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The LIFE Programme: Latvian performance in LIFE & Capacity Building

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15 Years of LIFE in Latvia
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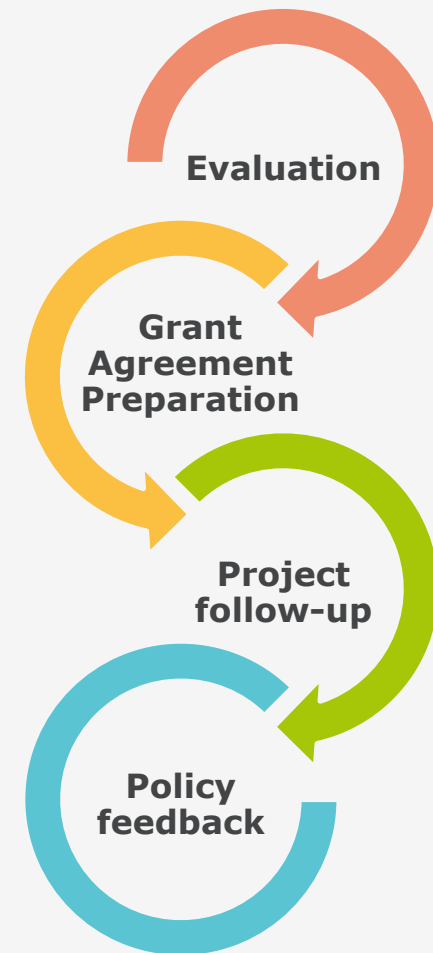
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EASME's role within the European Commission

- Managing EU programmes
- Feeding into the policy-making process with project outcome & success stories





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Since **1992**



Contribute to the implementation, update and development of the EU environmental and climate policy and legislation

