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IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE LIFE CALL 2017 & EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

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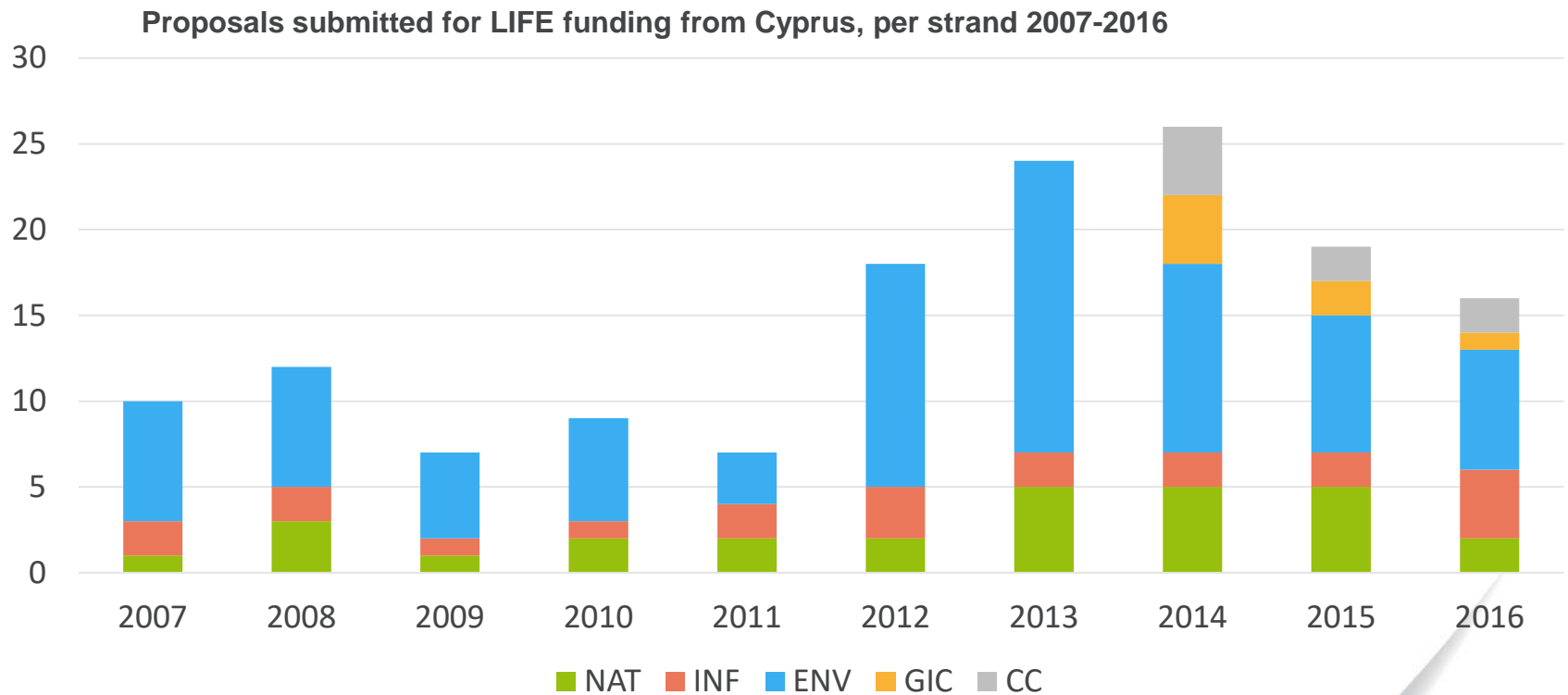


