

LIFE+ Call for proposals 2010

National annual priorities for the Netherlands

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2. METHOD EMPLOYED TO SELECT THE NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Priorities were selected by the national authorities out of the ongoing national policies on both nature and environment. In 2008 there was a research among a group of almost 100 people, who were asked their opinion about the priorities proposed by the national authorities. Together with the yearly set goals by the national authorities this resulted in the following priorities.

3. IDENTIFIED LONG-TERM NEEDS IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Nature and Biodiversity:
- aiding and implementing of Natura 2000
- stimulating biodiversity

Environment policy and Governance:
- following the 6th EAP

	Principal objectives and priorities as set out in Annex II of the LIFE+ Regulation	Area chosen as national annual priority: (Tick if appropriate)	Types of projects as set out in Article 3(2) of the LIFE+ Regulation	Specific national objective (Please include reference to more information)
LIFE+ NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY				
1. Nature and Biodiversity To protect, conserve, restore, monitor and facilitate the functioning of natural systems, natural habitats, wild flora and fauna, with the aim of halting the loss of biodiversity, including diversity of genetic resources, within the EU by 2010.				
Priority areas of action (PPA)	a) contributing to implement Community policy and legislation on nature and biodiversity, in particular of Directives 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC, and promote its integration with other policy areas;	x	As specified in regulations LIFE+	Aiding and implementing Natura2000 (www.minlnv.nl) → Gebiedsbescherming → Natura 2000)
	b) supporting the further development and implementation of the Natura 2000 network, including coastal and marine habitats and species;	x	As specified in regulations LIFE+	Aiding and implementing Natura 2000 (www.minlnv.nl) → Gebiedsbenadering → Natura 2000)
	c) supporting design and implementation of policy approaches and instruments for monitoring and assessing national and biodiversity and the factors, pressures and responses that impacts on it, in particular in relation to achieving the target of halting biodiversity loss within the Community by 2010;	x	As specified in regulations LIFE+	Stimulating biodiversity (www.minlnv.nl) → Biodiversiteit
	d) improving the knowledge of the impact of genetically modified organisms on ecosystems and biodiversity: risk assessment			

	methodologies.			
LIFE+ ENVIRONMENT POLICY AND GOVERNANCE				
2. Climate change Stabilising greenhouse gas concentration at a level that prevents global warming above 2°C.				
Priority areas of action	a) Ensuring the implementation of EU commitments under the UNFCCC Kyoto protocol and developing a post 2012 strategy and implementation programme with a view on further reducing EU greenhouse gas emissions up to 2020.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	b) ensuring the adaptation of the EU economy and society, nature and biodiversity, water resources and human health to the adverse impacts of climate change (to a potential temperature increase of 2°C resulting from increased greenhouse gas concentrations) and mitigating its impact;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	c) ensuring the implementation and use of market-based instruments, in particular greenhouse gases emissions trading, in order to achieve a cost-efficient emissions reduction in a post-2012 framework.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
3. Water Contributing to enhanced water quality by developing cost-effective measures to achieve good ecological status in view of developing the first river basin management plan under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) by 2009.				
Priority areas of action	a) preparing the WFD programmes of measures and integrating measures from parent directives such as e.g. Urban Waste-water Treatment Directive, the Bathing Water Directive, the Drinking Water Directive, the Plant Protection Products and Nitrates Directive, and the IPPC Directive;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	b) contributing to the effective implementation of the EU Marine Strategy;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
4. Air Achieving levels of air quality that do not give rise to significant negative impacts on and risks to human health and the environment				
PAA	a) implementing the Thematic Strategy on air pollution	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-

