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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
Jutta Haug
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Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 61
Julie Girling

Draft legislative resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) Points out that the financial envelope specified in the legislative proposal is only an indication to the legislative authority and cannot be fixed until agreement is reached on the proposal for a regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020; notes, however, that budgetary constraint should be a priority and that the financial envelope should therefore be commensurate with the budget provided for in the LIFE+ Regulation¹

¹ Regulation (EC) No 614/2007, OJ L 149, 9.6.2007, p. 1

Or. en

Amendment 62
Romana Jordan

Draft legislative resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Points out that the financial envelope specified in the legislative proposal constitutes only an indication to the legislative authority and that it can not be fixed until agreement is reached on the regulation on the Multiannual Financial Framework;

Or. sl

Amendment 63

Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier, Dan Jørgensen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) This Regulation lays down, for the entire duration of the LIFE Programme, a financial envelope of **€3,618 million** constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point 17 of the Commission Proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement of 29 June 2011 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure.

Amendment

(6) This Regulation lays down for the entire duration of the LIFE Programme, a financial envelope of **1 % of the overall budget** constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point 17 of the Commission Proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement of 29 June 2011 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure.

Or. en

Justification

An increase of the share of LIFE budget of the overall EU budget is appropriate, with 1% representing still a moderate amount in respect of the challenges. The proposed increase is intended in particular to contribute to EU cofinancing of management of Natura 2000 sites.

Amendment 64

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(6) This Regulation lays down, for the entire duration of the LIFE Programme, a financial envelope of **1% of the next Multiannual Financial Framework** constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point 17 of the Commission

Agreement of 29 June 2011 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure.

Proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement of 29 June 2011 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure.

Or. en

Amendment 65
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

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Amendment

(6) ***The LIFE Programme's financial envelope should correspond to at least 1% of the Union's general budget.*** This Regulation ***thus*** lays down, for the entire duration of the LIFE Programme, a financial envelope ***equivalent to 1% of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020, i.e. €[...],*** constituting the prime reference, within the meaning of point 17 of the Commission Proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement of 29 June 2011 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure.

Or. pt

Amendment 66
Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) In view of the Message from Reunion Island of July 2008, and in accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 December 2011, which encouraged the Commission and the Member States to promote a joint approach to nature conservation throughout the Union, including in the outermost regions and overseas countries and territories of the Member States, as well as with the Commission communication entitled ‘Our life insurance, our natural capital: an EU biodiversity strategy to 2020’, in which the Commission undertook to expand and encourage the BEST (Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories of European Overseas) initiative, the overseas countries and territories should be able to take part in Union programmes under the terms laid down in the overseas association decision.

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Julie Girling, Charles Tannock

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) By virtue of Article 58 of Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community¹, overseas countries and territories should be eligible to participate in the LIFE Programme.

¹ OJ L 314, 30.11.2001, p. 1.

Amendment 68
Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions "Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe" (hereinafter the "Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe") has set forth the milestones and actions that ***are needed to*** put the Union on a path to a resource-efficient and sustainable growth. Therefore, the priority area Environment and Resource Efficiency should support effective implementation of Union environmental policy by the public and private sectors, in particular in the environmental sectors covered by the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe, by facilitating the development and sharing of new solutions and best practices. However, it should exclude those eco-innovation activities that overlap with Horizon 2020.

Amendment

(12) The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions "Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe" (hereinafter the "Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe") has set forth the milestones and actions that ***could help*** put the Union on a path to a resource-efficient and sustainable growth. Therefore, the priority area Environment and Resource Efficiency should support effective implementation of Union environmental policy by the public and private sectors, in particular in the environmental sectors covered by the Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe, by facilitating the development and sharing of new solutions and best practices. However, it should exclude those eco-innovation activities that overlap with Horizon 2020.

Or. de

Amendment 69
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) The priority area Climate Change

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Mitigation should contribute to the development and implementation of Union climate-related policy and legislation, in particular with **regard to** greenhouse gas monitoring and reporting, policies related to land use, land use change and forestry, emissions trading system, Member States' effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, carbon capture and storage, renewable energy, energy efficiency, transport and fuels, ozone layer protection and fluorinated gases.

Mitigation should contribute to the development and implementation of Union climate-related policy and legislation, in particular **by supporting, where possible, synergies with other environmental objectives, such as biodiversity, in the areas of** greenhouse gas monitoring and reporting, policies related to land use, land use change and forestry, emissions trading system, Member States' effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, carbon capture and storage, renewable energy, energy efficiency, transport and fuels, ozone layer protection and fluorinated gases.

Or. en

Amendment 70
Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) The first consequences of climate change can already be seen in Europe and worldwide, such as extreme weather conditions leading to floods and droughts, and rising temperatures and sea levels. The priority area Climate Change Adaptation should therefore contribute to adapt to such impacts across populations, economic sectors and regions to ensure a more resilient **Union** through specific adaptation measures and strategies. Actions in this field should be complementary to actions eligible for funding under the civil protection financial instrument.

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Or. en

Amendment 71
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 72
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) Full implementation of environmental and climate legislation and policy is inextricably linked to achieving better governance, improving stakeholder involvement and disseminating information. Therefore, the priority areas Governance and Information should in both sub-programmes support the development of platforms and sharing of

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best practices for better compliance and enforcement, and to generate support from the public and stakeholders for Union's policy making efforts in the areas of environment and climate. In particular, they should support improvements in the dissemination of knowledge-base, raising awareness, public participation, access to information and access to justice on environmental matters.

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Or. en

Amendment 73 **Julie Girling**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 21**

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to improve the implementation of environmental and climate policy and enhance the integration of environmental and climate objectives in other policies, the LIFE Programme should promote projects that support integrated approaches to the implementation of environmental and climate legislation and policy. For the sub-programme for Environment, those projects should focus primarily on the implementation of the Union Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, with particular regard to the effective management and consolidation of the Natura2000 network set up by Council Directive 92/43/EEC through the implementation of Prioritised Action Frameworks foreseen in Article 8 of the same Directive, of Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for the Community action in the field of water policy, and of the Waste and Air legislation. Those projects, while focusing on the themes identified, will be

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multi-purpose delivery mechanism (e.g. aiming at environmental benefits and capacity building) allowing to reach results in other policy areas, in particular Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive). Those types of projects could be envisaged in other environmental areas. For the sub-programme for Climate Action, those projects should in particular concern climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and action plans. Those types of projects should support only a series of specific activities and measures, while other activities that complement those included in the project should be sourced from other Union funding programmes, as well as from national, regional and private sector funds. Funding through the LIFE Programme should exploit synergies and ensure consistency between different Union funding sources by providing a strategic environmental and climate focus.

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Integrated Projects should facilitate the 'mainstreaming approach' to environmental funding by improving the absorption capacity of other funds for environment-related and climate-related expenditure. Given the novelty and the lack of broad experience with the 'Integrated Project' approach, stakeholders should, when needed, be supported through an increased co-funding rate of up to 75% and technical assistance for the preparation phase. In addition, a two-step selection procedure should help to simplify the application phase. Exchanges concerning successful integrated approaches should be encouraged, involving all relevant sectors of administration and stakeholders. Based on experience of the first programming years, the factors determining the smooth functioning and success of Integrated

Projects should be analysed. Based on that analysis and depending on funding available, additional areas might be added to the scope of Integrated Projects.

