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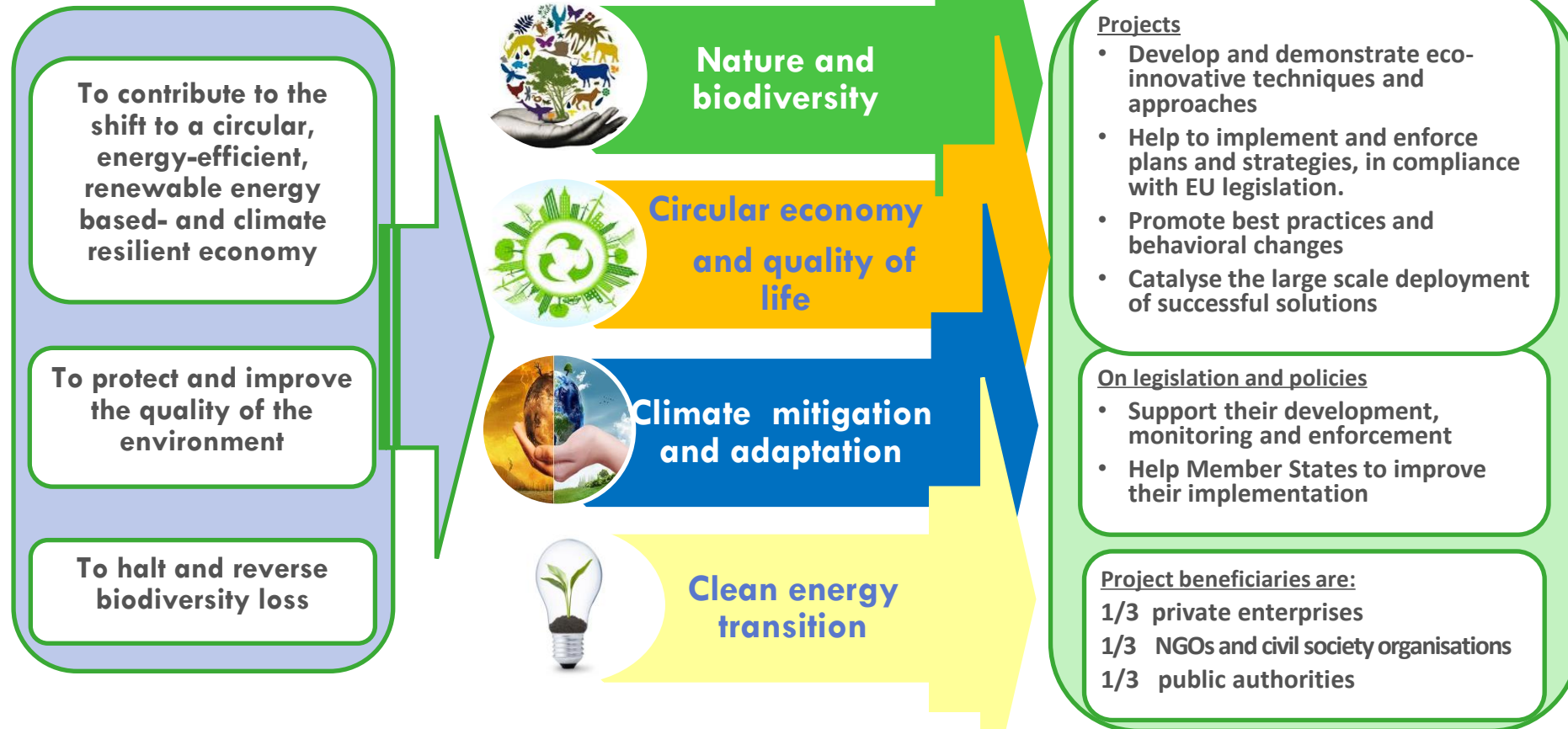


# KEY EU FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS **The LIFE Programme**

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## The LIFE Programme 2021-2027





# Novelties

- ▶ - nature and biodiversity action reinforced
- ▶ - A specific target for expenditures supporting climate objectives in line with the ambition of reaching climate neutrality by 2050.
- ▶ - The strengthening of the programme action on energy efficiency and renewable energies.
- ▶ - An extended opportunity for synergies with other funds and programmes, in particular through the Seal of Excellence and cumulative funding.
- ▶ - An expanded geographical scope involving Overseas Countries and Territories

# Structure and budget



Total 5,4 billion euro

a) 3,4 for the field 'Environment'

- ▶ 2,1 -> subprogramme 'Nature and Biodiversity',
- ▶ 1,3 -> subprogramme 'Circular Economy and Quality of Life';

(b) 1,9 for the field 'Climate Action',

- ▶ 0,9 -> subprogramme 'Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation',
- ▶ 0,9 -> for the subprogramme 'Clean Energy Transition'

- 60% budget for Nat. Biodiv action grants

# Types of action grants



- ▶ **standard action projects**
- ▶ **strategic nature projects (SNAP):** implement coherent programmes of action in MS in order to mainstream those objectives and priorities into other policies and financing instruments, including through coordinated implementation of the prioritized action frameworks
- ▶ **strategic integrated projects (SIP) :** implement, on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans of MS authorities and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant energy legislation or policy of the Union, while ensuring that stakeholders are involved and promoting coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source
- ▶ **technical assistance projects** means projects that support the development of capacity for participation in standard action projects, the preparation of strategic nature projects and strategic integrated projects
- ▶ **other actions** such as coordination and support actions aimed at capacity-building, at dissemination of information and of knowledge, and at awareness-raising to support the transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency



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# Cofinancing rates

- ▶ The maximum co-financing rates up to **60%** of eligible costs for SNAP, SIP and standard actions projects
  - ▶ Up to **75 %** for priority habitats/species (Nat/Biodiv projects)
  - ▶ Up to **70%** for NGO Operating grants
  - ▶ Up to **95%** for “Other Actions”
- => MAWP may fix specific rates for each subprogramme, project type or type of grant.



# Standard Action projects

## ➤ **Average size ?**

1 to 5 beneficiaries;

EU contribution: €750,000 to € 2 million

## ➤ **Actors: Climate Infrastructure Environment Executive Agency (= CINEA)** from March 2021 for **grants**

## ➤ **Project call 2021: submission period summer**

## ➤ Submitting via **e-Grant**

## ➤ Full proposal or 2 stage



# Award criteria SNAP

Concept Note		Full proposal	
<b>Standard Action Projects &amp; Other Action Projects</b>			
1. Quality of the proposal 2. Impact and EU added value		1. Contribution to the objectives of the LIFE programme 2. Technical coherence and quality 3. Impact, sustainability and catalytic potential 4. Financial coherence and quality of resources	Bonus points