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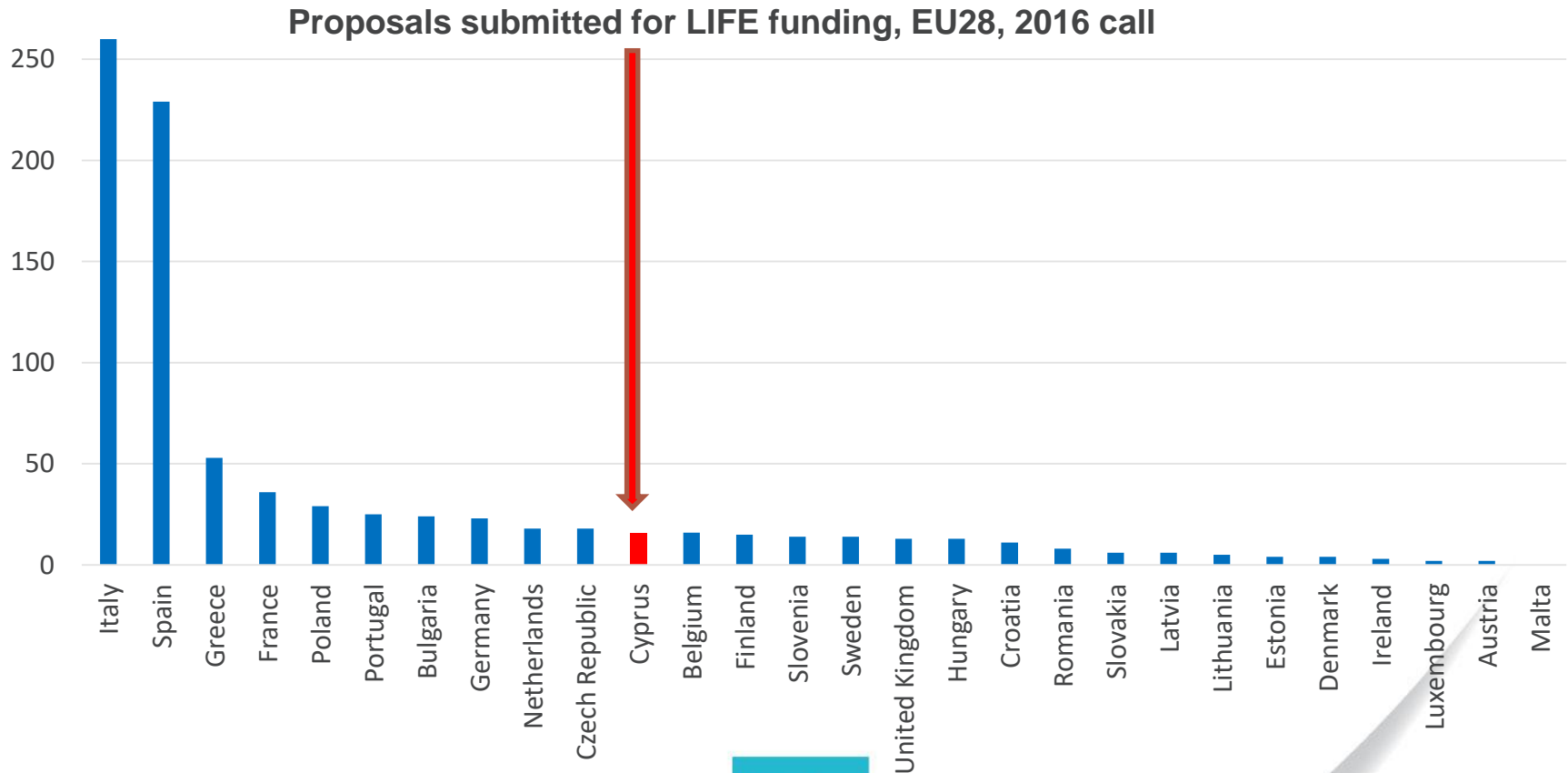


of submitted proposals is growing until 2014.



Source: Cypriot NCP

Around the EU average in terms of submitted proposals...