Or. en

Amendment 74
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) Integrated Projects should serve as a model aimed at supporting Member States in using funds efficiently and in establishing constructive and continuous cooperation between different sectors of administration to address major implementation challenges. Given that those challenges exist throughout the Union, experience with the new project type should be as broad as possible. The Commission should encourage each Member State to submit at least three Integrated Projects in different areas over the programming period.

Or. en

Amendment 75
Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) The nature of LIFE projects, including those supporting integrated approaches, as a new type of projects focusing on implementation of Union

environmental and climate legislation and policy, require action all over the Union and for all sectors targeted. This calls for the introduction of a distributional element in the selection process to facilitate geographical balance.

Or. en

Amendment 76
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to carry out its role in the initiation of environmental and climate policy development and implementation, the Commission should use resources from the LIFE Programme to support the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental and climate policy and legislation, including the purchase of services and goods. ***Financial resources allocated to communication activities under this Regulation shall also cover corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union.***

Amendment

(23) In order to carry out its role in the initiation of environmental and climate policy development and implementation, the Commission should use resources from the LIFE Programme to support the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental and climate policy and legislation, including the purchase of services and goods.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Linda McAvan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

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policy development and implementation, the Commission should use resources from the LIFE Programme to support the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental and climate policy and legislation, including the purchase of services and goods. ***Concrete measures should be taken to encourage SME participation in these calls for tender.*** Financial resources allocated to communication activities under this Regulation shall also cover corporate communication on the political priorities of the Union.

Or. en

Justification

The Commission should adapt their public procurement procedures to make them more SME-friendly, for example regarding pre-financing.

Amendment 78 **Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 23**

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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implementation of action 3c) under Target 1 of the EU's Biodiversity Strategy according to which the Commission and Member States will facilitate enforcement of the nature directives by providing specific training programmes on Natura 2000 for judges and public prosecutors, and by developing better compliance promotion capacities.

Or. en

Justification

Responds to recommendations made in the European Parliament's report on the EU Biodiversity Strategy.

Amendment 79
Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) The experience of past instruments has highlighted the need to program on a multi-annual basis and to focus efforts on concrete environmental and climate policy priorities and areas for action. Such multiannual work programmes should be flexible to achieve the LIFE Programme targets and objectives, while providing the necessary stability of priority areas for potential applicants to plan, prepare and submit proposals. In this view, those multiannual work programmes should be valid for at least **two** years with non-exhaustive priorities.

Amendment

(25) The experience of past instruments has highlighted the need to program on a multi-annual basis and to focus efforts on concrete environmental and climate policy priorities and areas for action. Such multiannual work programmes should be flexible to achieve the LIFE Programme targets and objectives, while providing the necessary stability of priority areas for potential applicants to plan, prepare and submit proposals. In this view, those multiannual work programmes should be valid for at least **three** years with non-exhaustive priorities.

Or. en

Amendment 80
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) With a view to simplifying the LIFE Programme and reducing administrative burden for applicants and beneficiaries, more use should be made of flat rates and lump-sums, and **funding should focus on more specific categories of costs. By way of compensation for ineligible costs and in** order to maintain the effective level of support provided by the LIFE Programme, the co-funding rates should be 70% as a general rule **and** 80% in specific cases.

Amendment

(26) With a view to simplifying the LIFE Programme and reducing administrative burden for applicants and beneficiaries, more use should be made of flat rates and lump-sums. **VAT and permanent staff costs should be eligible. In** order to maintain the effective level of support provided by the LIFE Programme, the co-funding rates should be 70% as a general rule, 80% in specific cases, **and 75% for Nature and Biodiversity on priority habitats and species as defined in Directive 92/43/EEC or the species of birds considered in Directive 2009/147/EEC, as well as for species and habitats defined in Directive 92/43/EEC showing unfavourable conservation status in accordance with the latest assessment.**

Or. en

Amendment 81
Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(26) With a view to simplifying the LIFE Programme and reducing administrative burden for applicants and beneficiaries, more use should be made of flat rates and lump-sums **without compromising the eligibility of VAT and permanent staff costs as established by the Financial Regulation. In** order to maintain the effective level of support provided by the

the co-funding rates should be **70%** as a general rule and 80% in specific cases.

LIFE Programme, the co-funding rates should be **65%** as a general rule and **75%** - 80% in specific cases.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

(26) With a view to simplifying the LIFE Programme and reducing administrative burden for applicants and beneficiaries, more use should be made of flat rates and lump-sums, and ***funding should focus on more specific categories of costs***. By way of compensation for ineligible costs and in order to maintain the effective level of support provided by the LIFE Programme, the co-funding rates should be 70% as a general rule and 80% in specific cases.

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Or. en

Amendment 83
Jolanta Emilia Hibner

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 84
Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 26

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(26) With a view to simplifying the LIFE Programme and reducing administrative burden for applicants and beneficiaries, more use should be made of flat rates and lump-sums, and funding should focus on more specific categories of costs. By way of compensation for ineligible costs and in order to maintain the effective level of support provided by the LIFE Programme, the co-funding rates should be 70% as a general rule and **90%** in specific cases.

Or. en

Amendment 85
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

(30) In order to secure the best possible use of Union funds **and to ensure European added value**, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

Amendment

(30) In order to secure the best possible **evaluation of the** use of Union funds, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should

should be delegated to the Commission in respect of *eligibility criteria for project selection, criteria for the application of geographical balance to ‘Integrated Projects’, and* performance indicators applicable to specific thematic priorities. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level. The Commission, when preparing and drawing up delegated acts, should ensure a simultaneous, timely and appropriate transmission of relevant documents to the European Parliament and to the Council.

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Or. en

Amendment 86
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) “Best practice projects” mean projects that apply appropriate, *cost-effective, state-of-the-art* techniques, methods and approaches taking into account the specific context of the project;

Amendment

(c) “Best practice projects” mean projects that apply appropriate techniques, methods and approaches taking into account the specific context of the project;

Or. pt

Amendment 87
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) ‘integrated projects’ mean projects implementing in a sustainable manner, on a

Amendment

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large territorial scale, in particular, regional, multi-regional or ***national*** scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans required by specific environmental or climate Union legislation, pursuant to other Union acts or developed by Member States' authorities;

taking into account environmental and climate Union legislation and policy, primarily in the areas of nature, water, waste, air and climate change mitigation and adaptation, on a large territorial scale, in particular, regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans required by specific environmental or climate Union legislation, pursuant to other Union acts or developed by Member States' authorities. Integrated projects aim at promoting coordination with and mobilisation of other relevant Union funding sources;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) ‘integrated projects’ mean projects implementing in a sustainable manner, on a large territorial scale, in particular, regional, multi-regional or national scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans required by specific environmental or climate Union legislation, pursuant to other Union acts or developed by Member States' authorities;

Amendment

(d) “integrated projects” mean projects implementing in a sustainable manner, on a large territorial scale, in particular, regional, multi-regional or national scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans ***primarily in one or more of the areas of nature, water, waste, air and climate change mitigation and adaptation, as*** required by specific environmental or climate Union legislation, pursuant to other Union acts or developed by Member States' authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 89
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) to support the management of areas that form part of the Natura 2000 network and the conservation of the natural values included in that network, in particular the species and habitats considered priorities in accordance with Union legislation;

Or. pt

Amendment 90

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In doing so, the LIFE Programme shall contribute to sustainable development and the achievement of the Europe 2020 Strategy's ***objectives*** and ***targets***.

