



LIFE Programme in Cyprus

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for environment and climate action. It has been running since 1992 and has co-financed more than 6 000 projects across the EU and in neighbouring countries. LIFE has contributed almost €8 billion to these projects, amounting to around two-thirds of the projects' overall budget of €12 billion. The LIFE Programme contributes directly to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal.

The LIFE Programme includes the following sub-programmes:

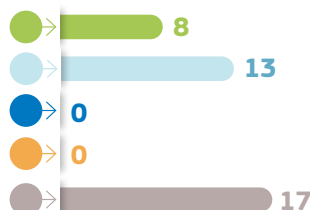
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 BUDGET 2021-2027
→ **€5.4 billion**

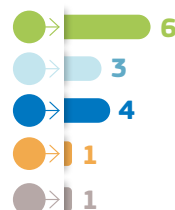


53 LIFE projects¹

38 LIFE Projects
as coordinator (1992-2013)



15 LIFE Projects
as coordinator (since 2014)



EU contribution² to LIFE projects since 1992 (€ million)



All LIFE projects



NATURE & BIODIVERSITY



CIRCULAR ECONOMY & QUALITY OF LIFE



CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION



CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION



OTHER³

¹ Total number of project figures refer to projects coordinated by an organisation in the country in question since 1992. LIFE projects financed since 2014 are publicly available on [QlikSense](https://qlik.sense.ea.europa.eu).

² Covers EU contribution to both project coordinators and project participants to multi-country projects.

³ OTHER includes NGO operating grants and Capacity Building (CAP) projects. The Technical Assistance (TA) and Preparatory (PRE) projects are included under the relevant sub-programmes.



FOCUS ON 2023-2024

LIFE NATURE & BIODIVERSITY

The Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme aims to protect and restore Europe's nature and to halt and reverse biodiversity loss. The subprogramme contributes to the implementation of the EU Birds and Habitats directives, the development and management of the Natura 2000 network, the Invasive Alien Species Regulation, and supports the achievement of the objectives of the EU Biodiversity strategy for 2030 and the newly adopted EU Nature Restoration Regulation.

> [More information](#) on this sub-programme

TOTAL INVESTMENT

2023-2024

€0.7 million



EU contribution

€0.4 million

PARTICIPANT in 2 ONGOING PROJECTS

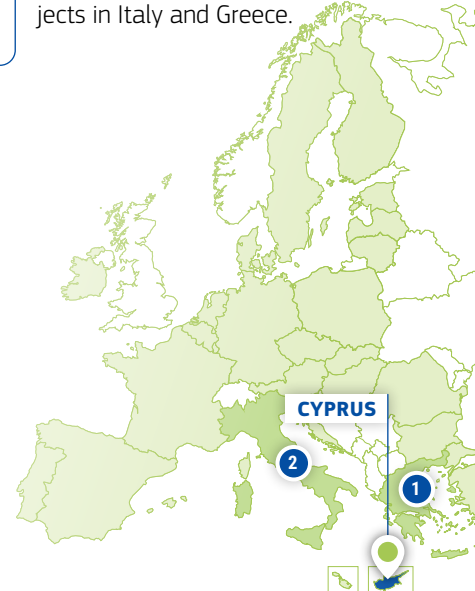
1 GREECE

[LIFE Bonelli eastMed](#)

2 ITALY

[LIFE-PROMETHEUS](#)

Partners in Cyprus are also participating in 2 ongoing LIFE Nature & Biodiversity projects in Italy and Greece.



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European networks for private land conservation (LIFE ENPLC)

> [Project summary](#)

LIFE ENPLC enables cooperation between private landowners, NGOs and relevant stakeholders in the field of land conservation. Cyprus is a fundamental participant in the endeavour, while the coordinating role is fulfilled by the Netherlands. Specifically, the project supports the development of private land conservation tools, their deployment and uptake on a large scale and the creation of innovative financing instruments. To further its aims, LIFE ENPLC established a joint platform, namely, the Conservation Landowners Coalition, with the objective of strengthening knowledge sharing and of facilitating the development of new standards and practices in the field of land management and conservation.