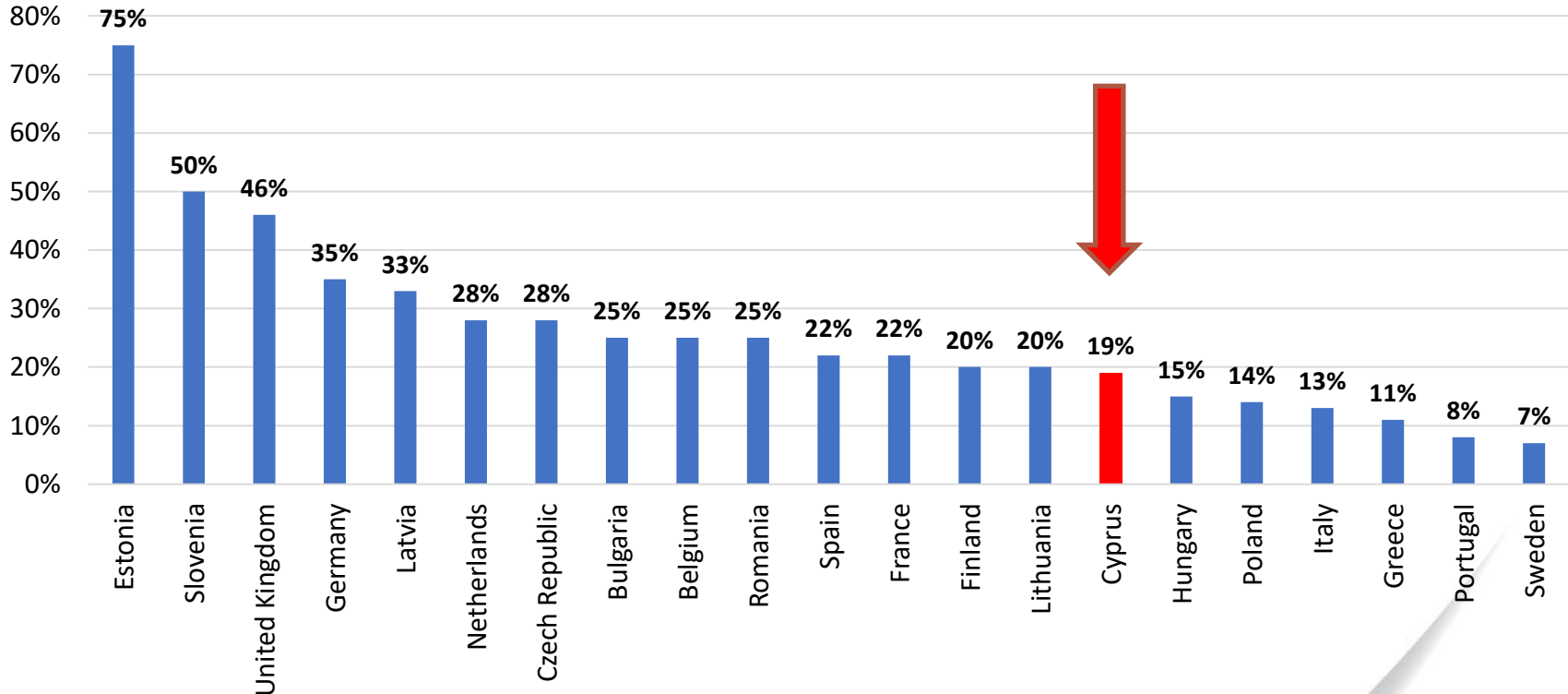
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...however, success rates can be improved!

Proposals approved for LIFE funding, EU28, 2016 call



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Details of the 2017 LIFE call



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2017 Call for proposals for LIFE Grants

The LIFE (the Financial Instrument for the Environment) Regulation, which was published on 20 December 2013, sets a budget for the next funding period, 2014–2020, of €3.4 billion in current prices. [View the LIFE Regulation](#)

2017 Call for proposals for LIFE Action Grants

The Commission invites legal persons (entities) registered in the European Union (EU) to present proposals for the 2017 Call for proposals for LIFE Action Grants. The call covers proposals for both LIFE sub-programmes.

For the sub-programme for Environment, this call will cover action grants for **"Traditional" projects, Preparatory projects, Integrated projects, Technical Assistance projects.**

For the sub-programme for Climate Action, this call will cover action grants for **"Traditional projects", Integrated projects, Technical Assistance projects.**

Proposals may be submitted by legal persons (entities) registered in the EU. Applicants may fall into three types of beneficiaries: (1) public bodies, (2) private commercial organisations and (3) private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs).