In doing so, the LIFE Programme shall contribute to sustainable development and the achievement of the ***objectives and targets of the*** Europe 2020 Strategy and ***the Energy Roadmap until 2050***.

Or. en

Amendment 91

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) attributable environmental and climate improvements, as regards the objective referred to in point (a) of paragraph 1. In relation to the objective to contribute to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, attributable environmental improvements

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shall be measured through the percentage of the Natura2000 network restored or brought to adequate management, surface of ecosystem services restored, and number and type of habitats and species targeted improving conservation status;

shall be measured through the percentage of the Natura2000 network restored or brought to adequate management, surface of ecosystem services restored **or re-established**, and number and type of habitats and species targeted improving conservation status;

Or. sl

Amendment 92
Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) a biannual assessment of the economic benefit achieved through the LIFE Programme financing by accounting for maintaining or improving ecosystem services and other economic side-benefits of the programme

Or. en

Amendment 93

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 **concerning** the performance indicators in view of their application to the thematic priorities as defined in the multiannual work programmes referred to in Article 24.

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 **further defining** the performance indicators in view of their application to the thematic priorities as defined in the multiannual work programmes referred to in Article 24.

Or. en

Amendment 94

Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier, Dan Jørgensen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for implementing the LIFE Programme shall be **EUR 3 618 000 000**.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for implementing the LIFE Programme shall be **1 % of the overall Union budget**.

Or. en

Justification

An increase of the share of LIFE budget of the overall EU budget is appropriate, with 1% representing still a moderate amount in respect of the challenges. The proposed increase is intended in particular to contribute to EU cofinancing of management of Natura 2000 sites.

Amendment 95

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for implementing the LIFE Programme shall be **EUR 3 618 000 000**.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for implementing the LIFE Programme shall be **1% of the next Multiannual Financial Framework**

Or. en

Amendment 96

João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for implementing the LIFE Programme shall be EUR **3 618 000 000**.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for implementing the LIFE Programme shall be EUR [...].

Or. pt

Amendment 97

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The budgetary breakdown for the sub-programmes shall be as follows:

(a) EUR 2 713 500 000 of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Environment;

(b) EUR 904 500 000 of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Climate Action.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 98

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR **2 713 500 000** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Environment;

Amendment

(a) EUR **2 894 400 000, which amounts to approximately 80 %** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1, shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Environment;

Justification

An increase in the proportion of the LIFE fund devoted to the Environment theme is needed to ensure that LIFE can make a sufficient contribution to the costs of managing Natura 2000. In the field of Climate Action other funding streams are available, and there is a need to work through market based mechanisms or polluter-pays approaches.

Amendment 99

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) **EUR 2 713 500 000** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Environment;

Amendment

(a) **75%** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Environment;

Or. en

Amendment 100

João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) **EUR 2 713 500 000** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Environment;

Amendment

(a) **EUR (...)** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Environment;

Or. pt

Amendment 101

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **EUR 904 500 000** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Climate Action.

Amendment

(b) EUR 723 600 000, **which amounts to approximately 20 %** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1, shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Climate Action.

Or. en

Justification

An increase in the proportion of the LIFE fund devoted to the Environment theme is needed to ensure that LIFE can make a sufficient contribution to the costs of managing Natura 2000. In the field of Climate Action other funding streams are available, and there is a need to work through market based mechanisms or polluter-pays approaches.

Amendment 102
Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **EUR 904 500 000** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Climate Action.

Amendment

(b) **25%** of the overall financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Climate Action.

Or. en

Amendment 103
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) EUR **904 500 000** of the overall

Amendment

(b) EUR (...) of the overall financial

financial envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Climate Action.

envelope referred to in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to the sub-programme for Climate Action.

Or. pt

Amendment 104

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. At least 85% of the budgetary resources for the LIFE Programme shall be allocated to projects supported by way of action grants.

Or. en

Amendment 105

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Integrated projects shall receive no more than 30% of the total LIFE Programme budget.

Or. en

Amendment 106

Julie Girling, Charles Tannock

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Participation of third countries in the LIFE Programme

Participation of ***overseas countries and territories and*** third countries in the LIFE Programme

Or. en

Amendment 107

Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Participation of third countries in the LIFE Programme

Participation of ***overseas countries and territories and*** third countries in the LIFE Programme

Or. fr

Amendment 108

Julie Girling, Charles Tannock

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The LIFE Programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries:

The LIFE Programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries ***and territories:***

Or. en

Amendment 109

Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The LIFE Programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries:

Amendment

The LIFE Programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries ***and territories***:

Or. fr

Amendment 110

Fiona Hall, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Charles Tannock, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The LIFE Programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries:

Amendment

The LIFE Programme shall be open to the participation of the following countries ***and territories***:

Or. en

Amendment 111

Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point -a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-a) the overseas countries and territories referred to in Council Decision 2001/822/EC of 27 November 2001 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community;

Or. fr

Amendment 112

Julie Girling, Charles Tannock

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the overseas countries and territories referred to in Decision 2001/822/EC;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Fiona Hall, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Charles Tannock, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) the overseas countries and territories referred to in Decision 2001/822/EC;

Or. en

Justification

The EU has made a commitment to promote and support biodiversity conservation in the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) in both the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, and in the Overseas Association Decision (2001/822/EC). Furthermore, the Commission has itself proposed opening LIFE to neighbourhood countries, third countries, and the French outermost regions. The LIFE programme should therefore be accessible to the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) given these commitments and the often unique and rich biodiversity of these areas.

Amendment 114
Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) overseas countries and territories of the Union which are mentioned in the

Amendment 115

Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Such participation shall be done in accordance with the conditions laid down in the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for their participation in Union programmes.

Amendment

Such participation shall be done in accordance with the conditions laid down in ***the overseas association decision and*** the respective bilateral or multilateral agreements establishing the general principles for their participation in Union programmes.

Amendment 116

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ensure coordination between the LIFE Programme and the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, in order to create synergies, particularly in the context of Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d), and to support the use of solutions, methods and approaches developed under the LIFE Programme. At

Amendment

3. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ensure, ***where appropriate,*** coordination between the LIFE Programme and the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, in order to create synergies, particularly in the context of Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d) ***and also through the establishment of prioritised action***

Union level, coordination shall take place within the Common Strategic Framework referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No.... (CSF Regulation).

frameworks referred to in Article 8 of Directive 92/43/EEC, and to support the use of solutions, methods and approaches developed under the LIFE Programme. At Union level, coordination shall take place within the Common Strategic Framework referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No.... (CSF Regulation).

