



# EU LIFE Programme

## Potential funding for your project

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## Agenda





- 9.30-9.45 Joining the Information Day Admission
- **9.45-10.00** Welcome and introduction (National Contact Point for LIFE, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications)
- **10.00-10.45** Overview of LIFE and 2023 call specifics and novelties (Gustavo Becerra-Jurado, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA))
- 10.45-11.05 Clean Energy Transition Policy/Strategy; Coordination and Support Actions topics (Sylvain Robert, CINEA)
- **11.05-11.20** Q&A session NCP, CINEA
- **11.20-11.35** Break
- 11.35-11.55 Hearing from successful LIFE applicants Local Energy Agencies for Peripheral Regions (ATU)
- 11.55-12.15 Hearing from successful LIFE applicants Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE (SDCC)
- 12.15-12.30 Introduction to ELMEN (Lynne Barratt, ELMEN)
- 12.30-12.45 Introduction to The Wheel/Access Europe (Emily Nelson, The Wheel)
- 12.45-13.15 Q&A session NCP, CINEA, ELMEN, The Wheel and projects representatives
- 13.15-13.20 Wrap-up (Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications)









LIFE is the EU programme for Environment and Climate Action.

#### LIFE and Ireland:

Since its launch in 1992, 67 "<u>traditional projects</u>" have been successful, drawing down a total of €82m in EU funding.

- 3 Integrated Projects, total drawdown of €32m in EU co-funding.
- 2 successful Irish-led <u>CET projects</u> under 2021 call with another total €2m EU contribution.



### EU Green Deal





Transform the EU into a fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy where there are no net emissions of greenhouse gases in 2050 and where economic growth is decoupled from resource use

Protect, conserve and enhance the EU's natural capital, and protect the health and wellbeing of citizens from environment and climate related risks and impacts.

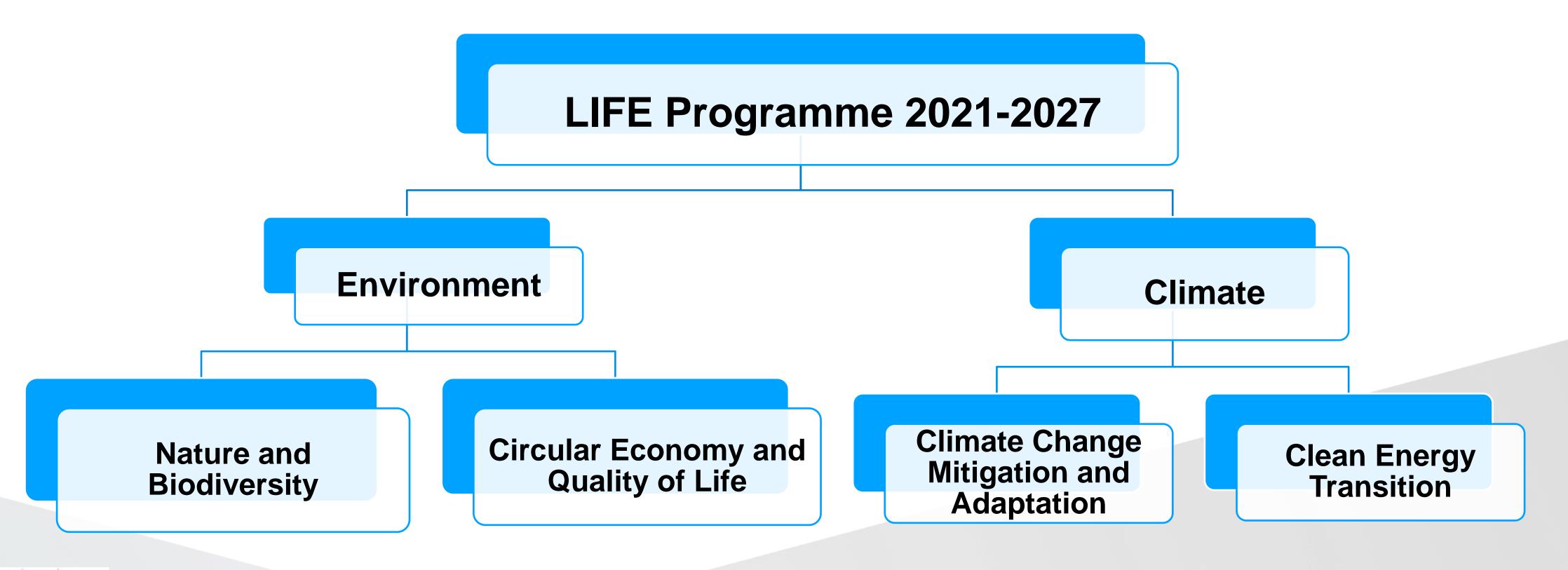


## LIFE Programme 2021-2027





The new LIFE Programme is structured in two fields and four sub-programmes









LIFE is a key contributor to the European Green Deal by:

Contributing to a just transition towards a sustainable, circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy

Protecting, restoring and improving the quality of the environment, including air, water and soil, and of health

Halting and reversing biodiversity loss





## LIFE Programme 2021-2027





#### **Nature and Biodiversity**

- Supporting the objectives set out in the EU Birds and Habitats Directives and the Invasive Alien Species Regulation
- Contributing to the targets of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 for a Trans-European Nature Network and the EU Restoration Plan.
- 2 intervention areas: "Space for Nature", "Safeguarding our species"
- Nature Governance: addressing EU Nature and Biodiversity legislation compliance assurance and access to justice

## Circular Economy & Quality of Life

- Circular Economy and Waste
- Air, Water, Soil, Chemicals
- A new Bauhaus
- Environmental Governance

#### Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Climate Governance and Information

#### NEW Clean Energy Transition

- Building a national, regional and local policy framework supporting the clean energy transition
- Accelerating technology roll-out, digitalisation, new services and business models and enhancement of the related professional skills in the market
- Attracting private finance for sustainable energy
- Supporting the development of local and regional investment projects
- Involving and empowering citizens in the clean energy transition.

