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The Commission proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)¹ includes an ambitious 35% climate and environment spending target, aiming at mobilising over EUR 700 billion, including for biodiversity and nature restoration. The EU budget will offer significant opportunities to support EU Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)² activities in the 2028-2034 period, compatible with a streamlined structure of the next MFF.

LIFE is broadly recognised for its crucial role in advancing environmental, climate and energy objectives. To ensure continuity, the Commission has proposed that under the next MFF, LIFE activities can be funded both as part of the National and Regional Partnership Fund and through the European Competitiveness Fund.

The Commission is aware of the questions from Member States when preparing the financing components of their national restoration plans. The uniform format³ offers Member States a clear and user-friendly structure that streamlines planning and reduces administrative burden. Thanks to its harmonised structure, it ensures comparability and coherence across national restoration plans, while also helping to build a coherent pipeline of restoration measures.

Work with the Expert Group on the Nature Restoration Regulation⁴ will help to ensure that the modalities of the Commission's assessment support realistic and coherent financial planning in the preparation of the national restoration plans.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/783 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE), and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, OJ L 172, 17.05.2021, p.53.

³ Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/912.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869, OJ L, 2024/1991, 29.7.2024.