



**LIFE 2021 –2027
PROGRAMMING PERIOD
NATIONAL CONTACT POINT –
BULGARIA**

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Management structure of LIFE Programme

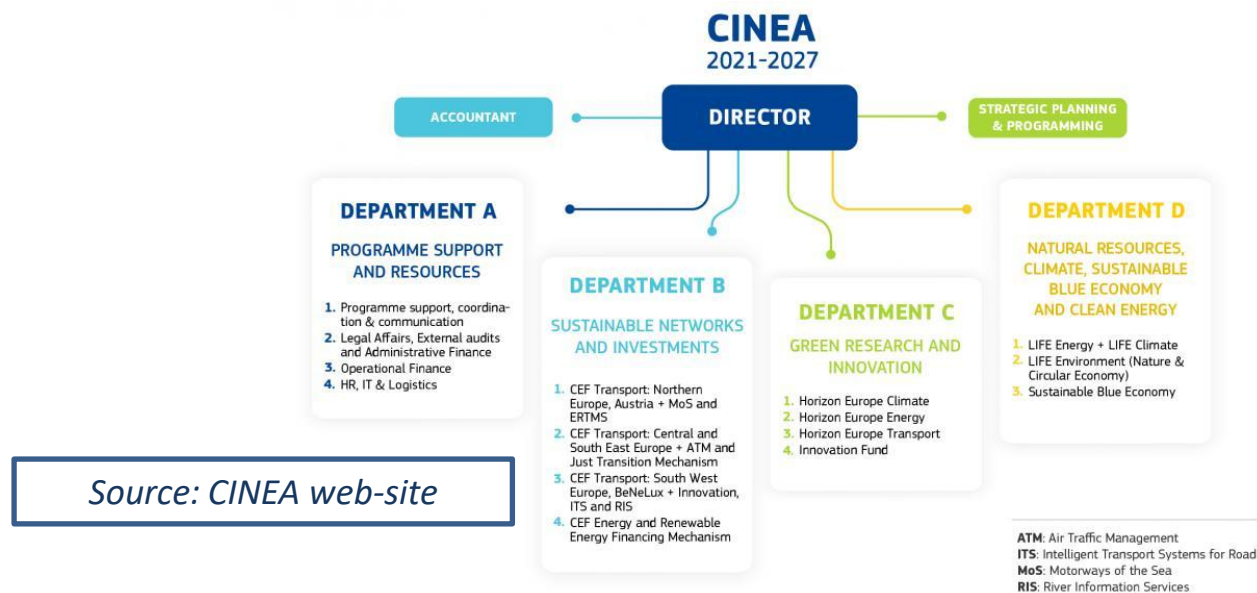
European
Commission

European commission – responsible for implementation of EU policies through LIFE Programme.

CINEA

European Climate, Environment and Infrastructure Executive Agency (CINEA) – CINEA has started activities since 1 April 2021.

The Executive Agency besides LIFE Programme is entrusted with the implementation of Union programmes such as: Public sector loan facility, under the Just Transition Mechanism; European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund; Horizon Europe: Pillar II, cluster 5: Climate, energy and mobility, etc. (https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/index_bg)





Functions of the National Contact Points

National Contact Point (NCP)

NCP in Bulgaria is positioned at the Ministry of Environment and Water, Co-ordination of EU Affairs and International Co-operation Directorate.

NCP provides support to the applicants and the beneficiaries that contributes to the successful implementation of the Programme

(<http://www.life-bulgaria.bg/>)

Regional Contact Points (RCP)

Six regional contact points in Bulgaria:

- Ruse
- Pleven
- Montana
- Plovdiv
- Burgas
- Blagoevgrad

They provide support to the NCP at regional level.

(<http://www.life-bulgaria.bg/bg/za-nas/ekip-na-rzk/>)



Functions of the National Contact Points

Strategic functions

- ❖ Participation in the **LIFE programming process** – providing of opinion on drafts of legislation under the Programme, incl. and the respective amendments
- ❖ Participation in the approval of **LIFE priority topics** and the **Multiannual Work Programme for the Implementation of the LIFE Programme** (2021 – 2024; 2025 – 2027)
- ❖ Participation in the decision making of **other key EC decisions** in regard to the Programme
- ❖ Participation in **working bodies, groups and events at Programme level**, including LIFE Committee meetings, NCP trainings, member states experience exchange, etc.
- ❖ Organization of the **coordination and demarcation** of project proposals and beneficiaries at national level