3.5 billion euros - 2014-2020

Co-financing 60 to 75%



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Action Grants

Nature

**Environment &
Resource Efficiency**

**Information &
Governance**

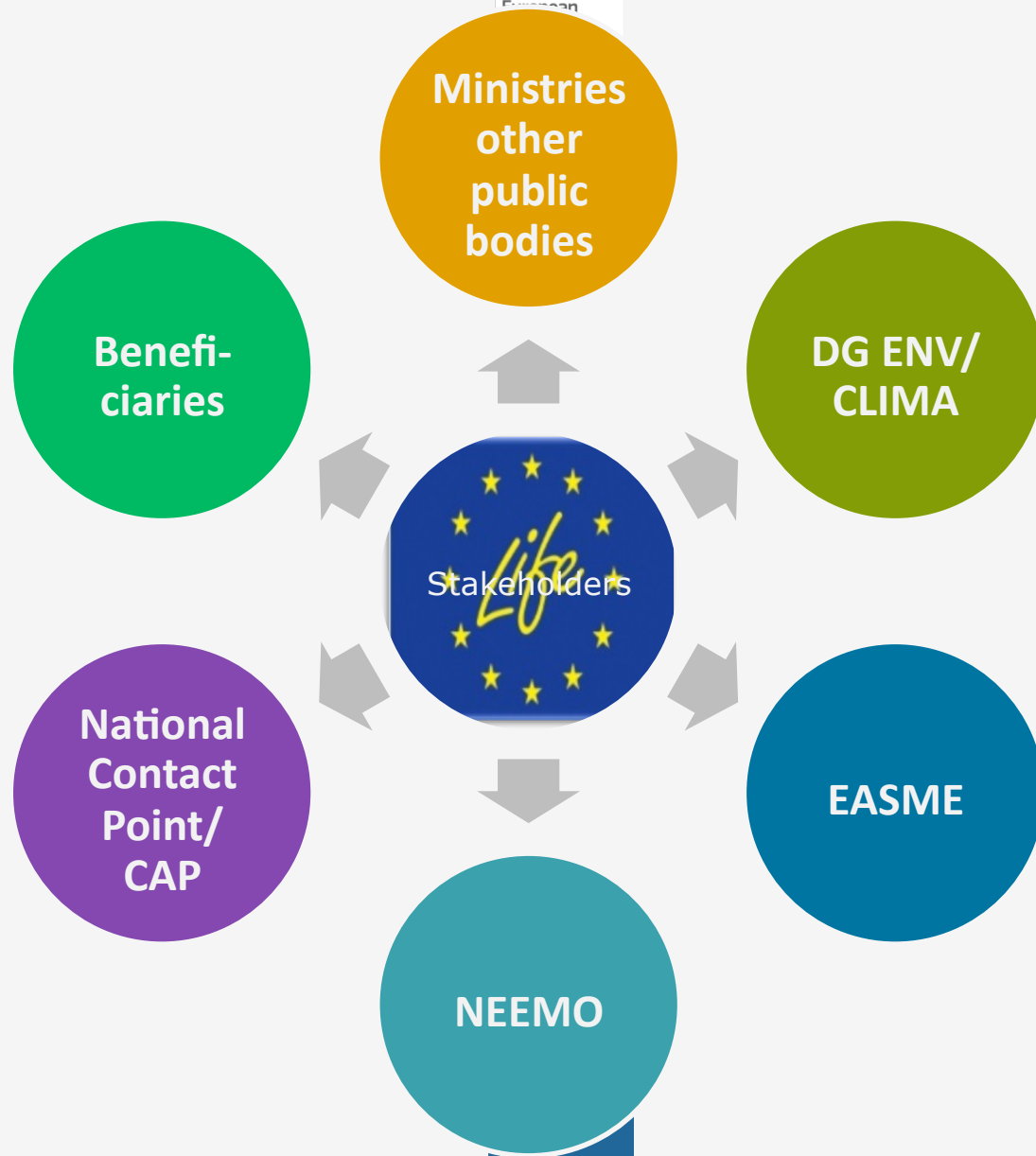
**Climate Change
Mitigation**

**Climate Change
Adaptation**

**Information &
Governance**

**Capacity Building
projects**

**Integrated
projects CLIMA
and ENV**





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LIFE projects in Latvia

	Submitted	Awarded	Success rate
2011	9	2	22%
2012	14	3	21%
2013	11	3	27%
2014	10	2	20%
2015	18	1	6%
2016	6		
	68	11	16%