Applicants must use the LIFE 2017 **application packages** (in English only) for the preparation of their proposals. Each application package contains full and detailed explanations with regard to eligibility.

Projects by theme

- Nature, Biodiversity
- Environment
- Climate Action
- Info, Governance

Projects search

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Environment: "Traditional" projects
Preparatory projects
Integrated projects
Technical Assistance projects

Climate Action: "Traditional projects"
Integrated projects
Technical Assistance



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LIFE 2017 – BUDGET

LIFE Call 2017 opening: 28 April 2017

AREA	CLOSING	BUDGET 17	~ % vs 2016
CLIMATE	07-Sep-17	€ 52.1 Mill.	+10%
ENV-RE	12-Sep-17	€ 83 Mill.	+10%
NAT	14-Sep-17	€ 101.9 Mill.	+5%
GIE	14-Sep-17	€ 16.9 Mill.	-12%
IPE	26-Sep-17	€ 86 Mill.	+ 10%
IPC	26-Sep-17	€ 30 Mill.	+ 53%
TA	07-Sep-17	€ 300k	+47%

2017 budget for project action grants for this call is €373 Mil.

LIFE 2014-2017 MAWP

❖ Stronger emphasis on:

- ❖ Long term sustainability of the project
- ❖ Replicability and transferability
- ❖ EU added value

❖ Impact indicators

LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY

- ❖ Sustainability of project results should be built in the proposal
- ❖ Potential to use project results beyond the project life time
- ❖ Particularly important for Award Criterion 1
Technical coherence and quality

REPLICABILITY AND TRANSFERABILITY

- ❖ Go beyond dissemination of project results and sharing of knowledge
- ❖ Include activities and approaches integrated in project actions which aim to facilitate the replication and/or transfer of the project results beyond the project, including in other sectors, regions or countries

EU ADDED VALUE

- ❖ Each project should demonstrate EU Added Value in terms of:
 - ❖ quantifiable environmental impact (substantial, ambitious, credible)
 - ❖ Replicability and Transferability
 - ❖ multi-purpose, synergies and integration
 - ❖ Transnational scope (if necessary for achieving project results)

IMPACT INDICATORS

- ❖ LIFE Programme 2014-2020 puts an emphasis on impact indicators – to measure impact of each individual project
- ❖ Each project has to report on key indicators during and after the project end
- ❖ Social and economic indicators mandatory for ALL projects!

What's new in Call 2017?

- ❖ Further clarifications on sustainability and replicability
- ❖ More specifications on EU added value in terms of quantifiable impacts/benefits
- ❖ **Welcoming and encouraging "close-to-market" projects (ENV, CLIMA)**
- ❖ The performance indicator table has been simplified at submission stage
- ❖ More stringent control on double-funding and value added vs previously financed LIFE projects
- ❖ Focus on "implementation" of solutions

What's new in Call 2017?

- ❖ More attention to second phase projects and the relation with other projects financed by LIFE
- ❖ Coordination requirements for multiple proposals aimed at the same/similar issue in the same region/country
- ❖ Clearer interpretation of the "transnational" priority
- ❖ Stricter rules on "sole traders" and "affiliates"

What's new in Call 2017?

- ❖ Transferability and Replication:
 - ❖ Mandatory deliverable: Transferability and Replication Plan (ENV, CLIMA proposals)
- ❖ Sustainability:
 - ❖ Mandatory deliverable: Exploitation Plan as part of the After-LIFE Plan (ENV and CLIMA proposals)
 - ❖ Mandatory Deliverable for "close-to-market" projects: Business Plan (ENV and CLIMA proposals)

What's new in Call 2017?

❖ Governance and Information (ENV and CLIMA):

- ✓ Applicants are asked to include a “put in practice” component in the project, e.g. concrete activities for the uptake and use of tools developed by relevant actors, during the project duration.

❖ Climate Action:

- ✓ Updated EU policy priorities for Climate Change Mitigation: focus on Fluorinated greenhouse gases.

