

Basic information	
<p><b>2017/2978(DEA)</b> DEA - Delegated acts procedure</p> <p>Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE): increase of the percentage of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity</p> <p>Supplementing <a href="#">2011/0428(COD)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity</p>	Procedure completed - delegated act enters into force

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
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Key events			
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16/11/2017	Initial period for examining delegated act 2.0 month(s)		
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18/12/2017	Delegated act not objected by Council		
24/01/2018	Delegated act not objected by Parliament		

Technical information	
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<b>Procedure type</b>	DEA - Delegated acts procedure
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Examination of delegated act
	Supplementing <a href="#">2011/0428(COD)</a>
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed - delegated act enters into force
<b>Committee dossier</b>	ENVI/8/11569

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## Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE): increase of the percentage of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity

2017/2978(DEA) - 17/12/2012

The Council was briefed by the Presidency on **progress** regarding the proposal for a Regulation on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) for the period 2014-2020.

This proposal is dependant on the outcome of the discussions on MFF, since the final budget to be allocated to the LIFE Programme depends on it. Nevertheless, both the European Parliament and the Council agreed to enter into negotiations and **three informal trilogue meetings have already taken place**.

**Significant progress** has been made on several key issues but **further work is required in particular on:**

- indicative national allocations,
- co-financing rates,
- and overseas countries and territories.

The European Parliament's Environment Committee voted 81 amendments on the proposal on 19 September 2012. The EP must now adopt its first reading position.

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2017/2978(DEA) - 19/12/2011

The Council took note of the presentation by the Commission of its recent proposal for a regulation on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE).

In the [Multiannual Financial Framework for 2014-2020](#), the Commission proposes to address environmental and climate issues as an integral part of all the EU main instruments and interventions and it intends to increase the proportion of the Union budget related to climate action to at least 20%, with contribution from different policy fields.

The Commission notes, however, that the main Union financing instruments do not address all environmentally and climate specific needs. For this reason, it proposes to modify the LIFE Programme currently regulated by the LIFE+ Regulation, in order to better align it with

Europe 2020 objectives and therefore to respond more efficiently to the environmental challenges facing the Union. Globally, **the LIFE Programme allocation will increase from EUR 2.1 billion to EUR 3.2 billion**.

The main elements of the new LIFE Regulation include:

- creation of two sub-programmes under LIFE: one for Environment (with a budget of EUR 2.4 billion) and one for Climate Action (allocated EUR 800 million);
- special emphasis on better governance;
- creation of "Integrated Projects", which will operate on a large scale and will aim to improve the implementation of environmental and climate policy and their integration into other policies;
- better definition of the activities funded for each priority area.

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2017/2978(DEA) - 09/03/2012

The Council had an **orientation debate** on the proposal for a regulation on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) for the period 2014-2020. The proposal was presented by the Commission at the last Environment Council meeting in December, in the context of its [Multiannual Financial Framework \(MFF\) for 2014-2020](#).

Ministers discussed two key issues.

**(1) Geographical balance - i.e. the criteria for the distribution of LIFE funds among Member States.**

Most Member States believed that the concept of "geographical balance" was relevant for the distribution of Integrated Projects, although many would prefer the concept to be clarified further and specific criteria for the implementation of "geographical balance" to be included in the regulation. Several Member States considered that the merit and quality should remain the first criteria for the distribution of projects, in particular "traditional projects".

Some Member States considered that the geographical balance should apply to all types of projects, while others preferred to keep national allocations, as in the existing LIFE+ Regulation.

**(2) Co-financing rates, including simplification of procedures.**

Many Member States would like to maintain VAT and permanent staff cost as eligible costs, even if that would entail a decrease in co-financing rates, although some ministers expressed concern that this would lead to a decrease in proposals for projects. Most Member States were in favour of a simplification of procedures.

The European Parliament will vote its report by the end of 2012.

## **Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE): increase of the percentage of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity**

2017/2978(DEA) - 11/06/2012

The Council was informed by the Presidency about the **state of play** of the proposal for a regulation on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) for the period 2014-2020. The aim of the proposal is to increase the efficiency of the current LIFE + in order to adapt it to the new challenges ahead and to the achievement of Europe 2020 objectives and targets.

The Council had an orientation debate on the proposal on 9 March 2012 (refer to the summary from the same date) and the Presidency prepared a first draft compromise on this basis. **Negotiations are still ongoing** in the preparatory bodies.

According to the Presidency note the main outstanding issue under discussion is the **geographical balance and national allocations**.