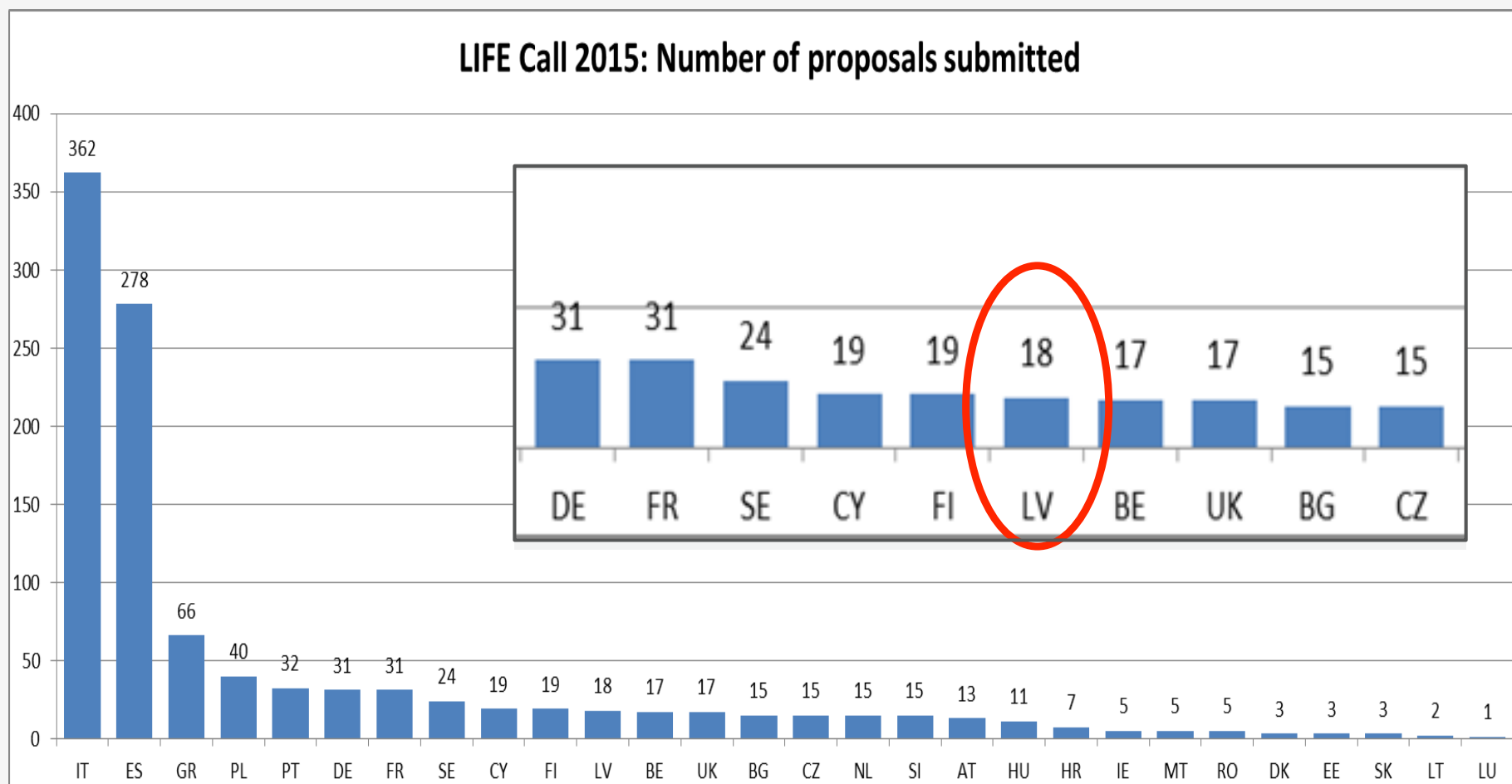
**Average success rate LIFE: between 10 and 30%,
depending on the priority area**



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Proposals submitted by the MS

