



Il contributo di LIFE Natura all'applicazione delle Direttive Uccelli e Habitat e alla conservazione della natura in Italia

Programmi e risorse comunitarie dal 2007 al 2013: il LIFE +

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Current state of play

- **Common Position of the Council** on the text of the draft Regulation on 27 June 2006
- Second **reading** in the European Parliament in autumn 2006:
 - Vote in Env. Committee – September
 - Vote in Plenary – week of 23 October
- If approved on second reading (no need for conciliation between Parliament and Council), **entry into force** end of January 2007



Principal contents of LIFE+

- Three **components**:
 - Nature and biodiversity
 - Environmental policy and governance
 - Information and communication
- **Delegated management** of the bulk of the programme
- Enforced **complementarity** with other Community instruments



Nature and biodiversity

- EU added value if **best practice** or **demonstration** projects for the implementation of the Birds or Habitats directives
- Avoid **recurring** day-to-day operations
- Comply with **eligible** measures
- Be ineligible for funding from **other instruments**



Environmental policy and governance

- EU added value if **best practice** or **demonstration** projects including development and dissemination of know-how or technologies and forest monitoring and fire prevention
- Broadly similar to current **LIFE environment** and **Forest Focus** programmes, focusing on climate change, environment, health and quality of life and natural resources and waste



Information and communication

- **Dissemination** of information and raising of awareness
- Accompanying measures including those related to **forest fire** prevention



Delegated management

- The bulk (80%) of the programme's funding will be **managed by the Member States**
- The balance to be controlled centrally by the **Commission**
- **National agencies** to be established to select and manage projects in the Member States
- Commission retains an **overview**



Allocation of money

- Probable budget : € 098 million
- Four criteria
 - Population (50%)
 - Population density (5%)
 - SCI coverage (25%)
 - Relative SCI coverage (20%)
- SPAs
- Top-up for land locked countries ?
- Bonus for small Member States ?



Implementation: multi-annual programmes

- Two **multi-annual programmes**: 2007-2010 and 2011-2013
- Objectives, priority actions, types of measure and expected results
- To **focus** Community funding
- To allow Member States to **prepare annual work programmes**



Implementation: multi-annual programmes

- The multi-annual programme comprises:
 - Background link to 6th EAP
 - Detail of objectives, measures and results
 - Split Member State/Commission
 - Breakdown of funding by Member State



Implementation: multi-annual programmes

- The multi-annual programme has been developed following:
 - The draft Regulation and 6th EAP
 - Consultation within the Commission
- Broader consultation with:
 - Member States
 - NGO community
 - EU level industry bodies



Implementation: national plans

- Annual plans are based on national **needs** and the multi-annual programme. They:
 - Identify **priorities** and national objectives
 - Show how EU added value will be achieved
 - Provide cost data
 - Describe **monitoring**



Parallel preparation

- The Commission is working in parallel on the implementation of LIFE+:
 - **Drafting** a multi-annual programme 2007-2010
 - **Preparing** information on how national agencies will function
 - Establishing a **common format** for national plans
 - Undertaking **IT and communication** development work



Next steps

- Multi-lateral meeting in mid-November
- Multi-annual strategic programme – 3 months after entry into force of Regulation
- National annual working plans – 3 months after multi-annual strategic programme



More information

LIFE-homepage, News, LIFE+

- <http://ec.europa.eu/life>
- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/news/futureoflife.htm>
- Commission proposal
- Committee of the regions
- European Parliament first reading
- Consolidated Council text