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LIFE-Nature

How to apply for funding?

The LIFE-Nature Application File for 2006

Please read carefully this information before proceeding to download the various documents that are part of the Application File.

The LIFE-Nature Application File for 2006 consists of four documents:

- 1. Explanatory notes: How to prepare your application
- 2. Technical application forms (forms A, B and C)
- 3. Financial application forms F (forms F)
- 4. LIFE Common Provisions which are attached to the Model Grant Agreement

Applicants should download all of them.

The documents are available in the following formats: Acrobat PDF or MS Office Excel 2003.

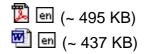
LIFE-Nature Application File for 2006

1) Explanatory notes: How to prepare your application

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There are 2 sets of LIFE-Nature application forms : Technical forms (forms A, B and C) and Financial forms (forms F).

2) LIFE-nature 2006, Technical Application Forms (forms A, B and C)

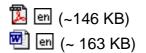


3) LIFE-nature 2006, Financial Application Forms (forms F)

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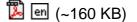
Model Grant Agreement (including Common Provisions)

These are the standard administrative rules applicable to LIFE projects to be funded in 2006.



Guidelines for the evaluation of LIFE- Nature proposals 2006

The detailed evaluation guidelines for LIFE-Nature 2005-2006 proposals are now available online. This documents explains the eligibility, selection and award criteria that will be applied during the 2006 selection round for LIFE-Nature applications.



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Deadline for applications:

- Proposals shall be submitted to the <u>national competent authorities</u> at the latest by 30 September 2005. Member States and candidate countries associated to LIFE may change the national submission deadline.
- Projects will then be submitted by the national authorities to the Commission at the latest by 31st October 2005.

Please take your time to look also at these reference documents before you start preparing a project:

- Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and annexes
- Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) and annexes
- "LIFE-NATURE: A step by step guide to preparing a project proposal"
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This document has been prepared using LIFE-Nature examples. It may however be helpful for any kind of LIFE project as it explains the logic to follow in the preparation of a project proposal.

See other <u>reference documents</u> which you may find to be of interest in preparing your application.

To check if your project idea has not been realised before, look in the <u>LIFE projects database</u>. There you can find details of all LIFE projects which have been financed since the LIFE financial instrument was launched in 1992.

Tips for beneficiaries/applicants

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The Commission reminds all applicants that the project proposal has to be submitted to the national competent authority in three identical paper copies. Even though this is not obligatory, **applicants are also strongly advised** to submit a CD-Rom with a Word or PDF version of their proposal.

Future beneficiaries are encouraged to submit their reports and correspondence to the Commission in English. Experience shows that the availability of an English version of these documents generally leads to a more efficient management of the projects by the Commission and to a better dissemination of results. The expenditure generated by translations into English may be included under the budget heading 'other costs'. For further information, please see: article 21.11 of the Common Provisions.

Applicants are advised to take this suggestion into consideration when preparing their project proposals. Please note however that the translation costs incurred when submitting the proposal will not be covered by the EC.

For other useful tips on information rules governing LIFE, LIFE project management or reporting to the EC, visit the <u>FAQs</u> on this website.

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