Or. en

Amendment 117
Jolanta Emilia Hibner

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ensure coordination between the LIFE Programme and the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, in order to create synergies, particularly in the context of Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d), and to support the use of solutions, methods and approaches developed under the LIFE Programme. At Union level, coordination shall take place within the Common Strategic Framework referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No.... (CSF Regulation).

Amendment

3. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ensure, *if possible*, coordination between the LIFE Programme and the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, in order to create synergies, particularly in the context of Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d), and to support the use of solutions, methods and approaches developed under the LIFE Programme. At Union level, coordination shall take place within the Common Strategic Framework referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No.... (CSF Regulation).

Or. en

Amendment 118
Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall **ensure** coordination between the LIFE Programme and the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, in order to create synergies, particularly in the context of Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d), and to support the use of solutions, methods and approaches developed under the LIFE Programme. At Union level, coordination shall take place within the Common Strategic Framework referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No.... (CSF Regulation).

Amendment

3. In accordance with their respective responsibilities, the Commission and the Member States shall ***in an active and concerted effort endeavour to promote*** coordination between the LIFE Programme and the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, in order to create synergies, particularly in the context of Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d), and to support the use of solutions, methods and approaches developed under the LIFE Programme. At Union level, coordination shall take place within the Common Strategic Framework referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No.... (CSF Regulation).

Or. en

Amendment 119
Jutta Haug

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 8a

Visibility of the LIFE Programme

The coordinating beneficiary and associated beneficiaries shall publicise the LIFE Programme project and its results, always mentioning the Union support received. The LIFE logo, depicted in Annex, shall be used for all communication activities and appear on notice boards at strategic places visible to

the public. All durable goods acquired in the framework of the LIFE Programme shall bear the LIFE logo unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

Or. en

Justification

The LIFE logo has been very successful in ensuring the visibility of the Union's funding in the environment and climate area and has been showcasing the Union's contribution to nature conservation and environmental activities on the ground. It is therefore reasonable to refer to the LIFE logo in the regulation.

Amendment 120

Judith A. Merkies, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 8a

The areas covered by Integrated Projects
Integrated Projects shall focus primarily on the areas of nature, water, waste, air, noise and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Depending on their performance, after the mid-term evaluation referred to in point (a) of Article 27(2), and on funds available, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning the addition of the areas to be covered by Integrated Projects such as soil, marine or urban environment.

Or. en

Amendment 121

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Does not affect English version

Or. sl

Amendment 122
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. At least 50% of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity. ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 123
Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. At least **50%** of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

2. At least **75%** of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

Or. en

(Linked to amendment to Article 4 paragraph 1)

Justification

This amendment is linked to increasing the LIFE programme budget to represent 1% of total EU budget, where the increase is intended in particular to contribute to the management of Natura 2000 sites.

Amendment 124

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. At least **50%** of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

Amendment

2. At least **75%** of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

Or. en

Justification

The increase in the proportion of the LIFE budget dedicated to biodiversity is needed to ensure that LIFE can fulfil 20% of the funding requirements of Natura 2000 (calculated at €5.8 billion per year).

Amendment 125

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. At least **50%** of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and

Amendment

2. At least **60%** of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and

biodiversity.

biodiversity.

Or. en

Amendment 126

João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. At least **50%** of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

Amendment

2. At least **60%** of the budgetary resources allocated to projects supported by way of action grants under the sub-programme for Environment shall be dedicated to projects supporting the conservation of nature and biodiversity.

Or. pt

Amendment 127

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to support the application, development, testing and demonstration of integrated approaches for the implementation of plans and programmes pursuant to Union environmental policy and legislation, primarily in the areas of water, waste and ***air***;

Amendment

(b) to support the application, development, testing and demonstration of integrated approaches for the implementation of plans and programmes pursuant to Union environmental policy and legislation, primarily in the areas of water, waste, ***air*** and ***soil***;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Judith A. Merkies, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) to support the application, development, testing and demonstration of integrated approaches for the implementation of plans and programmes pursuant to Union environmental policy and legislation, primarily in the areas of water, waste and *air*;

Amendment

(b) to support the application, development, testing and demonstration of integrated approaches for the implementation of plans and programmes pursuant to Union environmental policy and legislation, primarily in the areas of water, waste, *air* and *noise*;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) to promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union environmental legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches;

Amendment

(c) to promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of *existing* Union environmental legislation *in all Member States*, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices and policy approaches;

Or. de

Amendment 130
Thomas Ulmer

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) to promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union environmental legislation, in

Amendment

(c) to promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union environmental legislation, in

particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices **and policy approaches**;

particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices;

Or. de

Justification

There should be no suspicion of political subsidising with LIFE funds.

Amendment 131

Thomas Ulmer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) to promote better environmental governance **by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGOs, in policy consultation and implementation.**

Amendment

(d) to promote better environmental governance.

Or. de

Justification

NGOs in the area of the environment usually have a good capacity for raising resources. LIFE funds are very limited. LIFE funds should therefore be invested in improving administration, including that of structural funding, to ensure effective implementation of environmental projects in situ (most projects which fail to come about do so because of poor administration).

Amendment 132

João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) to promote better environmental governance by broadening stakeholder

Amendment

(d) to promote better environmental governance by broadening stakeholder

involvement, including NGOs, in policy consultation and implementation.

involvement, including NGOs, in policy consultation and implementation, ***and to promote awareness of the citizens' rights arising from the Aarhus Convention.***

Or. en

Amendment 133

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) to promote targeted dissemination of project results to interested stakeholders and potential future applicants; dissemination should be to those regions most appropriate for the particular subject area which are most likely to benefit from the sharing of positive experiences.

Or. en

Amendment 134

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Does not affect English version

Or. sl

Amendment 135

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

In view of contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the priority area Climate Change Mitigation shall in particular have the following specific objectives:

Amendment

In view of contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the priority area Climate Change Mitigation, ***while supporting, where possible, synergies with other environmental objectives, such as biodiversity***, shall in particular have the following specific objectives:

Or. en

Amendment 136

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

In view of contributing to supporting efforts leading to increased resilience to climate change, the priority area Climate Change Adaptation shall in particular have the following specific objectives:

Amendment

In view of contributing to supporting efforts leading to increased resilience to climate change, the priority area Climate Change Adaptation, ***while supporting, where possible, synergies with other environmental objectives, such as biodiversity***, shall in particular have the following specific objectives:

Or. en

Amendment 137

Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to contribute to the development and implementation of Union policy and legislation on adaptation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in

Amendment

(a) to contribute to the development and implementation of Union policy and legislation on adaptation, including mainstreaming across policy areas, in

particular by developing, testing and demonstrating policy or management approaches, best practices, and solutions, for climate change adaptation;

particular by *supporting synergies with other environmental objectives, such as biodiversity, and by* developing, testing and demonstrating *ecosystem-based* policy or management approaches, best practices, and solutions, for climate change adaptation;

Or. en

Amendment 138

Thomas Ulmer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) to promote awareness raising on climate matters, including generating public and stakeholders support *to* Union policy-making in the field of climate, and to promote education for sustainable development;

Amendment

(a) to promote *critical* awareness-raising on climate matters, including generating public and stakeholder support *in* Union policy-making in the field of climate, and to promote education for sustainable development;

Or. de

Amendment 139

Thomas Ulmer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) to promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union climate legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices *and policy approaches*;

Amendment

(c) to promote and contribute to a more effective compliance with and enforcement of Union climate legislation, in particular by promoting the development and dissemination of best practices;

Or. de

Justification

There should be no suspicion of political subsidising with LIFE funds.