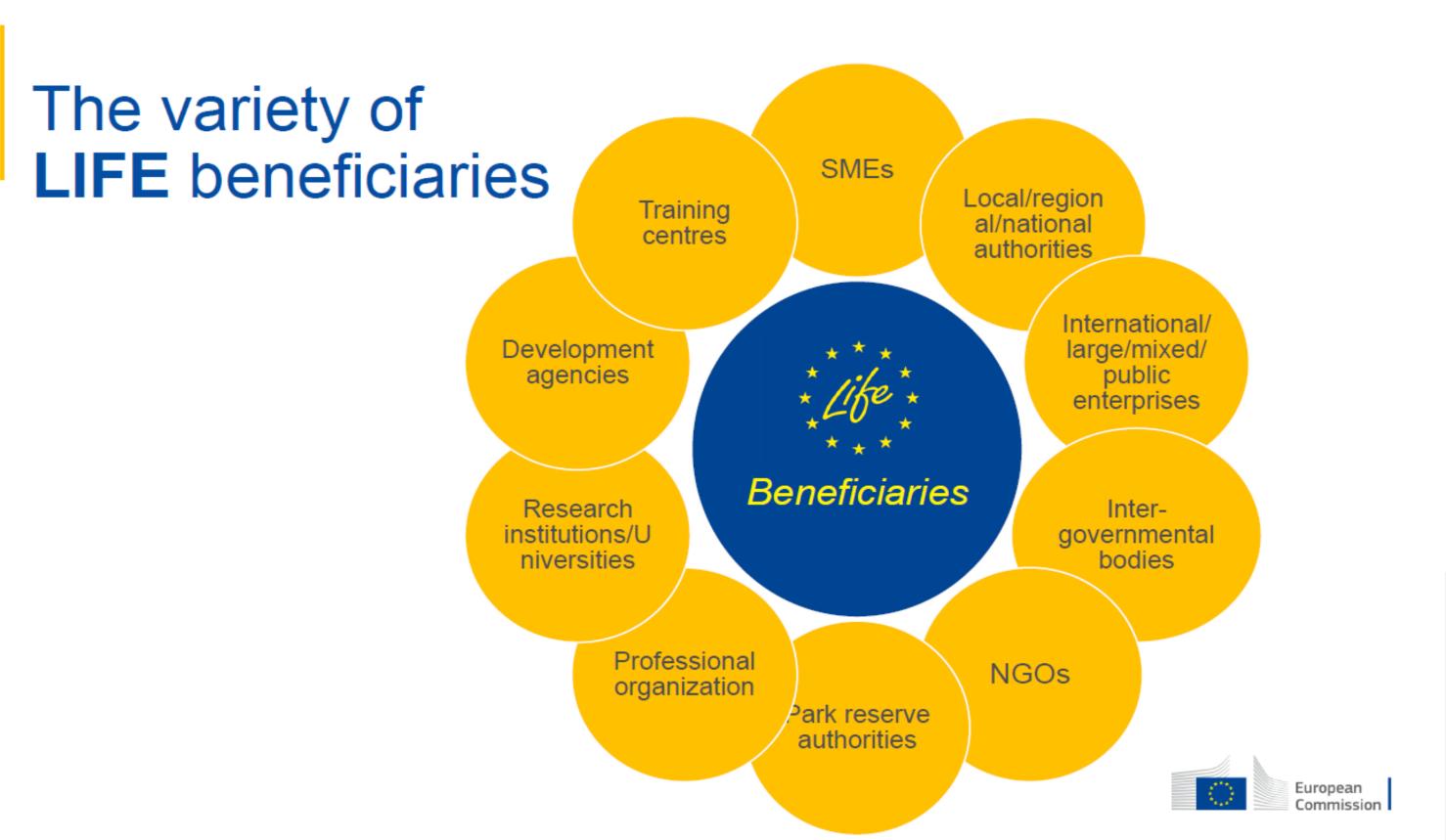


## Who can apply?





Any public or private organisation registered in the European Union and entities in countries associated with the LIFE programme



## How much funding is provided?





Standard Action Projects (former 'traditional projects')

up to 60% co-funding

Projects in the Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme can receive up to

cases)

75% in specific

- Other Action Grants (for Clean Energy Transition)
  up to 95% co-funding
- Strategic Integrated Projects, Strategic Nature Projects, Technical Assistance Projects up to 60% co-funding



# LIFE National Contact Point Ireland





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## Must Read!





- 1. EU LIFE website It contains everything you need
- 2. Talk to other projects see EU LIFE project database
- 3. LIFE Regulation 2021-2027 (2021/783)
- 4. Multi-annual work-programme 2021-2024
- 5. Application Packages
- 6. DECC website