COORDINATOR of 3 ONGOING PROJECTS

Cyprus is currently hosting three ongoing LIFE nature projects. [LIFE Food Connect](#) focuses on reducing food waste and promoting food donation across southern EU countries, including Cyprus, by creating a collaborative platform for efficient food distribution. [LIFE IP PHY-SIS](#) aims to enhance the conservation status of species and habitats within Cyprus' Natura 2000 network by implementing concrete conservation measures and improving management structures. [LIFE-WithVulturesCY](#) seeks to prevent the extinction of the griffon vulture in Cyprus by addressing key threats like poisoning, boosting the population, and raising public awareness on the species' ecological importance.



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CIRCULAR ECONOMY & QUALITY OF LIFE

The Circular Economy and Quality of LIFE sub-programme aims to facilitate the transition toward a sustainable, circular, toxic-free, energy-efficient and climate-resilient economy and to protect, restore and improve the quality of the environment. The sub-programme mainly supports implementing innovative and best practice solutions, in particular with regard to the circular economy, including recovery of resources from waste, water, air, noise, soil and chemical management as well as environmental governance and the new European Bauhaus. Priority is given to solutions that are ready to be implemented in close-to-market conditions, at industrial or commercial scale.

> [More information on this sub-programme](#)

TOTAL INVESTMENT

2023-2024

€0.4 million



EU contribution

€0.25 million

PARTICIPANT
in **2 ONGOING PROJECTS**

1 GREECE

[HIPPOCRATES](#)

[LIFE SIRIUS](#)

Cyprus is participating in 2 ongoing projects in Greece.



COORDINATOR
of **2 ONGOING PROJECTS**

Cyprus has two ongoing LIFE projects in the circular economy and quality of life sub programme. **[LIFE-IP CYzero WASTE](#)** aims to implement the National Waste Management Plan by improving waste separation, introducing pay-as-you-throw systems, and enhancing rural recycling, moving Cyprus toward a circular economy. **[LIFE PHARMA-DETOX](#)** focuses on detoxifying pharmaceutical wastewater by developing an innovative system to prevent the release of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) into water systems, thereby reducing environmental and public health risks, and supporting water reuse and lower carbon footprints in the pharmaceutical industry.



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LIFE CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

The LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme supports actions that support the implementation of the 2030 energy and climate policy framework and meet the European Union's commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Projects under this strand contribute to the shift towards a sustainable, energy-efficient, renewable-energy-based, climate-neutral and climate-resilient economy.

> [More information](#) on this sub-programme

TOTAL INVESTMENT

2023-2024

€0.4 million



EU contribution

€0.25 million

PARTICIPANT in 3 ONGOING PROJECTS

1 GREECE

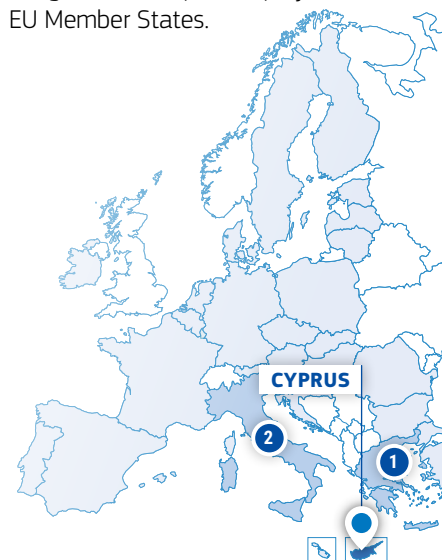
[DIMITRA](#)

[LIFE ClimaMed](#)

2 ITALY

[STONEWALLSFORLIFE](#)

Cyprus is participating in 3 Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation projects in 2 other EU Member States.



COORDINATOR of 1 ONGOING PROJECT

Cyprus has one ongoing climate project. [LIFE AgrOasis](#) targets combating desertification in dryland regions of Cyprus and Greece. The project aims to improve climate resilience and adaptation by promoting sustainable farming practices like no-tillage and mulching, afforestation of degraded lands, and boosting compost production. It focuses on reducing desertification risk in 500 hectares of agricultural land, increasing soil moisture and biodiversity, reducing emissions, and engaging farmers through educational activities and incentives, while supporting the circular economy and sustainable land management in the agro-sector.