Amendment 140

Thomas Ulmer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) to promote better climate governance
***by broadening stakeholder involvement,
including NGOs, in policy consultation
and implementation.***

(d) to promote better climate governance.

Or. de

Justification

NGOs in the area of the environment usually have a good capacity for raising resources. LIFE funds are very limited. LIFE funds should therefore be invested in improving administration, including that of structural funding, to ensure effective implementation of environmental projects in situ (most projects which fail to come about do so because of poor administration).

Amendment 141

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(da) to promote targeted dissemination of
project results to interested stakeholders
and potential future applicants;
dissemination should be to those regions
most appropriate for the particular subject
area which are most likely to benefit from
the sharing of positive experiences.***

Or. en

Amendment 142
Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) being of Union interest by making ***a significant*** contribution to the achievement of one of the objectives of the LIFE Programme set out in Article 3;

Amendment

(a) being of Union interest by making contribution to the achievement of ***at least*** one of the objectives of the LIFE Programme set out in Article 3;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ensuring a cost-effective approach and being technically and financially coherent;

Amendment

(b) ensuring a cost-effective approach and being technically and financially coherent, ***reaching at least minimum quality criteria***;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Thomas Ulmer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) being politically neutral.

Or. de

Amendment 145
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning the conditions for the application of the criterion referred to paragraph 1(a) in order to adapt that criterion to the specific priority areas defined in Articles 9 and 13.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 146
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Where possible, projects financed by the LIFE Programme shall promote *synergies between different objectives and promote* the use of green public procurement.

2. Where possible, projects financed by the LIFE Programme shall promote the use of green public procurement *and shall promote synergies between different objectives. Projects aiming to deliver such synergies between different objectives shall be given priority during the award phase.*

Or. en

Amendment 147
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The Commission shall ensure the balanced distribution of LIFE programme funding among the Member States, establishing indicative national allocations for each Member State for the current programming period. If necessary, taking account of the needs and specific characteristics of each Member State and in cooperation with the national and/or regional authorities, the Commission shall provide special technical assistance to support the drawing-up of projects for Member States where the funding allocated to those States during the 2007-2013 programming period fell below the respective indicative national allocation.

Or. pt

Amendment 148

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The Commission shall ensure a proportionate distribution of all projects referred to in Article 18 by establishing indicative annual national allocations for the periods 2014-2017 and 2018-2020, based on the following criteria:

(a) population:

(i) the total population of each Member State. A weighting of 50 % shall be applied to this criterion;

and

(ii) the population density of each Member State, up to a limit of twice the

Union's average population density. A weighting of 5 % shall be applied to this criterion;

(b) nature and biodiversity:

(i) the total area of sites of Community importance for each Member State, expressed as a proportion of the total area of sites of Community importance. A weighting of 25 % shall be applied to this criterion;

and

(ii) the proportion of a Member State's territory covered by sites of Community importance in relation to the proportion of Community territory covered by sites of Community importance. A weighting of 20 % shall be applied to this criterion.

Or. en

Justification

This amendment maintains the criteria which were laid out in the LIFE+ Regulation.

Amendment 149

Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d) shall ***involve, where appropriate,*** stakeholders and promote, when possible, the coordination with and mobilisation of other Union funding sources.

Amendment

Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d) shall ***be accessible to, and involve*** stakeholders ***at all stages*** and promote, when possible, the coordination with and mobilisation of other Union funding sources.

Or. en

Amendment 150

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d) shall involve, where appropriate, stakeholders and promote, when possible, the coordination with and mobilisation of other Union funding sources.

Amendment

Integrated Projects referred to in Article 18 point (d) shall involve, where appropriate, stakeholders and promote, when possible, the coordination with and mobilisation of other Union funding sources. ***From the amount dedicated to action grants, no more than 20% shall be allocated to Integrated Projects.***

Or. en

Amendment 151

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing in the award process for Integrated Projects. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning criteria for the application of geographical balance in each thematic area referred to in Article 18 point (d).

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 152

Jolanta Emilia Hibner

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*The Commission shall ensure
geographical balance in line with the
principles of solidarity and effort sharing
in the award process for Integrated
Projects. The Commission shall be
empowered to adopt delegated acts in
accordance with Article 30 concerning
criteria for the application of
geographical balance in each thematic
area referred to in Article 18 point (d).*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 153

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*The Commission shall ensure
geographical balance in line with the
principles of solidarity and effort sharing
in the award process for Integrated
Projects. The Commission shall be
empowered to adopt delegated acts in
accordance with Article 30 concerning
criteria for the application of
geographical balance in each thematic
area referred to in Article 18 point (d).*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 154

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing in the award process for Integrated Projects. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning criteria for the application of geographical balance in each thematic area referred to in Article 18 point (d).

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 155

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing in the award process for Integrated Projects. ***The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning criteria for the application of geographical balance in each thematic area referred to in Article 18 point (d).***

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing in the ***selection and*** award process for Integrated Projects ***and traditional projects.***

Or. en

Amendment 156

Jolanta Emilia Hibner

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing in the award process for ***Integrated Projects***. The Commission shall ***be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning criteria for the application of geographical balance in each thematic area referred to in Article 18 point (d).***

Amendment

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing in the award process for ***all projects***. The Commission shall ***ensure a proportionate distribution of projects by establishing indicative annual national allocations for the periods 2014-2017 and 2018-2020; Member States can apply for funding for the Integrated projects within their national allocation.***

Or. en

Amendment 157

Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing ***in the award process for*** Integrated Projects. ***The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning criteria for the application of geographical balance in each thematic area referred to in Article 18 point (d).***

Amendment

The Commission ***in the award process for Integrated Projects only*** shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing ***by allocating certain number of*** Integrated Projects ***per each Member state over the planning period.***

Or. en

Amendment 158

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing in the award process for Integrated Projects. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning criteria for the application of geographical balance in each thematic area referred to in Article 18 point (d).

Amendment

The Commission shall ensure geographical balance ***based on the extent of the Natura 2000 network and*** in line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing in the award process for Integrated Projects. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning criteria for the application of geographical balance in each thematic area referred to in Article 18 point (d).

Or. en

Amendment 159
Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 3 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

A proportionate distribution of all types of projects shall be ensured by establishing indicative annual national allocations, based on the following criteria:

(1) Environment sub-programme:

(a) Population:

(i) the total population of each Member State. A weighting of 45 % shall be applied to this criterion;

(ii) the population density of each Member State, up to a limit of twice the EU's average population density. A weighting of 5% shall be applied to this criterion.