5. Soil Protecting and ensuring the sustainable use of soil by preserving soil functions, preventing threats to soil, mitigating their effects and restoring degraded soils.				
PPA	a) implementing the Thematic Strategy on the protection of soil; and	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	b) ensuring the protection and restoration of soil biodiversity.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
6. Urban environment Contributing to improving the environmental performance of Europe's urban areas.				
PPA	a) contributing to a better implementation of existing EU environmental policies and legislation at the local level by supporting and encouraging local authorities to adopt a more integrated approach to urban management, including the transport and energy sectors.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
7. Noise Contributing to policy development and implementation on ambient noise.				
PPA	a) to prevent and reduce the harmful effect from exposure to ambient noise.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
8. Chemicals To improve the environment and health from risks posed by chemicals by 2020 by implementing chemicals legislation, in particular the REACH regulation and the Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides.				
PPA	a) enhancing science-policy integration and the transfer of results to provide a solid technical background in support of REACH;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	b) implementation of the Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
9. Environment and health Developing the formation base for policy on the environment and health (the Environment and Health Action Plan for 2004 to 2010).				
PPA	a) human bio monitoring and data linkage on environment and health;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	b) protection of the ozone layer to reduce negative health and environmental impacts.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-

10. Waste and natural resources Developing and implementing policies designed to ensure sustainable management and use of natural resources and waste, improving the environmental performances of products, sustainable production and consumption patterns, waste prevention, recovery and recycling. Contributing to the effective implementation of the Thematic Strategy on waste.

Priority areas of action	a) promoting sustainable use of natural resources, with a life-cycle approach, including environmental, social and economic aspects, in order to decouple environmental impact from economic growth;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	b) promoting waste prevention, recovery and recycling with a focus on life-cycle thinking, eco-design and the development of recycling markets; and	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	c) contributing to the implementation of Community policy and legislation on waste, in particular the Landfill Directive, the Waste Framework Directive, the Waste Shipment Regulation and POPs Regulations and the Directives on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), Restrictions of the use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS), End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs), Hazardous Waste, Waste Oils, PCBs and mining waste.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-

11. Forests Providing, especially through an EU coordination network, a concise and comprehensive basis for policy relevant information on forest in relation to climate change (impact on forest ecosystems, mitigation, substitution effects), biodiversity (baseline information and protected forest areas), forest fires, forest condition and the protective functions of forests (water, soil and infrastructure) as well as contributing to protect forests against fires.

Priority areas of action	a) promoting the collection, analysis and dissemination of policy-relevant information concerning forests and interactions between forests and the environment;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	b) promoting the harmonisation and effectiveness of forest monitoring activities and data collection systems and making use of synergies by creating links between monitoring mechanisms established at regional, national, European and global level;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	c) stimulating synergies between specific forests related issues and environmental initiatives and legislation (e.g. EU soil strategy, Natura 2000, Water Framework Directive, etc.);	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-

	d) contributing to sustainable forest management in particular by collecting data related to the improved Pan-European Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management as adopted by the MCPFE Expert Level Meeting 7-8 October 2002, Vienna, Austria; and	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	e) building capacities at national and Community level to allow for coordination and guidance on forest monitoring.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
12. Innovation To contributing to developing and demonstrating innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments to assist implementation of the European Technologies Action Plan (ETAP).				
PPA	a) promoting the identification, demonstration and dissemination of innovative technologies and practices, through actions complementary to those of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme;	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
13. Strategic approaches - Promoting effective implementation and enforcement of EC environmental legislation and improving the knowledge base for environmental policy; - Improving the environmental performance of SMEs;				
Priority areas of action	a) strengthening the knowledge base for policy making and implementation by building a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) and supporting the implementation of the Global Monitoring for the Environment and Security initiative (GMES)	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
	b) implementing the Environmental Compliance Assistance Programme for SMEs.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	-
LIFE+ INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION				
16. Information and Communication Ensuring regular and effective information flow to provide the basis for policy decisions on the environment, and to provide accessible information to citizens on the state and trends of the environment				
PPA	a) disseminating information, eco-labelling, raising awareness and developing specific skills on environmental issues, including on forest fire prevention.	X	As specified in regulations LIFE+	Information and communication projects regarding the priorities as

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