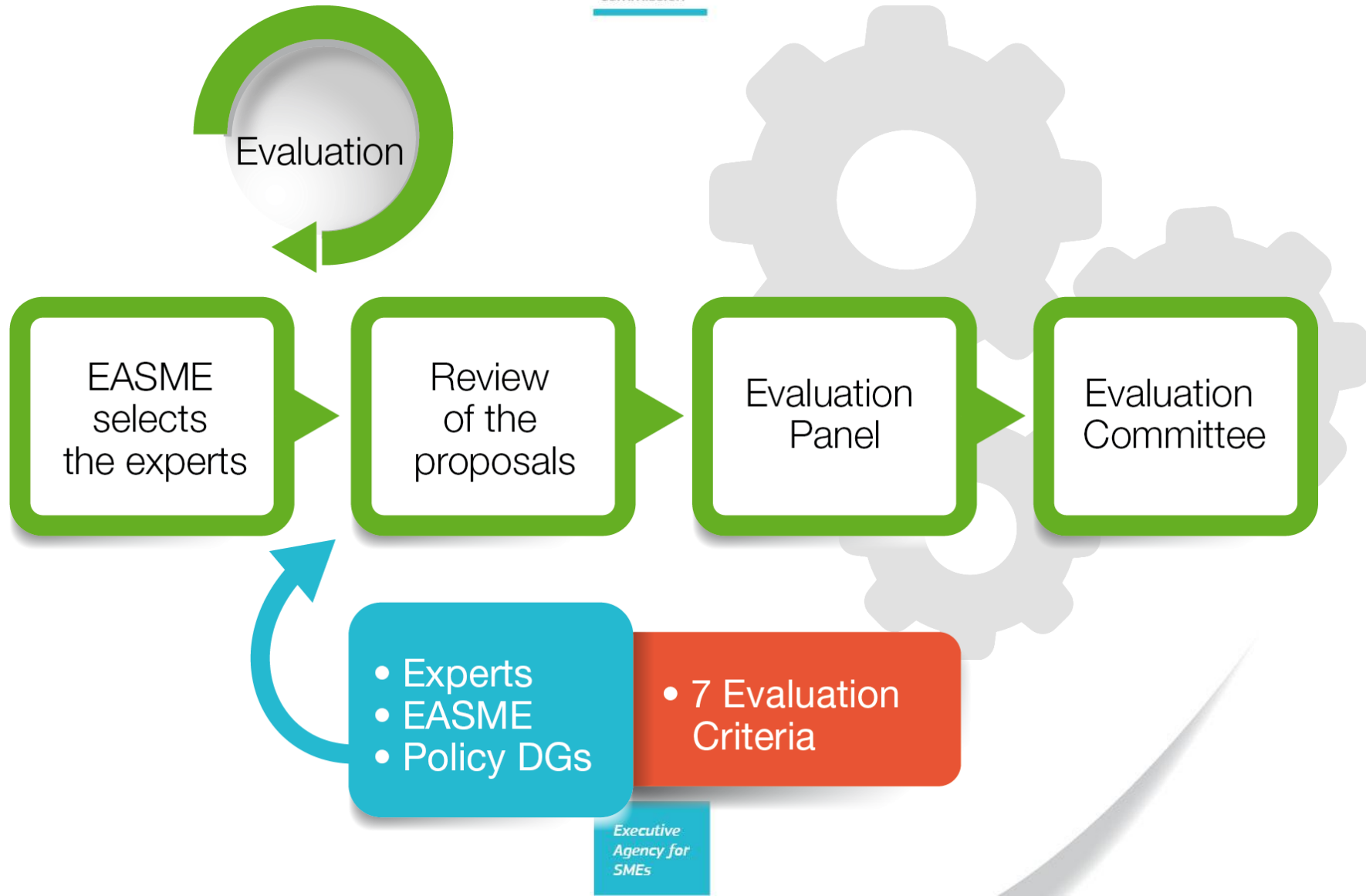
WHAT'S NEW IN THE CALL 2017?