(b) Nature and Biodiversity:

(i) the total area of sites of Community importance of each Member State, expressed in the proportion of the total

area of sites of Community importance. A weighting of 25 % shall be applied to this criterion;

(ii) the total area of sites of Community importance designated for priority species and habitat types for each Member State, expressed as proportion of the total area of sites of Community importance. A weighting of 25% shall be applied to this criterion;

(2) Climate Action sub-programme:

(a) Impacts of climate pressures. A weighting of 50% shall be applied to this criterion.

(b) Natural carbon sinks coverage expressed as a proportion of Community territory of each Member State. A weighting of 30% shall be applied to this criterion.

(c) Planned increase in the share of renewables in the energy mix. A weighting of 20 % shall be applied to this criterion.

Or. en

Justification

From 2007, LIFE+ Regulation introduced indicative national allocations, as a way of improving the distributional impacts of the Programme. This amendment reintroduces national allocations for all types of projects (integrated projects as well as traditional projects) and specifies weightings for each thematic area. It can serve as a means of orientation how successful are member states in submitting projects. The evaluation and selection of projects shall be based on quality of projects.

Amendment 160

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The Commission shall ensure geographical balance in the award process for all projects according to the criteria set out in Annex I to facilitate the distribution of projects referred to in Article 18 among all Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 161

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3b. In line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing, the Commission shall ensure a proportional distribution of projects under the sub-programme on Environment among all Member States by allocating funds to them for the entire programme period for all projects in accordance with the following criteria:

(a) Population criteria (air and waste):

(i) The total population of each Member State (50% weighting).

(ii) Population density of each Member State, up to a limit of twice the EU average population density (5% weighting).

(b) Nature and biodiversity criteria:

(i) The total area of Natura 2000 sites for each Member State expressed as a proportion of the total area of Natura 2000 (20% weighting).

(ii) The proportion of the territory of a Member State covered by Natura 2000 sites (15% weighting).

(c) Water criteria:

(i) The total area of river basin districts in each Member State expressed as a proportion of the total river basin districts in the EU (10% weighting).

Or. en

Amendment 162

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3c. In line with the principles of solidarity and effort sharing, the Commission shall ensure a proportional distribution of projects under the sub-programme for Climate Action among all Member States by allocating funds to them for the entire programme period for all projects in accordance with the following criteria of population:

(i) The total population of each Member State as a proportion of the total EU population (50% weighting).

(ii) Reverse GDP per capita to reflect solidarity with less prosperous Member States (50% weighting).

Or. en

Amendment 163

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3d. If the total amount of funds used by a Member State is less than the allocation for that Member State, the Commission shall use the remaining funds to co-finance the projects submitted by other Member States that make the greatest contribution to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 3.

Or. en

Amendment 164

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 3 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3e. When proposing the list of projects to be co-financed to the Committee referred to in Article 29, the Commission shall provide it with a written explanation of how the allocation criteria in paragraphs 3c or 3d were taken into account.

Or. en

Amendment 165

Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The Commission shall have special regard to transnational projects where transnational cooperation is essential to guarantee environmental protection and climate objectives, and shall endeavour to

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ensure that at least 15% of the budgetary resources dedicated to projects are allocated to transnational projects.

Or. en

Amendment 166
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall have special regard to transnational projects where transnational cooperation is essential to guarantee environmental protection and climate objectives, *and shall endeavour to ensure that at least 15% of the budgetary resources dedicated to projects are allocated to transnational projects.*

Amendment

4. The Commission shall have special regard to translational projects when translational cooperation is essential to guarantee environmental protection and climate objectives.

Or. pt

Amendment 167
Fiona Hall, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Sandrine Béliér

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The Commission shall have special regard to projects in the Union's overseas countries and territories and shall adapt the guidelines for applicants to reflect the capacities, environmental protection and climate objectives of these territories and ensure their participation in the LIFE Programme, and shall endeavour to ensure that at least 5%, up to a maximum of 10%, of the budgetary resources dedicated to biodiversity projects are

allocated to projects in these territories.

Or. en

Justification

The EU has made a commitment to promote and support biodiversity conservation in the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) in both the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020, and in the Overseas Association Decision (2001/822/EC). Furthermore, the European Commission has itself proposed opening LIFE to neighbourhood countries, third countries, and the French outermost regions. The LIFE programme should therefore be accessible to the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) given these commitments and the often unique and rich biodiversity of these areas.

Amendment 168

Charles Tannock

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The Commission shall have special regard to projects in the Union's overseas countries and territories and shall adapt the guidelines for applicants to reflect the capacities and environmental protection and climate objectives of these territories and ensure their participation in the LIFE Programme, and shall endeavour to ensure that at least 5% of the budgetary resources dedicated to biodiversity projects are allocated to projects in these territories.

Or. en

Amendment 169

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a regulation

Article 19 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The Commission shall regularly publish a short description of synergies achieved by the LIFE Programme between various environmental and climate objectives.

Or. en

Justification

It is important that LIFE projects make best use of co-benefits between biodiversity and climate change objectives.

Amendment 170
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 19 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. To encourage citizens to play their part in attaining environmental protection and climate objectives, the Commission shall place emphasis on projects of local importance by involving NGOs, citizens' action groups, and communities on as broad a basis as possible.

Or. lt

Justification

Bearing in mind that good solutions to EU environmental and climate-related problems have been found at local level, local stakeholders (NGOs, citizens' action groups, and communities) should be given appropriate opportunities to participate in the LIFE programme.

Amendment 171
Julie Girling

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be **70%** of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for projects ***referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs.***

Amendment

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be **50%** of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate ***may rise to 75% in the case of projects concerning priority habitats or species for the implementation of Directive 92/43/EEC or the species of birds considered as a priority for funding by the committee set up pursuant to Article 16 of Directive 79/409/EEC when this is necessary to achieve the conservation objective.***

Or. en

Justification

This amendment maintains the co-financing rates which were laid out in the LIFE+ Regulation.

Amendment 172

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be **70%** of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs.

Amendment

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be **65% - 80%** of eligible costs. By way of exception:

- the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs:

- the maximum co-financing rate for LIFE Nature and Biodiversity may be up

to 75% of eligible costs for projects concerning priority habitats and species, in accordance with the Directive 92/43/EEC, or the species of birds considered as a priority for funding by the committee set up pursuant Article 16 of Directive 79/409/EEC when this is necessary to achieve the conservation objective.

Or. en

Amendment 173
Jolanta Emilia Hibner

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be 70% of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs.

Amendment

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be 70% of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs. ***However, by way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for LIFE Nature and Biodiversity may be up to 75 % of eligible costs in the case of projects concerning priority habitats or species for the implementation of Directive 92/43/EEC or the species of birds considered as a priority for funding by the committee set up pursuant to Article 16 of Directive 79/409/EEC when this is necessary to achieve the conservation objective.***

Or. en

Amendment 174
Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be 70% of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs.

Amendment

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be 70% of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs. ***For less developed regions the maximum co-financing rate shall be 90% of eligible costs***

Or. en

Amendment 175
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be 70% of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs.

