



# LIFE Programme

## Newsletter

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This edition of LIFEnews takes us to Bonn, where COP23 is taking place and LIFE projects will be showcased during a side event, organised by EASME. We look into progress scrubbing Europe's air clean, cutting-edge techniques to restore its ecosystems, and an EU call to help kick-start the blue economy.

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## Highlight

### LIFE experience at COP23

Civil society is helping climate negotiators thrash out plans to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. As part of their work, the LIFE-funded project MaxiMiseR is providing countries with tools to craft long-term strategies for reducing their carbon footprint.

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### All I need is the air I can't breathe

The number of deaths linked to air pollution is coming down in Europe. Air pollution still causes more than 400 000 premature deaths each year, but government initiatives, like the LIFE-funded Index-Air project, are helping to clean EU air to new standards and save lives.

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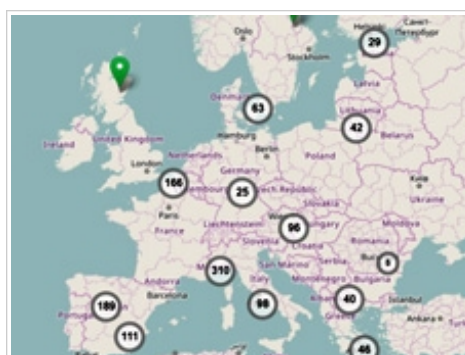


## News

### Green projects near you

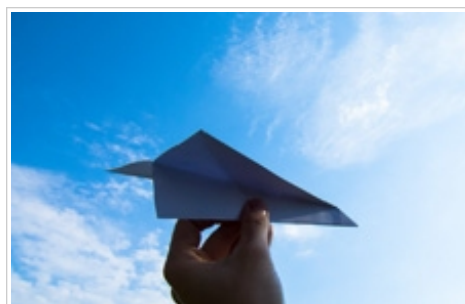
LIFE Programme now has a data hub to help spot green-minded initiatives in your region and partners abroad. Its interactive map now includes hundreds of LIFE projects launched in 2014 and 2015. Beneficiaries from 2016 will also be featured soon.

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### New LIFE projects kick off in Brussels

This month marks the launch of 139 new LIFE projects. The EU has invested €222 million in their efforts to protect nature, the environment and the climate. At a kick off meeting in Brussels, project coordinators outlined their plans in a series of web-streamed presentations. Click on the "read more" to view the full list of beneficiaries.



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## Conservationists reintroduce species to restore habitats

Conservationists are learning to restore habitats by reintroducing species that once lived in them. These man-made environments present challenges for repopulation, but some interventions are already showing results.

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## LIFE Integrated Projects unveil first results in Parliament

Cleaning soot out of Central Europe's air and preparing Danish utilities for the consequences of climate change are just two examples of LIFE-funded projects showcased in Brussels. These overarching projects are pushing through cross-sectoral reforms across vast territories.

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## Events

*7 - 10 November 2017*

### LIFE speaks about circular economy at Ecomondo

LIFE will be taking part in Ecomondo from 7-10 November in Rimini, Italy. With over 100 000 visitors, the exhibition is the largest event on the green and circular economy held in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

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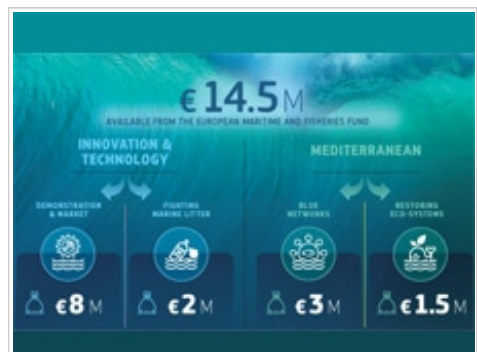


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### Information day for funding call on Sustainable Blue Economy

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund will hold an information day ahead of its call to foster a "Sustainable Blue Economy". Prospective applicants are invited to learn about call priorities, present their questions and meet peers working in the area.

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*16 - 17 November 2017*

### Clean Air Forum

The European Clean Air Forum will bring together mayors, policy experts, senior EU officials and the general public to discuss the threat of air pollution to Europeans today, and the opportunities that arise from dealing with it.

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*29 - 30 November 2017*

### LIFE platform meeting on invasive alien species

The region of Lombardy in Italy is organising a platform meeting on invasive alien species within the framework of the LIFE Integrated Project GESTIRE 2020. The project sets out to conserve biodiversity in Lombardy, notably by containing animals and plants introduced there by humans.



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**30 November 2017**

### **LIFE-25 with coffee in Gran Canaria**

In honour of the 25th anniversary of the LIFE programme, the BAQUA project is holding a networking event at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Speakers from eight LIFE-funded projects will introduce their work in a series of hot-seat 10-minute presentations.

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**5 - 6 February 2018**

### **21st European Forum on Eco-innovation**

This year's European Forum on Eco-innovation invites companies and public authorities to examine solutions for improving air quality. Innovators will present technologies, business models and governance plans to raise air quality to new standards.

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## **Project news**

### **Bringing zero emission nature protection areas to life**

How can EU countries achieve their commitments to halt climate change? Can climate-friendly nature protection create jobs and growth? LIFE IP-ZENAPA is a pioneering LIFE Integrated Project that is helping to answer all those vital questions.

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### **Conserving roamers not road kill**

Over 180 bears have been run over in Slovenia since 2005. For centuries, hunting and urbanisation have driven the country's brown bears (*Ursus arctos*) to near extinction; and now cars and trains kill one in seven of them.

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### **Preventing food waste starts early in Hungary**

Hungarian authorities have revealed that local households throw away twice as much food as previously estimated. As part of the FOODWASTEPREV project, teachers and officials are now chalking up lesson plans to keep tomorrow's food on our plates and out of our bins.

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