LIFE Call 2015: Number of proposals submitted

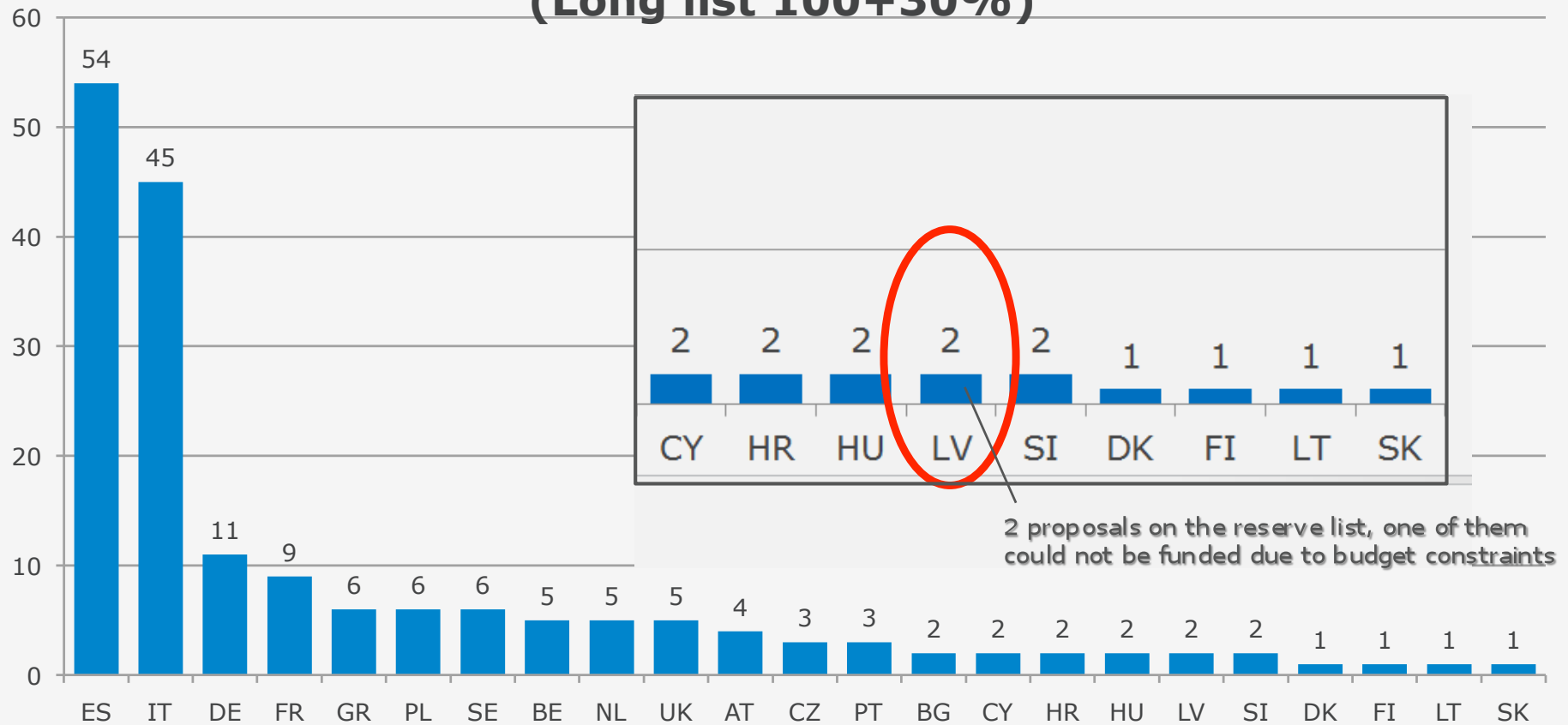




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Proposals retained per MS

LIFE CALL 2015: Number of Proposals Retained (Long list 100+30%)