Amendment

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be 70% of eligible costs. By way of exception, the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs. ***Less developed regions, as defined in Regulation (EU) No .../... [Common Provisions Regulation], shall be entitled to an increased rate of up to 85% of eligible costs.***

Or. pt

Amendment 176
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be 70% of eligible costs. By way of exception, ***the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs.***

Amendment

1. The maximum co-financing rate for the projects referred to in Article 18 shall be 70% of eligible costs. By way of exception:

- the maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 points (d) and (f) shall be 80% of eligible costs;

- the maximum co-financing rate for LIFE Nature and Biodiversity may be up to 75% of eligible costs in the case of projects concerning priority habitats or species as defined in Directive 92/43/EEC or the species of birds considered as a priority for funding by the committee set up pursuant Article 16 of Directive 2009/147/EEC;

- the maximum co-financing rate may be up to 75% for species and habitats defined in Directive 92/43/EEC showing unfavourable conservation status in accordance with the latest assessment.

Or. en

Amendment 177

Jolanta Emilia Hibner

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. VAT and permanent staff costs shall be eligible.

Or. en

Amendment 178
Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*VAT shall not be considered an eligible
cost for projects referred to in Article 18.* *deleted*

Or. de

Amendment 179
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

*VAT shall not be considered an eligible
cost for projects referred to in Article 18.* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 180
Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

VAT shall **not** be considered an eligible
cost for projects referred to in Article 18.

VAT shall be considered an eligible cost
for projects referred to in Article 18.

Or. en

Amendment 181
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

VAT shall **not** be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18.

Amendment

VAT shall be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18 ***if VAT amounts are not recoverable under national VAT legislation. Each Member State shall inform the Commission by the date of entry into force of this Regulation, of the national legislation governing the VAT, the entities with deduction rights and the cases of recoverability.***

Or. en

Amendment 182

Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

VAT shall not be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18.

Amendment

VAT shall, ***in principle***, not be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18. ***VAT amounts shall be eligible where they are not recoverable under national VAT legislation and are paid by a beneficiary other than a non-taxable person within the meaning of the first subparagraph of Article 13(1) of Directive 2006/112/EC.***

Or. en

Amendment 183

Linda McAvan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

VAT shall not be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18.

Amendment

VAT shall, ***in principle***, not be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18. ***VAT amounts shall be eligible where they are not recoverable under national VAT legislation.***

Or. en

Amendment 184

Margrete Auken, Sandrine Béliér

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Staff costs shall be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18 to the extent that they relate to the cost of activities which the beneficiary would not have carried out if the project concerned had not been undertaken. The respective staff shall be specifically seconded to the project concerned, on hourly, part-time or full-time basis. Salary costs of public officials not specifically recruited for the project concerned shall be considered as own contribution to the project budget.

Or. en

Justification

It should be possible to also recognise a contribution of public officials to projects and account for it as part of the own contribution to the project budget (not reimbursed from LIFE budget), in order to facilitate their participation and cooperation with project activities.

Amendment 185

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Staff costs shall be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18 to extent that they relate to the cost of activities which the beneficiary would not have carried out if the project concerned had not been undertaken. The respective staff shall be specifically seconded to the project concerned.

Or. en

Amendment 186

Linda McAvan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Staff costs shall be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18 to the extent that they relate to the cost of activities which the beneficiary would not have carried out if the project concerned had not been undertaken. The respective staff shall be specifically seconded to the project concerned.

Or. en

Justification

In the case of local authorities, existing staff are often the best experts, and costs for seconding these staff to LIFE projects should remain eligible for funding - as long as they relate to activities that the public authorities would not have otherwise undertaken.

Amendment 187

João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Staff costs shall be considered an eligible cost for projects referred to in Article 18 to the extent that they relate to the cost of activities which the beneficiary would not have carried out if the project concerned had not been undertaken.

Or. pt

Amendment 188

Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– the purchase will contribute to improving, maintaining and restoring the integrity of the Natura2000 network set up in Article 3 of Directive 92/43/EEC;

– the purchase will contribute to improving, maintaining and restoring the integrity of the Natura2000 network set up in Article 3 of Directive 92/43/EEC, ***including through improving connectivity through the creation of corridors, stepping stones, or other elements of green infrastructure;***

Or. en

Amendment 189

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– land purchase is the only or most cost-effective way of achieving the desired

deleted

conservation outcome;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – indent 5 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- the beneficiary should seek when possible, local support in the acquisition of land, after involving local stakeholders, NGOs, civil society groups and interested parties.

Or. en

Amendment 191

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 20 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 20a

Maximum co-financing rate for Nature and Biodiversity priority area

The maximum co-financing rate for projects referred to in Article 18 for the priority area Nature and Biodiversity referred to in Article 11 b) shall be 75 % of eligible costs.

Or. en

Justification

The area of biodiversity traditionally has difficulties in attracting private investments - they

are mostly likely channelled in the Climate Action projects.

Amendment 192

João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 21 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Costs related to the preparation and submission of projects referred to in Article 18 shall be included among the costs eligible for funding under the LIFE Programme in accordance with the previous subparagraph.

Or. pt

Amendment 193

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 22 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The LIFE Programme may finance actions implemented by the Commission in support of the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental and climate policies and legislation for the purpose of achieving the objectives referred to in Article 3. Such actions may include:

The LIFE Programme may finance actions implemented by the Commission in support of the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental and climate policies and legislation for the purpose of achieving the objectives referred to in Article 3. ***The maximum amount of co-financing for those actions shall be 50% of eligible costs.*** Such actions may include:

Or. en

Amendment 194

João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation

Article 22 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

The LIFE Programme may finance actions implemented **by the Commission** in support of the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental and climate policies and legislation for the purpose of achieving the objectives referred to in Article 3. Such actions may include:

Amendment

The LIFE Programme may finance actions implemented in support of the initiation, implementation and mainstreaming of Union environmental and climate policies and legislation for the purpose of achieving the objectives referred to in Article 3. Such actions may include:

Or. pt

Amendment 195

Thomas Ulmer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 22 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) information and communication, including awareness raising campaigns. Financial resources allocated to communication activities pursuant to this Regulation shall also cover corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union;

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 196

Thomas Ulmer

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The LIFE Programme may fund public **and**

Amendment

The LIFE Programme may fund public

private bodies.

bodies.

Or. de

Justification

To ensure that the use of funds is efficient and neutral in terms of value and provides maximum added value for the region and not individual interests.

Amendment 197

Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a regulation

Article 23 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The LIFE Programme may fund public and private bodies.

Amendment

The LIFE Programme may fund public and private bodies. ***Priority should be given to non-profit organisations, local organisations and civil society, SMEs, NGOs and academic institutions.***

Or. en

Amendment 198

Margrete Auken, Sandrine Bélier

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall adopt multiannual work programmes for the LIFE Programme. ***Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 29(2).***

Amendment

1. The Commission shall ***be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 30 concerning the adoption of*** multiannual work programmes for the LIFE Programme. ***The Commission shall ensure stakeholders are consulted adequately when multiannual work programmes are developed.***

Or. en

Amendment 199
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall adopt multiannual work programmes for the LIFE Programme. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 29(2).