For all LIFE strands: Encouraging up-taking of results from research

- ❖ Form B3: Projects concerned by up-taking results from EU financed research projects (FPs/H2020), will have to describe comprehensively how those results will be used in the LIFE project
- ❖ This can drive to an additional point in the scoring



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EVALUATION CRITERIA

7 criteria detailed in the evaluation guidelines (*applicant's package*)

Environment

Award Criteria	Minimum pass score*	Maximum score
1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2. Financial coherence and quality	10	20
3. EU added value: extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme for Environment	10	20
4. Contribution to the project topics	-	10
5. EU added value: multipurpose, synergies, and integration	7	15
6. EU added value: replicability and transferability	5	10
7. EU added value: transnational, green procurement, uptake	-	5
Overall (pass) scores	55	100

Climate

Award Criteria	Minimum pass score*	Maximum score
1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2. Financial coherence and quality	10	20
3. EU added value: extent and quality of the contribution to an increased climate resilience and/or to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions	7	15
4. EU added value: Extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme for Climate Action	7	15
5. EU added value: quality of multipurpose, synergies, and integration	7	15
6. EU added value: replicability and transferability	5	10
7. EU added value: transnational, green procurement, uptake	-	5
Overall (pass) scores	55	100



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ENVIRONMENT SUB-PROGRAMME



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CRITERION 1 “TECHNICAL COHERENCE AND QUALITY”

Ensure that the preoperational context is clearly described

Quantify expected results, link them coherently to the environmental problem targeted

Describe sufficiently actions and deliverables

Clear communication and dissemination strategy

Clear sustainability strategy, including funding



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CRITERION 2 - “FINANCIAL COHERENCE AND QUALITY”

Ensure that the technical description matches the project’s budget

Provide full description of cost items

Classify costs following the LIFE guidelines

Avoid overtly high or low project management costs

Estimate daily rates and costs based on market conditions



CRITERION 3 - “EU ADDED VALUE: EXTENT AND QUALITY OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PRIORITY AREAS OF THE LIFE SUBPROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENT”

Focus more on updating EU environmental policy

Discuss in detail any contribution to complementary priority areas

Discuss the impact throughout the life-cycle of the project

Address in detail the project's socio-economic impact

Quantify (baseline and expected results) the habitats and species that will be targeted (NAT)

Carefully complete the performance indicators table

CRITERION 4 –“CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT TOPICS”-

Clearly mention
in which aspect
the proposed
project is
innovative

Identify
commonalities with
similar projects
and address the
significance of the
differences

Clearly explain
whether and why
the project fully
complies with 1 or
max 2 project topics
selected

CRITERION 5 - “EU ADDED VALUE: MULTIPURPOSE, SYNERGIES, AND INTEGRATION”

Exhibit how the objectives are linked with other EU policies.

Explain in detail how the project’s results will be integrated into other policy areas or synergies created

Link the project with previous research (ENV)

CRITERION 6 - “EU ADDED VALUE: REPLICABILITY AND TRANSFERABILITY”

Integrate in the proposal actions aimed at the project’s replication. Go beyond communication and networking.

Ensure that the strategy is ambitious enough

Involve well targeted stakeholders

CRITERION 7 - “EU ADDED VALUE: TRANSNATIONAL, GREEN PROCUREMENT, UPTAKE”

Explain in detail the green procurement principles that will be used

Include in the project design results from previous Framework Programmes

If possible, aim for transnational cooperation and justify it in the proposal

CLIMATE ACTION SUB-PROGRAMME





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CRITERION 1 - "TECHNICAL COHERENCE AND QUALITY"

Preoperational
context
properly
described

Results well
quantified and
with relevant
indicators

Describe
actions and
deliverables in
detail

Link the results
against
set targets

Clearly describe
the project's
sustainability

Include relevant
stakeholders
in actions



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CRITERION 2 - “FINANCIAL COHERENCE AND QUALITY”

Reasonable
and well
presented
budget

Sufficiently
detailed costs
(e.g. external
assistance,
travel etc)

