

Targeted Consultation on the Future of the LIFE Programme Deadline: Monday 27th April 2020

SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU

1.1. Which country are you, or the organisation you are representing, located in?

Belgium

1.2. In what capacity are you participating in this consultation?

Business association

1.3. Please indicate your primary areas of knowledge / interest (between 1 and 5 choices)

- Air & noise
- Chemicals
- Circular economy
- Climate change mitigation
- Climate change adaptation
- Energy
- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency
- Environmental management
- Industry & production
- Information & governance
- Land use & planning
- Nature / biodiversity
- Resource efficiency
- Risk management
- EU budget
- Services & commerce
- Waste
- Water
- Other: energy performance of buildings

1.4. For private sector respondents, please indicate the type of your organisation from the list below

- Large Private Commercial Organisation (i.e. any privately owned organisation with profit-making goals, which employs 250 or more people, an annual turnover exceeding 50 million EUR, and/or an annual balance sheet total exceeding 43 million EUR)
- Small and Medium Private Commercial Organisation (i.e. any privately owned organisation with profit-making goals, which employs less than 250 persons, an annual turnover not exceeding 50 million EUR, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding 43 million EUR)
- Private non-profit making Organisation (i.e. any privately constituted non-profit organisation, including nongovernmental organisations, NGOs)
- European Economic Interest Group
- Other, please specify:

1.5. Have you personally participated (whether as a coordinator or beneficiary) in a grant financed under the LIFE or the Horizon 2020 programmes?

- Yes, in the LIFE programme
- Yes, in the Horizon 2020 programme
- Yes, in both the LIFE and Horizon 2020 programmes

- No, but I have participated in a grant financed by another European Funding scheme
- No, I have never participated in a grant financed by any European Funding scheme
- I do not know / no opinion

SECTION 2: PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES

2.1. Do you feel that the current programme design (with the four sub-programmes) has a sufficiently broad scope to capture your current environmental / climate related problems? Please tick one response for each of the sub-programmes

	NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY	CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION	CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION
YES				X
NO				
DON'T KNOW / NO OPINION	X	X	X	

2.2. The tables below provide an overview of the measures that have previously been supported in each of the sub-programmes along with some new suggestions. Please indicate your views on the prioritisation of these measures within each of the LIFE sub-programmes:

	Essential	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority	Don't know / No opinion
Development and implementation of strategies, policies and regulatory framework	X					
Support to developing, demonstrating and mainstreaming innovative technologies, methodologies and processes			X			
Removing market barriers to the uptake of renewable energy and energy efficiency		X				
Improving professional skills	X					
Supporting innovation and digitalisation			X			
Development, demonstration and mainstreaming of new business models and services	X					
Development, demonstration and mainstreaming innovative financial instruments	X					
Capacity building and assistance to project promoters to mobilise investments	X					
Developing and mainstreaming green public procurement approaches		X				

Awareness raising to educate and empower citizens to participate in the energy transition			X			
Protecting vulnerable groups and territories			X			
Other (please specify below)		X				

Other (suggestions for additional measures) – 302 out of 500 characters:

- Enable aggregation of building renovation projects
- Support scaling up of practices which have proven successful in one area
- Facilitate area-based approaches to building renovation
- Improve skills also in the financial sector to assess and promote sustainable projects, e.g. energy efficient building renovation

SECTION 4: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

4.1. If you wish to add further information, comments or suggestions, please feel free to do so (951 out of maximum 1,000 characters)

Under the new MFF proposal, projects dealing with energy efficiency and building renovation, which were previously under Horizon 2020, will be moved under the LIFE Programme. Thus, rules which apply to project proposals will change, notably the co-financing rate, which will be set in the Work Programme on which this consultation is about. The co-financing rate will be lower under LIFE (60% by default) than under Horizon 2020 (above 80%). We are calling for an increase of the rate for Coordination & Support Actions under the ‘Clean Energy Transition’ sub-programme to above 80% and as close as possible to 100%, as most of applicants in our field are small actors which will be deterred from applying if the rate is below 80%. This is because those actors will not be able to fill the gap created by the lowering of the rate, nor will they engage in the risky and lengthy search for other co-funders. All in all, it will be detrimental, leading to less actions on the ground, while we know that in terms of policy, the Renovation Wave will be one of the flagships of the Commission, especially now when we’re preparing for an economic recovery.

SECTION 5: FOLLOW UP

5.1. If you wish to be contacted for follow up questions on this survey, please indicate your name:

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5.2. Please indicate the name of your organisation:

EuroACE – European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings

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About EuroACE

EuroACE represents Europe's leading companies involved with the manufacture, distribution and installation of energy saving goods and services for buildings. EuroACE members employ around 200,000 people in these activities in Europe and have around 900 production facilities and office locations. The mission of EuroACE is to work together with the EU institutions to help Europe move towards a more efficient use of energy in buildings, thereby contributing to Europe's commitments on climate change, energy security and economic growth.

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