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LIFE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

The LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-programme supports the delivery of EU policies in the field of sustainable energy, in particular, the European Green Deal, the Energy Union (2030 energy and climate targets) and the European Union's 2050 long-term decarbonisation strategy. It aims to facilitate the transition towards an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and -resilient economy by funding actions of high EU added-value, which are targeted at breaking market barriers that hamper the transition to sustainable energy.

> [More information on this sub-programme](#)

TOTAL INVESTMENT

2023-2024

€1.9 million



EU contribution

€1.8 million



COORDINATOR of 1 ONGOING PROJECT

There is currently one ongoing Clean Energy Transition project in Cyprus. **Smart²** aims to advance the assessment of building intelligence through the Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI) scheme. It will develop a cloud-based platform to assess buildings' smartness across all EU languages, considering Member States' specificities and aligning with existing EU initiatives. The project will define cost-effective smart building upgrades, establish an SRI audit process, integrate real-time data for smartness assessments, and address interoperability and cybersecurity. It also plans capacity-building activities, including issuing over 10,000 SRI certificates, and creating a smart building community through training and engagement initiatives.

PARTICIPANT in 17 ONGOING PROJECTS

Cyprus partners are also participating in 17 ongoing LIFE Clean Energy Transition projects in 8 other EU Member States.

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BELGIUM

[ENERCOM FACILITY](#)

[EcoSMEnergy](#)

[EnergyEfficiency4SME](#)

2

DENMARK

[CAEPBD6](#)

3

FRANCE

[OCTOPUS](#)

[LIFE EUCE](#)

[Smarter EPC](#)

[LIFE-LOOP](#)

[OdysseyMure fit-4-55](#)

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GREECE

[RenolnGR](#)

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ITALY

[ASSERT](#)

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LUXEMBOURG

[openBEP4EU](#)

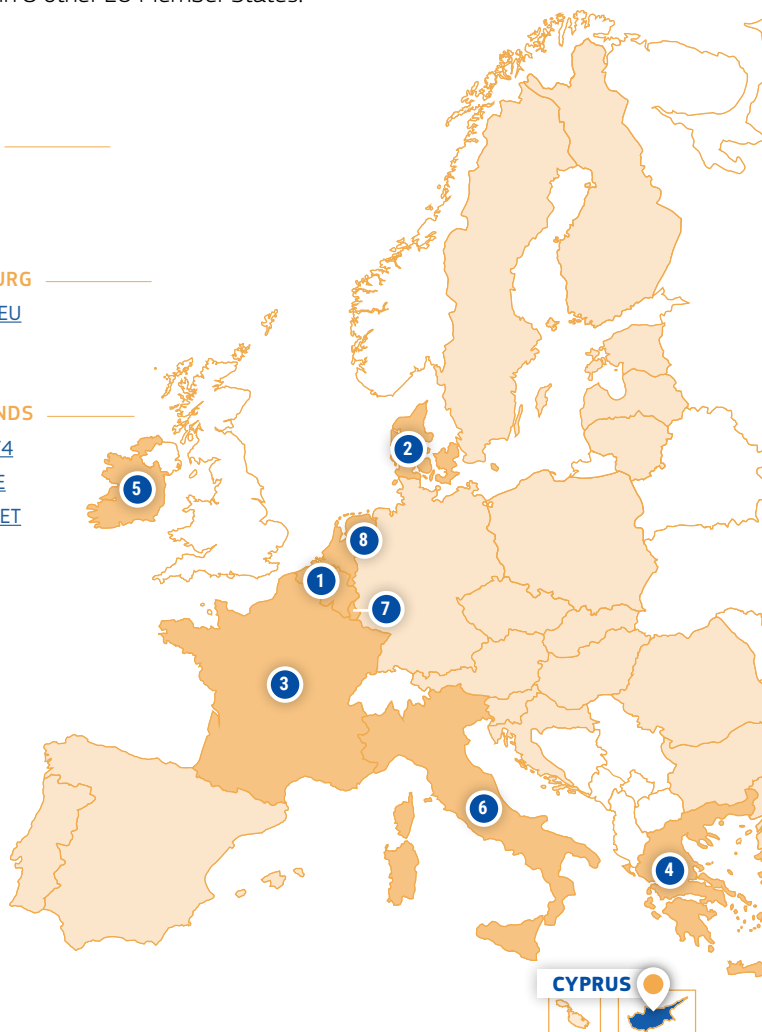
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[SRI2MARKET](#)