Functions of the National Contact Points

Programme implementation functions

- ❖ **Ensuring publicity** – publication and dissemination of information about the Programme – applicable legislation and other relevant documents; forthcoming and open calls; LIFE initiatives – e.g. LIFE awards and other events related to LIFE.
- ❖ **Knowledge and awareness raising** for elaboration of qualitative and competitive projects and for the implementation of LIFE – organization of Info days, seminars, conferences and other events; website maintenance - <http://www.life-bulgaria.bg> and presence in social media– Facebook page “Програма LIFE”.
- ❖ **Consultations** of potential beneficiaries – incl. issue of declaration of support from the competent authority
- ❖ **Participation in monitoring missions** – within implemented projects in Bulgaria



What should we pay attention to in the project proposal preparation process

- ❖ **Regular monitoring of LIFE information channels** aiming to the timely acknowledgement of the funding opportunities and ensuring enough time for development of qualitative projects
- ❖ **Sound knowledge of the current strategic and legislative basis in the respective area at EU, national and regional level** - ensures the proper compliance of the project idea and the project contribution to the achievement of the documents targets/results
- ❖ **!!! In order to submit a project proposal it is compulsory to have a registration at <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>**
- ❖ **Get familiar with the projects data base** – ideas for upscaling, application of best practices and innovative techniques, methods and approaches and gaining general idea of the Programme.
- ❖ Finding of **appropriate partners** that really have added value in the project implementation; opportunity to use the platform for partner search <http://www.life-bulgaria.bg/bg/partners/>
- ❖ Knowing **award criteria** - to understand the advantage that your project could take in front of the other projects submitted at EU level
- ❖ **Don't wait for the last moment to submit your project** – e.g a technical time is needed to proceed the declarations of support from the competent authority - <http://www.life-bulgaria.bg/bg/programa-life/pravila-za-podavane-na-dokumenti-za-izdavane-na-pismo-za-podkrepa/>



Programme LIFE in Bulgaria

www.life-bulgaria.bg



The screenshot shows the homepage of the LifeBulgaria website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LifeBulgaria logo, the European Union flag, and the Bulgarian flag. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a large image of a purple flower. Overlaid on the flower image is a text box that reads "НОВИНИ ОТ ПРОЕКТА САРТА BG" (News from the SART project BG) and a button "ВИЖ НОВИНИТЕ" (View the news). Below the flower image, there is a green banner with the text "За програмата LIFE" (For the LIFE program). To the left of the banner, there is a text block about the European Union providing financing for projects for environmental protection and nature conservation through the LIFE program. To the right of the banner, there is a section titled "ПОСЛЕДНИ НОВИНИ:" (Latest news:) with a list of news items, including "Информационен ден и обучение по Програма LIFE 2019" (Information day and training for the LIFE program 2019).

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ВИЖ НОВИНИТЕ

За програмата LIFE

Европейският съюз предоставя финансиране за проекти за опазване на околната среда и природата чрез своята програма LIFE

Програмата бе създадена през 1992 г., за да се финансират проекти в ЕС и в някои страни кандидати за членство и съседни държави.

ПОСЛЕДНИ НОВИНИ:

Информационен ден и обучение по Програма LIFE 2019

Националното звено за контакт по програма LIFE Ви кани на Информационен ден по покана 2019. и събитие за запознаване с потенциални партньори (matchmaking), последвани от едновременно обучение за подготовка на проекти. Информационни...



Before submitting a project you should take a look at:



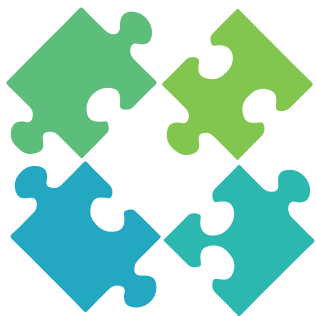
- ✓ **Regulation (EU) 2021/783 for LIFE Programme**
- ✓ **Multiannual Work Programme for the Implementation of the LIFE Programme for the Period 2021-2024 – areas of intervention**
- ✓ **Guidelines for beneficiaries under LIFE Call 2021**
- ✓ **The documents package to the Application template** и Frequently asked questions (FAQ)
- ✓ **Guidelines for project proposals evaluation** under LIFE call 2021
- ✓ **Template of Grant agreement**
- ✓ **Guideline for administrative management of LIFE projects and Annex X**



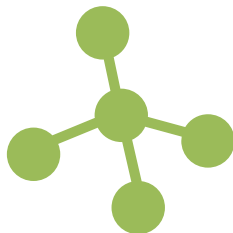
What's next?



Expected date of approval of the first Multiannual Work Programme for the Implementation of the LIFE Programme for the years 2021 - 2024
July 2021



MAWP includes the distribution of the budget between the sub-programmes, specific project topics



Indicative schedule for calls opening within the period of the MAWP



Indicative period of publication of calls
July 2021

Deadline for submission of projects –
Autumn 2021





Thank you for your attention!

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More information :

www.life-bulgaria.bg

https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life_bg