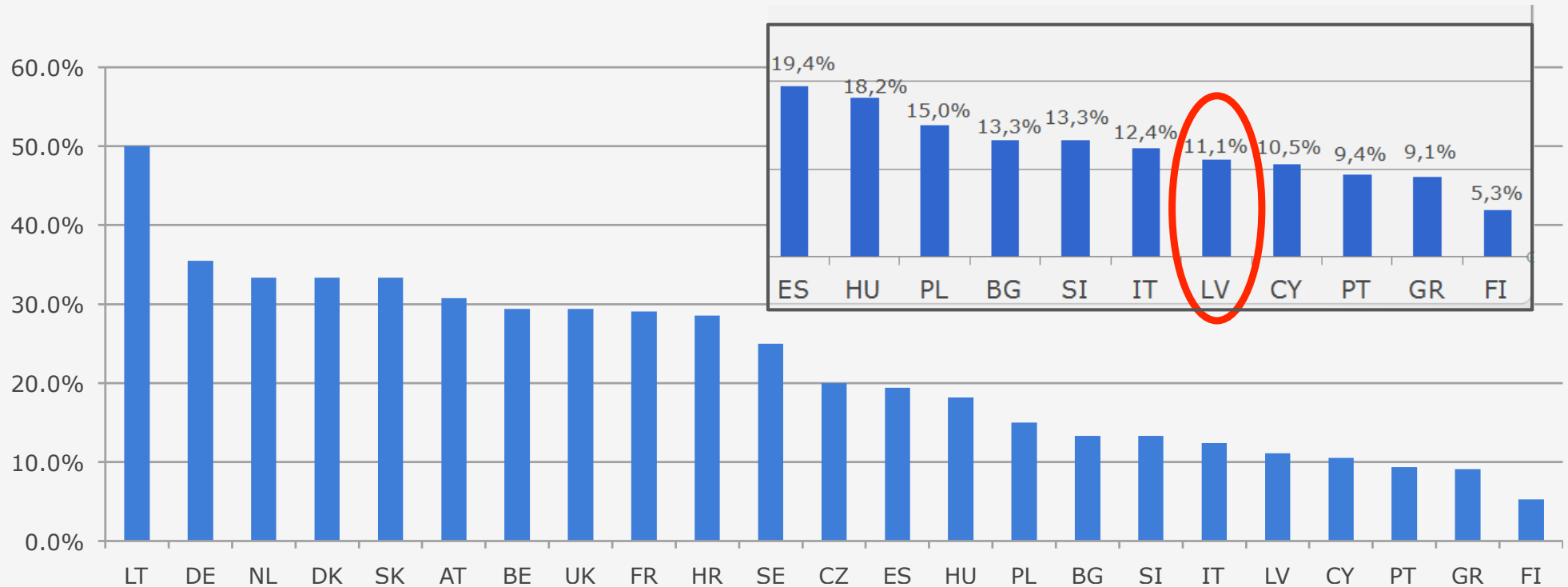




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Proposals success rate per MS

LIFE Call 2015: Success Rate per MS (Long list 100+30%)





Capacity building projects

CAP projects provide "financial support to activities required to build the capacity of Member States, including LIFE national or regional contact points, with a view to **enabling Member States to participate more effectively in the LIFE Programme**".
(LIFE Regulation)

Networking with other Capacity projects has started.

CAP objectives

- Comprehensive approach to **increase quantity and quality** of projects submitted
 - increase number of successful projects, *for all priority areas*
- Support the objectives of the LIFE programme, including **promoting integration, complementarity, synergies and replicability of the LIFE Programme** into regional/national/EU policies, economic activities and other programmes (e.g. ESI funds, RDP as part of CAP)

Important for European Commission

- Help businesses to access **finance and develop a business case**
- Develop or improve a direct **line of communication** with key national/regional investment scheme
- **Identify potential replicators** and help beneficiaries creating the necessary links
- **Identify synergies and complementarities** with other financing programs
- **Integration of results** (feedback to policy stakeholders, promote LIFE to relevant ministries, including policy relevant stakeholders already at proposal stage)
- Use results for **policy shaping**
- **Improved indicators** for all priority areas of LIFE

What do we expect from good proposals?

Project proposals have to ...

- **Match with European Policy** (Climate and Environment related)
- Have a **European added value** (otherwise they should be funded by national and regional funds)
- Deliver **results and** have a clear **impact** (monitoring is important!)
- Guarantee **long-term sustainability** (results have to be maintained after the project end)
- Consider and **facilitate replication** of core project actions outside the project
- Address appropriate **policy stakeholders**, if relevant

Dyemond Solar – LIFE09 ENV/SE/000355

- **Screen-printing** based production: **world's largest solar cell**
- Forced to mature rapidly: **Stringent structure for reporting to LIFE**
- **LIFE demonstration**: 20,000m² factory
- Clear route **from LIFE to EIB due diligence**
 - > also thanks to **LIFE as a 'guarantee of quality'** for interested investors => further investments
- Ongoing negotiations for **EIB funding of the EU-based gigafactory of EXEGER**

Duration
01.09.2010 –
31.03.2015

Total Budget
€ 3,5 Mio

EU Contribution
€ 1,7 Mio

MARMONI – LIFE09 NAT/LV/000238

- Article 11 project (development of the **surveillance of the conservation status** of habitats and species); 12 partners, 4 countries (LV, EE, FI, SE)
- concepts for **assessing the conservation status of marine biodiversity** and quantifying the impacts of various human activities
- Developed and tested **49 marine biodiversity indicators** for four species groups
- **New innovative monitoring methods** tested in four study areas in the Baltic Sea
- Common **marine biodiversity monitoring assessment scheme** for the Baltic Sea region
- **Recommendations** for national marine monitoring programmes