OTHER

This section includes NGO operating grants and Capacity Building (CAP) projects.

In addition to providing direct co-financing to projects, LIFE also provides operating grants that enable non-profit entities to raise awareness of environmental issues and contribute to policy-making by representing citizens' views.

These organisations facilitate dialogue with stakeholders and ensure public concerns on the environment and climate change are addressed, providing a democratic counter-balance to other interests.

> [More information on this sub-programme](#)

TOTAL INVESTMENT
2023-2024
€0.13 million



EU contribution
€0.12 million



COORDINATOR of 1 ONGOING PROJECT

Net4LIFE is designed to foster collaboration among National Contact Points (NCPs) for the LIFE programme across Europe. It aims to improve NCPs' effectiveness and service consistency by encouraging knowledge-sharing, skills enhancement, and capacity-building through joint trainings, best-practice sharing, and tool development. These efforts will help streamline support for LIFE applicants, ultimately increasing successful participation in LIFE-funded projects.

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WEBSITE → [European National Contact Points - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

ONGOING NATURE & BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS COORDINATED BY CYPRIOT BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT ACRONYM	PROJECT DURATION
Connecting Food Systems in Southern Europe - Food Connect	LIFE23-TAR-CY-Food Connect	Food Connect	09/09/2024 - 08/03/2027
Managing the NATURA 2000 network in Cyprus and Shaping a sustainable future	LIFE18 IPE/CY/000006-LIFE IP Physis	LIFE IP Physis	10/07/2019 - 31/10/2029
Saving Griffon Vultures in Cyprus through concrete conservation actions	LIFE18 NAT/CY/001018-LIFEWithVulturesCY	LIFEWithVulturesCY	15/07/2019 - 14/07/2025



ONGOING CIRCULAR ECONOMY & QUALITY OF LIFE PROJECTS COORDINATED BY CYPRIOT BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT ACRONYM	PROJECT DURATION
Intelligent monitoring and efficient waste reduction in Cyprus Island	LIFE20 IPE/CY/000011-LIFE-IP CYzero WASTE	IP CYzero WASTE	01/10/2021 - 30/09/2029
Demonstration of an innovative method for the detoxification of pharmaceutical wastewater from pharmaceutical facilities	LIFE20 ENV/CY/000615-LIFE PHARMA-DETOX	LIFE PHARMA-DETOX	01/09/2021 - 28/02/2027

ONGOING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION PROJECTS COORDINATED BY CYPRIOT BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT ACRONYM	PROJECT DURATION
Regenerative approaches for building climate change resilience into EU agricultural regions prone to desertification	LIFE21-CCA-CY-LIFE AgrOasis	LIFE AgrOasis	01/10/2022 - 31/12/2026

ONGOING CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION PROJECTS COORDINATED BY CYPRIOT BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT ACRONYM	PROJECT DURATION
Smart Tools for Smart Buildings: Enhancing the intelligence of buildings in Europe	LIFE21-CET-SMARTREADY-SMART SQUARE	SMARTREADY-SMART SQUARE	01/10/2022 - 30/09/2025

OTHER ONGOING PROJECTS COORDINATED BY CYPRIOT BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT ACRONYM	PROJECT DURATION
Network for LIFE National Contact Points	LIFE21-PRE-CY-Net4LIFE	Net4LIFE	01/02/2023 - 31/07/2025