LIFE +

The new Financial Instrument for the Environment
FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK
2007-2013

- EU-Global Partner: 8.5%
- Sustainable Growth: 35.6%
- Sustainable Growth 1a: Competitiveness (incl. RTD, TENs): 9%
- Sustainable Growth 1b: Cohesion Policy: 35.6%
- Preservation and Management of Natural Resources: 10.2%
- PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FISHERIES, ENVIRONMENT: 10.2%
- CAP Market-related and Direct Payments: 32.6%
- Others*: 3.97%
DG Environment

Currently manages several different programmes:

- The current LIFE programme;
- A sustainable urban development programme;
- NGO promoting programme;
- Forest Focus;
- A policy development and implementation facility;
- A budgetary transfer to the EEA.

Most of them will be merged to fall under LIFE +.
LIFE +

- A policy support instrument
- An open instrument in support of the priorities of the 6th EAP
- Multi-annual programming
- Decentralised national programmes
Prevention of Forest Fires in LIFE +

- Development of knowledge base
- Forest fire information system
- Information and awareness raising campaigns
- Specialised training and extension services
Financial Support

- Rural development
- Regional programmes
- LIFE +
- Research
No Legal Framework

- No risk zones
- No reference to forest fire prevention plans
- No harmonised data collection framework
- No formal role of the SFC
Future Options

1. To take advantage of different EU support instruments
2. To propose a specific forest fire regulation
3. (1) + legal framework
2nd Option

Specific regulation defining:

- Risk zones
- Forest fire protection plans
- Concentrating financial support

Rather difficult to realise
3rd Option

EU legal framework defining:

- Risk zones
- Forest fire protection plans

Reference to the financial support instruments
Thank you for your attention