

**LIFE+ INFORMATION SESSIONS 2010
ITALY**

LIST OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES BY THE COMMISSION

No.	Question	Commission's response
1	LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity – Preparatory actions should not be research actions (see pg 29 Guidelines for applicants): please clarify what is meant by “research”	What is meant here is fundamental research, as in the systematic or academic scientific investigation aiming to achieve a knowledge increase that is not serving as a means to an end and not clearly linked to a project conservation activity.
2	LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity – Preparatory actions should not be research actions (see pg 29 Guidelines for applicants): could further studies aiming to better define the threat for threatened habitats be included as preparatory actions?	If the further studies were conceived as necessary to redirect specific concrete actions of the project, they may be eligible.
3	LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity– Preparatory actions should not be research actions (see pg 29 Guidelines for applicants): could further studies on methodologies and techniques aiming to be implemented as concrete actions in the project be included as preparatory actions?	Only if the studies lead to results that are directly used within the project. However, the methodologies and techniques need to be sufficiently studied before the submission, or it will be impossible to prepare a coherent proposal with adequate financing.
4	LIFE+ Environmental Policy and Governance – is a project dealing with forest monitoring on a small-scale suitable for co-financing, providing it is innovative / demonstrative?	Only if the focus of the project is on developing and demonstrating a new technique or approach for monitoring, that has a potential for larger-scale replication. Otherwise, such a project is likely to be rejected on the basis its lack of demonstration and/or lack of European added value. Note that the LIFE+ Regulation refers to monitoring mechanisms established at regional, national, EU or global level.