

Financing Biodiversity Introduction to EU-Funding possibilities

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Introduction: overview

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- short overview of financing possibilities
- funding nature under different programmes
- Integration of environment in EU' sectorial policies
- programming period 2007 - 2013
- Funding opportunities differ as to:
 - who: beneficiaries (local auth., NGO, private,)
 - where: Natura 2000 areas, other areas, ...
 - what: measures
 - how: application - approval - follow-up



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Introduction: operation of funds

Many Funds (LIFE+, Agriculture, Fisheries, Regional Development) follow programming approach

- ‘strategic programmes/plans’
- ‘operational’ national or regional programmes
- Member states identify the most important issues and prioritise the funds (sometimes very detailed).
- involved ministries: Finance, Agriculture, Environment
- Possibility to influence programmes?

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Introduction: key information

- Commission websites
- DG ENV / WWF / IEEP: Financing Natura 2000
- IUCN: Summary of most relevant funding opportunities for IUCN members

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- EU's only instrument that is specific for environment
- The EU-s 6th Environmental Action Programme
- 2006 - 2013: budget: 239 M €
- Commission prepares Multi-Annual Programme
- Member States prepare Annual Working Programmes
- LIFE + has two parts: delegated & centralised part

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Delegated part (80 % of budget)

- MS receive part according to population density & N2K
- Three components:
 - ✓ Nature and Biodiversity
40% or ca 76.6 M€/year (= **LIFE-Nature**)
 - ✓ Environment Policy and Governance
 - ✓ Information and Communication


Centralised part (20 % of the budget)


- will be governed by the European Commission
- possibly used for:
 - European Environment Agency
 - DG Env Natura 2000 communication, .)
 - ca 19.9 M€/yr

[See next slide EP decision of 24 October 2006](#)

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Agriculture: EAFRD

Member States and regional authorities prepare

- NSP (National Strategy Plans)
- RDP (Rural Development Programmes)

Possibilities for funding biodiversity / Natura 2000

- management agreements (agriculture / forestry)
- compensating cost lost incurred income site protection.
- on-farm investments
- management plan preparations
- public awareness raising



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Fisheries: EFF

European Fisheries Fund


- Regulation adopted in June 2006

Objectives: to support


- Common Fisheries Policy
- environment & natural resources related to the sector
- technical assistance to Member states to facilitate aid


Member States can define priorities
Opportunities for "Natura 2000? Appears in a few articles....



Total budget 3.8 b€ for 2007-2013





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	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funds/2007/index_en.htm</p>

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	http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/home_en.html	http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/

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	http://ec.europa.eu/comm/development	http://europa.eu.int/europeaid

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	<p>http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/financial_assistance/ipa.index_en.htm</p>

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External relations: ENPI

“European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument”

- **improve and deepen relation with neighbouring countries:**
 - Mediterranean countries,
 - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Ukraine,
 - Based upon mutually agreed ENP Action Plans
 - one of the priority areas is environmental protection and good management of natural resources
 - aims to support cross-border cooperation to promote sustainable economic, social and environmental development


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Conclusion

Most important programmes for biodiversity

- LIFE+
- Rural Development Programmes under the EAFRD
- Interreg ‘IV’ A and B under the ERDF

Be pro-active: get biodiversity - Natura 2000 into programmes

Contact your EU, national, regional authorities


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