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Summary

Brief history

LIFE 2014-2020

1. LIFE Traditional Projects

2. LIFE Integrated Projects

3. LIFE Capacity Building Projects

4. Conclusions

Brief history

LIFE I (1992-1995)

- ✓ Detailed priorities were set each year
- ✓ Evaluation and ranking on merit

LIFE II (1996-1999)

- ✓ LIFE was split into three categories: Nature, LIFE-Environment and LIFE-Third Countries
- ✓ The scope was broad
- ✓ Distinct from LIFE-Nature, LIFE-Environment guidelines were formally foreseen in regulation, an important change from LIFE I

Brief history

LIFE III (2004-2006)

- ✓ Encourage more multinational projects and networking
- ✓ Evaluation and ranking on merit
- ✓ More involvement of MS in the evaluation process

LIFE+ (2007-2013)

- ✓ Consisted of three components: LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity, LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance, and LIFE+ Information and Communication (new component)
- ✓ National Allocations established for each year (problems for MS – blocking of funding)

The regulation establishes two sub-programmes: Environment and Climate Action

1st LIFE Multiannual Work Programme for 2014-2017 – sets the framework for that period. It contains an indicative budget, the environment priorities, the selection methodology for projects and outcome indicators

- ✓ Publish in national languages
- ✓ 60% of co-financing rate
- ✓ National allocations (traditional projects under the ENV sub-programme)

1. LIFE Traditional projects

- ✓ **NAT, ENV, GIE; CCM, CCA, GIC**
- **Support to national applicants from NCP, during the preparation and submission phase:**
 - **Regional Workshops all over the country to explain LIFE and how to conceive a good proposal**
 - **Regional Info Days; National event**
 - **New national LIFE website (partner search tool for LIFE calls)**
 - **INTRA LIFE (share experiences, networking)**
 - **INTER LIFE (best practice dissemination, networking)**

2. LIFE Integrated Projects (New)

- ✓ **Implementation of plans, programmes or strategies required by EU environmental or climate legislation**
- ✓ **Larger scale (national, multiregional or regional)**
- ✓ **They are inclusive: stakeholders must be involved as associated beneficiaries**
- ✓ **Sustainability will be very important as well as mobilisation of other funds (EU or other – national or private)**

Problems: IP are positive because they match with national needs, but have a great difficulty to conceive a proposal (mobilise other funds and a good partnership)

3. LIFE Capacity Building Projects (New)

- ✓ **Provide financial support for activities that increase the capacity of MS to have a better performance in the LIFE programme**
- ✓ **Portugal has a Capacity Building project**
- ✓ **Possibility to hired more human resources**
- ✓ **Possibility to organise more information and training events**

Problems: Administrative difficulties; due to financial and economic Portuguese crisis it is very difficult to mobilise private companies to present proposals; also not easy to increase participation on training events or even in present good applications

4. Conclusions

- ✓ LIFE is a very centralised funding scheme (decisions taken in Brussels)
- ✓ National unstable institutional framework
- ✓ High bureaucracy
- ✓ Lack of competences at local level
- ✓ Difficulties to use LIFE as a catalyst (other funding sources)
- ✓ MS needs more support from EC (more training)

4. Conclusions

- ✓ Clarification of certain issues (innovation, complementarity and transferability)
- ✓ Increase the number of events at national level in order to better inform applicants
- ✓ National LIFE website (partner search to help applicants)
- ✓ National allocations does not give a balance and can be perverse
- ✓ Relations between EASME and MS
- ✓ MS needs more information concerning the follow up of national projects

Contacts and useful Links

Websites:

Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente
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