293/2013

The Commission shall, on a regular basis and in collaboration with the LIFE national contact points, organise seminars and workshops, publish lists of projects funded under the LIFE Programme or undertake other activities to facilitate exchanges of experience, knowledge and best practices on all projects and the replication and transfer of project results across the Union. To that end, the Commission shall undertake activities targeting the dissemination of project results amongst LIFE beneficiaries and others with a specific focus, where relevant, on Member States with a low uptake of LIFE funds and shall facilitate the communication and cooperation between completed or ongoing projects with new project beneficiaries, applicants or stakeholders in the same field.

Changes in the Role of the National Contact Point

- Formally established, but mainly for information and organising seminars
- No more Member States' comments
- Less direct information, lacking copies of correspondence between Commission and applicants, important during revision
- No involvement in project selection, notably for scores

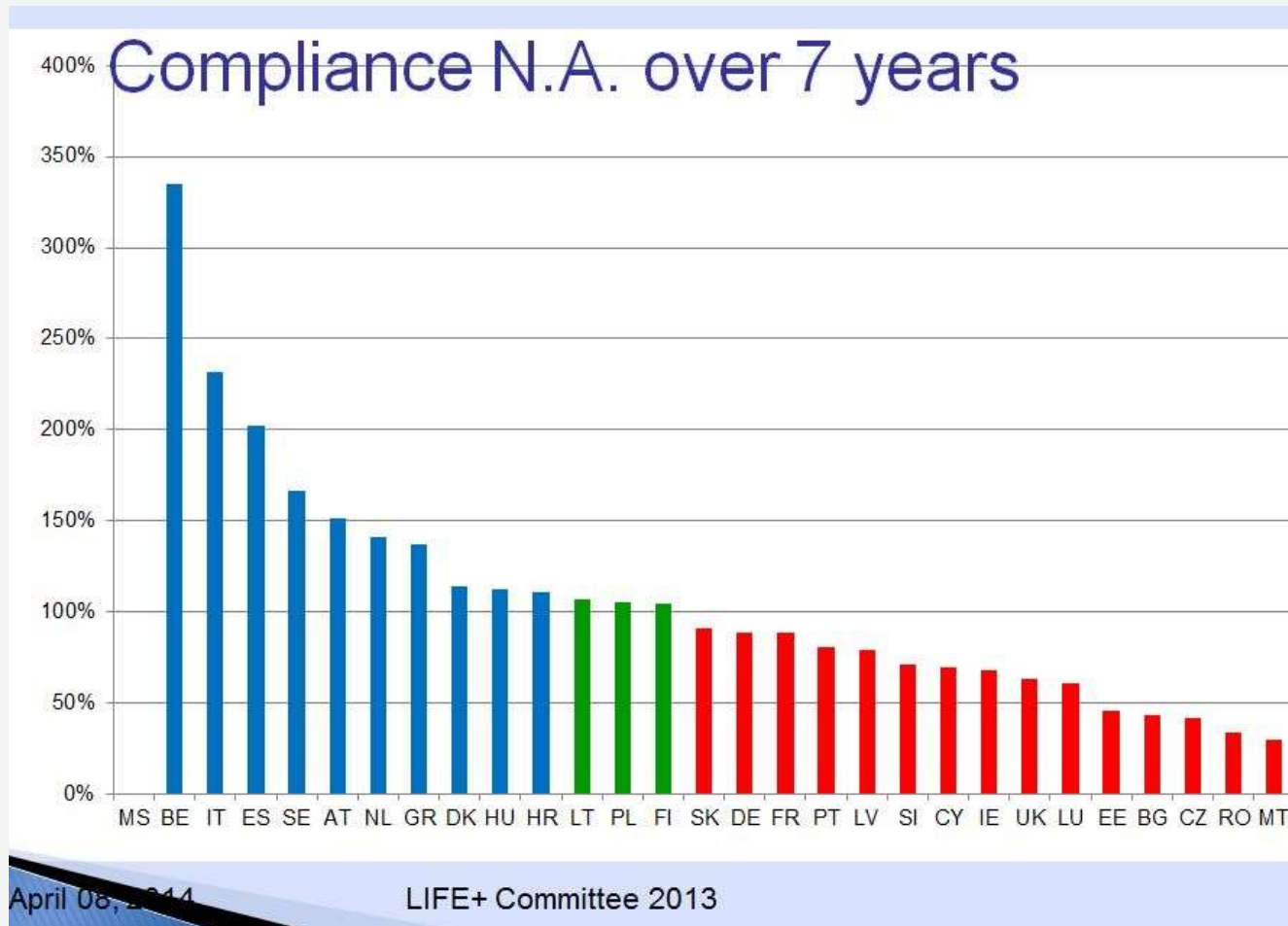
LIFE10 INF/AT/000113	Joint actions to raise awareness on over-exploitation of Danube sturgeons in Romania and Bulgaria	Reserve list	8	9	18	17	3	0	55
LIFE11 INF/AT/000902	Joint actions to raise awareness on over-exploitation of Danube sturgeons in Romania and Bulgaria	retained	13	11	23	24	5	0	76

LIFE+-Applications in 2013

Proposals submitted by Member State



Compliance with National Allocations



LIFE+ 2007 - 2013: Results for Austria

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Applications ENV	5	1	1	2	3	3	5
Supported ENV	2	1	1	1	0	1	1
Applications INF	1	1	0	4	4	3	1
Supported INF	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Applications NAT	6	4	2	3	1	3	2
Gefördert NAT	2	2	2	3	0	1	1
Applications BIO					0	2	0
Supported BIO					0	1	0
EU-support in total	10.339612	2.987011	7.393.832	11.601.422	384.173	7.068.991	3.759.629
National allocation	3.509.477	3.895.038	4.699.814	4.569.889	5.173.981	5.353.492	5.378.449
Performance Ratio [%]	295	77	157	224	7	132	70



Selected Countries Success Rates

	AT	BE	ES	IT
Number of Applications 2013	8	24	506	421
Supported Projects	3	4	68	47
Success Rate	38 %	17 %	13 %	11 %

The NCPs Contribution to Good Projects

- Encouragement and availability for meetings
- Readyness to read the proposal
- Completeness check
- Providing guidance, mainly on the LIFE-logic
- Examples:
 - Environmental problem description
 - Quantified results
 - Stakeholders versus target groups
 - Constraints and assumptions
 - Expected results versus indicators