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The latest news from the EU LIFE Programme

Feature

LIFE and Europe's endangered species



The recent publications of the European Red List on amphibians and reptiles underlines the important role of LIFE in contributing to the conservation status of these endangered species. Conservation of European species remains one of the fundamental driving forces behind EU biodiversity policy...

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Project results

Protecting endangered Hungarian meadow viper populations



An ongoing package of practical LIFE Nature support is helping Hungarian authorities protect and improve the conservation status of one of Europe's endangered snakes. The Hungarian meadow viper (*Vipera ursinii rakosiensis*) is classified as threatened and vulnerable by the IUCN Red List.

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LIFE TOPPS: reducing the impact of point source pollution from European Plant Protection Products.



An innovative LIFE Environment project has created a critical mass of expertise in point source pollution from European plant protection products and resulted in new Best Management Practices guidelines on the topic, which have been widely promoted across the EU's agricultural sector.

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ProAquifer: protecting mountain aquifer waters in the Middle East



A pioneering LIFE TCY project has successfully supported Palestinian and Israeli municipalities in their joint efforts to reduce pollution risks affecting essential ground water supplies. One of the largest freshwater sources in Israel and Palestine is found in the Mountain Aquifer...

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Coordinator's Corner

LIFE with the viper



Bálint Halpern shares his experiences of being the manager of the Hungarian meadow viper LIFE projects (LIFE04NAT/HU/000116, LIFE07 NAT/H/000322).

"When I was asked to write about my experiences as a LIFE project manager, I started to think about the last few years and what aspects of this might be interesting to

others. I concluded that the most important lesson for me, was the need to plan things...." [Read more >>](#)

Announcements

- 07 September: LIFE project launches new European Week for Waste Reduction
- 09 September: UPDATE: European Commission Conference: Water for life – LIFE for water
- 17 September: LIFE support for Britain's biggest bogland's restoration project
- 25 September: Vulture experts call for coordinated conservation actions

Forthcoming events

- 30 September-03 October: Coastal waters pollution and rainfall : active management and sustainable solutions
- 30 September-03 October: 11th Roseate Tern workshop
- 01-02 October: FINE! Dust-Free Congress
- 06-07 October: Restoring Priority Woodland Habitats In Ireland: end of project conference

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Highlight



- European Commission Conference: Water for life – LIFE for water

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