Amendment

1. The Commission shall adopt multiannual work programmes for the LIFE Programme. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 29(2). ***The Commission shall ensure stakeholders are consulted adequately when multiannual work programmes are developed.***

Or. en

Justification

Stakeholder input to the development of work programme is essential to ensure that these work programmes reflect the capacities of civil society to deliver appropriate LIFE projects on the ground.

Amendment 200
Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Each multiannual work programme shall have a duration of at least ***two*** years and shall set out, in line with the objectives laid down in Article 3, the following:

Amendment

2. Each multiannual work programme shall have a duration of at least ***three*** years and shall set out, in line with the objectives laid down in Article 3, the following:

Or. en

Amendment 201

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the allocation of funds between each priority area and between different types of funding within each sub-programme;

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Or. en

Amendment 202

Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the allocation of funds between each priority area and between different types of funding within each sub-programme;

(b) the allocation of funds between each priority area and between different types of funding *with a special ‘overseas’ section for the outermost regions and the overseas countries and territories* within each sub-programme;

Or. fr

Amendment 203

Maurice Ponga

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) selection and award criteria for grants;

(e) selection and award criteria for grants, *paying particular attention to the outermost regions and overseas countries and territories so as to ensure that they participate fully;*

Amendment 204

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall ***revise, where appropriate,*** the multiannual work ***programmes***. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 29(2).

Amendment

3. ***Each multiannual work programme shall have a duration of at least three years and be renewable, provided that the thematic priorities laid down in that multiannual work programme remain valid.*** The Commission shall ***review*** the multiannual work ***programme at the latest by the mid-term review of the LIFE Programme***. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 29(2).

Amendment 205

Romana Jordan

Proposal for a regulation

Article 27 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall regularly make available the most meaningful results of the projects funded under the LIFE Programme in order to facilitate feedback and the exchange of good practices across the European Union;

Amendment 206
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) no later than 30 September 2017, an external mid-term evaluation report of the LIFE Programme (and its sub-programmes), including qualitative and quantitative aspects of its implementation, the amount of climate-related expenditure and biodiversity-related expenditure, and its complementarity with other relevant Union programmes, the achievement of the objectives of all the measures (at the level of results and impacts, when possible), the efficiency of the use of resources and its European added value, in view of a decision on the renewal, modification or suspension of the measures. The evaluation shall additionally address the scope for simplification, its internal and external coherence, the continued relevance of all objectives, as well as the contribution of the measures to the Union priorities of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. It shall take into account evaluation results on the long-term impact of its predecessor. The report shall be accompanied by remarks by the Commission including the manner in which the findings of the mid-term evaluation shall be taken into account when implementing the LIFE Programme, and, in particular, when drawing up the multiannual work programmes;

Amendment

(a) no later than 30 September 2017, an external mid-term evaluation report of the LIFE Programme (and its sub-programmes), including qualitative and quantitative aspects of its implementation, the amount of climate-related expenditure and biodiversity-related expenditure, and its complementarity with other relevant Union programmes, ***the funding utilised by each Member State and the respective percentage of the indicative national allocation for the whole of the programming period***, the achievement of the objectives of all the measures (at the level of results and impacts, when possible), the efficiency of the use of resources and its European added value, in view of a decision on the renewal, modification or suspension of the measures. The evaluation shall additionally address the scope for simplification, its internal and external coherence, the continued relevance of all objectives, ***the impact and added value of the activities associated with the projects for the communities directly and indirectly involved***, as well as the contribution of the measures to the Union priorities of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. It shall take into account evaluation results on the long-term impact of its predecessor. The report shall be accompanied by remarks by the Commission including the manner in which the findings of the mid-term evaluation shall be taken into account when implementing the LIFE Programme, and, in particular, when drawing up the multiannual work programmes;

Or. pt

Amendment 207
João Ferreira

Proposal for a regulation
Article 27 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) no later than 31 December 2023, an external and independent ex-post evaluation report covering the implementation and results of the LIFE Programme and its sub-programmes, including the amount of climate related expenditure and biodiversity related expenditure, the extent to which the LIFE Programme as a whole, and each of its sub-programmes, has achieved its objectives, and the contribution of the LIFE Programme to achieving the Europe 2020 Strategy objectives and targets.

Amendment

(b) no later than 31 December 2023, an external and independent ex-post evaluation report covering the implementation and results of the LIFE Programme and its sub-programmes, including the amount of climate related expenditure and biodiversity related expenditure, ***the funding utilised by each Member State and the respective percentage of the indicative national allocation for the whole of the programming period***, the extent to which the LIFE Programme as a whole, and each of its sub-programmes, has achieved its objectives, and the contribution of the LIFE Programme to achieving the Europe 2020 Strategy objectives and targets.

Or. pt

Amendment 208
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 30 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles 3(2), ***19(1) and 19(3)*** shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from the [date of entry into force of this Regulation].

Amendment

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles 3(2), shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from the [date of entry into force of this Regulation].

Or. en

Amendment 209
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 30 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 3(2), **19(1) and 19(3)** may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Amendment

3. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 3(2), may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Or. en

Amendment 210
Kārlis Šadurskis

Proposal for a regulation
Article 30 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 3(2), **19(1) or 19(3)** shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Amendment

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 3(2), shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Amendment 211
Jutta Haug

Proposal for a regulation
Annex (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ANNEX
The LIFE logo



Or. en

Justification

Linked to the amendment to Article 8a (new). The LIFE logo has been very successful in ensuring the visibility of the Union's funding in the environment and climate area and has been showcasing the Union's contribution to nature conservation and environmental activities on the ground. It is therefore reasonable to refer to the LIFE logo in the regulation.

Amendment 212
Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Andres Perello Rodriguez, Pilar Ayuso

Proposal for a regulation
Annex (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

ANNEX
***CRITERIA FOR GEOGRAPHICAL
BALANCE FOR ALL PROJECTS***

***The entitlement to allocation of all
projects is conditioned upon the projects
meeting a minimum requirement of
quality to be established by the LIFE***

committee in accordance with Article 24 (2)(e).

Integrated Projects

2. During the programme period, each Member State is entitled to two integrated projects within the thematic areas referred to in Article 18 (d) under the sub-programme for Environment, i.e. one integrated project for nature and one for water, waste, or air.

3. During the programme period, each Member State is entitled to one integrated project within the thematic area referred to in Article 18 (d) under the sub-programme for Climate Action, i.e. climate change mitigation or climate change adaption.

4. For integrated projects, the indicative minimum and maximum amount of funds allocated to each integrated project shall be decided by the LIFE committee referred to in Article 29 in accordance with Article 24(2)(b) on the overall allocation of funds for integrated projects.

5. Projects shall be distributed with a view to meeting the targets set up by the LIFE committee in accordance with Article 24(2)(d) for each of the thematic areas referred to in Article 18(d).

6. The preceding criteria do not preclude Member States from applying for funds for additional integrated projects within the total yearly LIFE budget and the indicative national allocation.

Other projects

7. All projects for each Member State are evaluated and ranked according to the evaluation points awarded.

8. Within the total yearly LIFE budget for each Member State the best projects are awarded in accordance with Article 24(2)(e).

9. In accordance with Article 9(2), the

requirement of 50% for Nature and Biodiversity projects shall be ensured in the award process.

Or. en