

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

NAME	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	DEADLINES	MORE INFORMATION
<p>LIFE PROGRAMME 2014-2020</p>	<p>The new LIFE programme will contribute to sustainable development and to the achievement of the objectives and targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the 7th Union Environmental Action Programme and other relevant EU environment and climate strategies and plans.</p> <p>The 'Environment' strand of the new programme covers three priority areas: environment and resource efficiency; nature and biodiversity; and environmental governance and information. The 'Climate Action' strand covers climate change mitigation; climate change adaptation; and climate governance and information.</p> <p>The programme also consists of a new category of projects, jointly funded integrated projects, which will operate on a large territorial scale. These projects will aim to implement environmental and climate policy and to better integrate such policy aims into other policy areas.</p>	<p>2016 Call for proposals for LIFE: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2016/index.htm</p>	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm</p> <p>It is also possible to contact the relevant national authorities:</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm</p>

<p>Financial instruments for energy efficiency and preservation of natural capital</p>	<p>The Private Finance for Energy Efficiency Instrument (PF4EE) aims to address the limited access to adequate and affordable loan financing for energy efficiency projects targeted by schemes developed by EU Member States to implement their Nation Energy Efficiency Action Plans. The beneficiaries could include SMEs, private individuals, small municipalities or other public sector bodies. The size of the energy efficiency loans to be provided to the final beneficiaries could range from €40 000 up to €5 million and higher in exceptional cases.</p> <p>The Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCFE) will provide loans and investments in funds to support projects which promote the preservation of natural capital, including adaptation to climate change, in the Member States. Eligible projects will address payments for ecosystem services, green infrastructure, biodiversity offsets and investments for innovative pro-biodiversity and adaptation businesses. The final recipients for NCFE are public or private entities, including public authorities, land owners and businesses.</p>	<p>Launched on 27 January 2015</p>	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/financial_instruments/pf4ee.htm;</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/financial_instruments/ncff.htm</p>
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<p>BONUS PROGRAMME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BONUS builds on the ERA-NET and BONUS+ programmes and has engaged to date over 100 research institutes and universities in nine Baltic Sea countries - BONUS combines research related to the Baltic Sea system into a joint and durable interdisciplinary and focused multinational programme that supports the Baltic Sea region's sustainable development - BONUS produces knowledge to support development and implementation of regulations, policies and management practices specifically tailored for the Baltic Sea region - BONUS issues calls for competitive proposals and funding projects of high excellence and relevance based on its strategic research agenda; this is developed in close collaboration with stakeholders across the Baltic Sea region - BONUS facilitates researchers' collaboration, networking, human capacity building and joint use of research infrastructures - BONUS supports European, regional and national coastal and marine environmental policies and plans, in particular HELCOM's Baltic Sea Action Plan 	<p>Call closed on 10 March 2016. Evaluation ongoing, outcome available in June 2016.</p>	<p>www.bonusportal.org</p>
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<p>HORIZON 2020 PROGRAMME - ENERGY</p>	<p>Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) – in addition to the private investment that this money will attract. It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market. The Energy Challenge is structured around seven specific objectives and research areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing energy consumption and carbon footprint Low-cost, low-carbon electricity supply Alternative fuels and mobile energy sources A single, smart European electricity grid New knowledge and technologies Robust decision making and public engagement Market uptake of energy and ICT innovation. <p>A budget of €5 931 million has been allocated to non-nuclear energy research for the period 2014-2020. Out of this figure, more than €200 million is earmarked to support European Institute of Innovation and Technology activities, subject to a mid-term review. The first work programme for "Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy" will be split into the following focus areas: Energy Efficiency, Low Carbon Technologies, Smart Cities & Communities.</p>	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/newsroom/548/493</p>	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en</p>
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<p>HORIZON 2020 PROGRAMME - ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTIONS</p>	<p>Activities in this Challenge will help increase European competitiveness, raw materials security and improve wellbeing. At the same time they will assure environmental integrity, resilience and sustainability with the aim of keeping average global warming below 2° C and enabling ecosystems and society to adapt to climate change and other environmental changes.</p> <p>This Challenge funds research and innovation with the following specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to achieve a resource – and water - efficient and climate change resilient economy and society, - the protection and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems, and - a sustainable supply and use of raw materials, in order to meet the needs of a growing global population within the sustainable limits of the planet's natural resources and eco-systems. 	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/newsroom/548/585</p>	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en</p>
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