Duration
01.10.2010 –
31.03.2015

Total Budget
€ 5,9 Mio

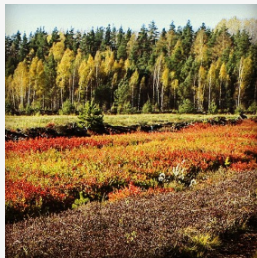
EU Contribution
€ 2,9 Mio



LIFE REstore – LIFE14 CCM/LV/001103

OBJECTIVES & SCOPE:

- Develop a methodology to quantify GHG emissions from managed wetlands in LV
- Develop an inventory and a database for degraded peatlands in LV;
- Develop a decision-support tool for land re-use planning in degraded peatland areas
- Provide a strategic framework for implementing sustainable re-use of degraded peatlands within the National Peat Strategy.



Project expected results:

- Degraded peatland areas GIS database created;
- Methodology developed for GHG accounting;
- Criteria for peatland classification developed and natural capital estimated;
- Land re-use and management planning support model developed and management scenarios implemented in demonstration areas;
- Management plan for 'Lauga Mire Nature Reserve' (N2000);
- Estimated CO2 emission reductions of approximately 2 227 metric tonnes per year, and a CO2 storage capacity of 838 metric tonnes per year in Latvia.



Duration
01.09.2015 –
30.08.2019

Total Budget
€ 1,8 Mio

EU Contribution
€ 1,1 Mio



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BALTIJAS KRAŠTI

LIFE URBAN ADAPT - LIFE14 CCA/NL/000302

OBJECTIVES & SCOPE:



- To demonstrate an innovative, participative approach for large scale implementation of urban climate adaptation strategies and related measures in 2 different settings of the City of Rotterdam

Duration
16.07.2015 -
31.12.2012

Project expected results:



- Create a blueprint for developing large scale participatory urban climate change adaptation strategies
- Increase climate resilience of Rotterdam's inner city district ZoHo
- increase climate/flood resilience of the Nieuwe Maas (at Mallegatpark and Nassauhaven) while restoring its ecosystem and biodiversity: implementing green river borders.

Total Budget
€ 10,3 Mio

EU Contribution
€ 2,7 Mio

Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCFF) – The policy context

- ➔ Financing gap for biodiversity and adaptation
- ➔ Innovative financing mechanisms foreseen in EU Biodiversity Strategy, Green Infrastructure Strategy and the Climate Adaptation Strategy
- ➔ Investment in ecosystems provide benefits for a number of challenges, including climate adaptation
- ➔ Emerging market opportunities for investments in natural capital, but there are barriers that need to be addressed.

LIFE: why financial instruments? (e.g. NCFF)

- Make optimal use of scarce public funds, i.e. identify ways of increasing leverage;
- Testing new instruments to mobilise or "crowd in" private finance;
- Address specific market barriers by investing in projects that are not considered commercially viable today but have the potential to be so in the future;
- 'Fill the gap' in the financial market and demonstrate the business case for 'higher-risk' projects
- Facilitate market uptake of climate and environment friendly actions and greening of financial intermediaries via financial instruments
- Complement traditional action grants

NCFF in practise

- **NCFF will finance 4 types of projects:**
- Payments for ecosystem services
- Green infrastructure projects
- Pro-biodiversity and pro-adaptation businesses
- Projects involving biodiversity offsets
- However a significant challenge is to develop potentially “bankable” projects capable of repaying an investment
- More info on: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/financial_instruments/ncff.htm

Next Call for action grants: to be published

- Call published in May, submission deadline in September
- 29 May: Infoday in Brussels, incl. web streaming
- Finding partners: see <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/life2016/partners.htm>





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