Project
management costs
proportional to
the project’s size

Follow the
LIFE guidelines
regarding
cost allocation

Value
for money
principle

CRITERION 3 – “EU ADDED VALUE: EXTENT AND QUALITY OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO AN INCREASED CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND/OR TO THE REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS”

Provide clear methodology of quantifying the project's impact

Show clearly the contribution to a shift towards a climate resilient economy

Partner with more regions other than the project area

CRITERION 4 “EU ADDED VALUE: EXTENT AND QUALITY OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PRIORITY AREAS OF THE LIFE SUB-PROGRAMME FOR CLIMATE ACTION”

Associate the project with the EU policy priorities

Clearly show how the project contributes to those priorities

Include integration of the project results to national/regional policies

CRITERION 5 – “EU ADDED VALUE: QUALITY OF MULTIPURPOSE, SYNERGIES, AND INTEGRATION”

Mention and elaborate synergies with other EU policies

Involve possible stakeholders in the project actions and in the long-term

Identify other networking opportunities (e.g. EU projects)

CRITERION 6 – “EU ADDED VALUE: REPLICABILITY AND TRANSFERABILITY”

Mention how the proposed methodology may be applied in regions with similar characteristics or in other sectors

Involve various stakeholders in the project design and actions

Present the strategy for the long term use of the project's results

Most important: include actions during project to ensure results' uptake and replication

CRITERION 7 – “EU ADDED VALUE: TRANSNATIONAL, GREEN PROCUREMENT, UPTAKE”

Explain in detail the green procurement principles that will be used

Include in the project design results from previous Framework Programmes

If possible, aim for transnational cooperation and justify it in the proposal

EU POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE CALL 2017

CLIMATE MITIGATION

- ❖ Energy intensive industries (EII)
- ❖ Fluorinated greenhouse gases
 - ❖ Availability of suitable alternatives
 - ❖ Barriers posed by standards
- ❖ Land-use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF)
 - ❖ New, innovative and cost-efficient landscape and land management techniques
 - ❖ Greenhouse gas accounting of land use
 - ❖ Sustainable Forest Management and sustainable use of solid biomass

EU POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE CALL 2017

CLIMATE ADAPTATION (I)

- ❖ Projects that address key cross-sectoral, trans-regional and/or cross border issues
- ❖ Projects with demonstration and transferability potential
- ❖ Green infrastructures and ecosystem based approaches to adaptation
- ❖ Projects that promote innovative adaptation solutions

CLIMATE ADAPTATION (II)

Adaptation in vulnerable areas:

- ❖ Cross-border management of floods
- ❖ Transboundary coastal management
- ❖ Mainstreaming adaptation into urban land use planning, building layouts and natural resources management
- ❖ Sustainable and resilient adaptation agricultural, forestry and tourism sectors
- ❖ Sustainable management of water ; combating desertification and forest fires in dry areas

CLIMATE ADAPTATION (III)

Urban adaptation: some examples

- ❖ Developing and implementing local initiatives on adaptation and mitigation
- ❖ Projects addressing both adaptation and mitigation
- ❖ Nature and biodiversity objectives in urban areas
- ❖ Innovative solutions in the water, energy and construction sectors
- ❖ Green infrastructures in cities
- ❖ Public-private partnerships (e.g. insurance solutions)

EU POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE CALL 2017

CLIMATE GOVERNANCE & INFO (I)

- ❖ National 2030 climate and energy strategies and/or mid-century strategies
- ❖ Assessment of the functioning of the EU ETS
- ❖ Raising awareness among end-users and the equipment distribution chain of fluorinated gases
- ❖ Consumers' empowerment to benefit from fuel consumption savings in cars and vans

EU POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE CALL 2017

CLIMATE GOVERNANCE & INFO (II)

- ❖ Climate policy monitoring, assessment and ex-post evaluation
- ❖ Best practices and awareness raising activities addressing adaptation needs
- ❖ Incentivize behavioral change at local or (cross-) regional level, mainstream emission reduction and resource efficiency actions



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