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With the new European Green Deal, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has placed climate and environment at the top of the political agenda. The goals include carbon neutrality by 2050 and a review of the 2030 targets, a European Climate Pact, leadership in the circular economy and clean technologies, a new biodiversity strategy for 2030 and a drive towards zero pollution.

The LIFE Programme is the only EU fund dedicated to the environment and climate. During the next programming period (2021-2027) LIFE will help Europe deliver those ambitions, by contributing to:

- The shift towards a circular, energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy;
- The protection and improvement of the quality of the environment;
- Halting and reversing biodiversity loss and tackling the degradation of ecosystems.

The general objectives of the programme have been provisionally agreed, and the task is now to draw up the first Multiannual Work Programme covering the period 2021-2024.

As part of the consultation process for the next programming period (2021-2024), the Commission is seeking to consult a broad range of stakeholders on the details of the future implementation of the LIFE programme.

Completing the questionnaire should take you no more than 20-25 minutes. The questionnaire is structured as follows:

- Section 1: About you - Information on respondents
- Section 2: Priorities and strategies - Are the draft programme priorities supported by stakeholders? Are there any significant gaps?
- Section 3: Implementation (only relevant and visible to those that are familiar with the call for proposal procedure under LIFE or Horizon 2020) - Questions on the possible financing of small grants for nature and biodiversity and project selection procedure.
- Section 4: Additional comments: if you wish to provide additional information, comments and suggestions.
- Section 5: Follow up – Information about contact details and privacy settings

The consultation findings will be taken into account during the preparation of the Multiannual Work Programme for LIFE. All interested citizens and organisations are invited to respond to the consultation. We value your opinion on the future direction of the LIFE Programme.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Please do not add any personal information to your contribution unless you agree to the personal data protection provisions.

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Personal data protection provisions:

- I agree with the personal data protection provisions (see the link https://ec.europa.eu/easme/sites/easme-site/files/privacy_statement_targeted_consultations.pdf)

SECTION 1: About you

1.1 Which country are you, or the organisation you are representing, located in?

Single Choice Question

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Other

*If other please specify

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Austria,Belgium,Bulgaria,Croatia,Cyprus,CzechRepublic,Denmark,Estonia,Finland,France,Germany,Greece,Ireland,Italy,Malta,Netherlands,Portugal,Romania,Slovenia,Spain,Sweden,United Kingdom

1.2 In what capacity are you participating in this consultation?

Single Choice Question

Other

*If other please specify

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Non-profit European association of regions and local/regional energy agencies

1.3 Please indicate your primary areas of knowledge / interest (you can tick more than one box):

Multiple Choice Question

between 1 and 5 choices

- Air & noise
- Chemicals
- Circular economy
- Climate change mitigation
- Climate change adaptation
- Energy
- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency
- Environmental management
- Industry & production
- Information & governance
- Land use & planning
- Nature / biodiversity
- Resource efficiency
- Risk management
- EU budget
- Services & commerce
- Waste
- Water
- Other

*If other please specify

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Training, capacity building, technical assistance, interregional exchanges, sustainable energy & climate policy, energy-environment-climate data monitoring, climate change adaptation, circular eco.

1.4 For private sector respondents please indicate the type of your organisation from the list below:

Single Choice Question

- Large Private Commercial Organisation (i.e. any privately owned organisation with profit-making goals, which employs 250 or more people, an annual turnover exceeding 50 million EUR, and/or an annual balance sheet total exceeding 43 million EUR)
- Small and Medium Private Commercial Organisation (i.e. any privately owned organisation with profit-making goals, which employs less than 250 persons, an annual turnover not exceeding 50 million EUR, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding 43 million EUR)
- Private Non-profit making Organisation (i.e. any privately constituted non-profit organisation, including non-governmental organisations, NGOs)
- European Economic Interest Group
- Other, please specify:

*If other please specify

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1.5 Have you personally participated (whether as a coordinator or beneficiary) in a grant financed under the LIFE or the Horizon 2020 programmes?

Single Choice Question

- (a) Yes, in the LIFE programme
- (b) Yes, in the Horizon 2020 programme
- (c) Yes, in both the LIFE and Horizon 2020 programmes
- (d) No, but I have participated in a grant financed by another European Funding scheme
- (e) No, I have never participated in a grant financed by any European Funding scheme
- (f) I do not know / no opinion

If (a), (b), or (c) please specify which year(s):

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Horizon 2020 : 2014-2020; Intelligent Energy Europe Programme : 2003-2013

If (d), please specify which scheme:

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SECTION 2: Priorities and strategies

Given its size and characteristics, the LIFE programme is not meant to solve all environmental and climate problems but is rather designed to act as a catalyst to promote changes in the environment and climate fields. The LIFE programme provides several types of grant funding, but it is not one of the EU's structural investment funds, aimed at providing large-scale investments to support regional development and cohesion policy.

The types of activities that each grant can support include capacity building, governance support, testing / demonstration, awareness raising, stakeholder engagement, definition and implementation of strategies and action plans, spurring policy and legislative change, promoting best practices etc.

According to the Commission's proposal (see link <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2018%3A385%3AFIN>), the new LIFE Programme offers support under four sub-programmes:

1. In the environment field:

a. The sub-programme 'Nature and Biodiversity', which aims at halting and reversing biodiversity loss and tackling the degradation of ecosystems.

b. The sub-programme 'Circular Economy and Quality of Life' will support the other aspects of the Union's environment policy, particularly the transition to a circular economy, the protection, restoration and improvement of the quality of the environment, including the air, water and soil, and the promotion of good environmental governance.

2. In the climate field:

a. The sub-programme 'Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation', which aims at co-financing all those projects that contribute to the development and implementation of the climate related elements of the European Green Deal and the Union's climate policy framework.

b. The sub-programme 'Clean Energy Transition' that aims to facilitate socioeconomic transition to renewable energy and increased energy efficiency in Europe.

2.1 Do you feel that the current programme design (with the four sub-programmes described above) has a sufficiently broad scope to capture your current environmental / climate-related problems? (please tick one response for each of the four sub-programmes)

Your response

	Nature and Biodiversity	Circular Economy and Quality of Life	Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	Clean Energy Transition
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I do not know / no opinion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you think that any areas are missing/ should be added, please specify them here:

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The climate mitigation & clean energy transition sub-programmes should also cover sustainable transport & mobility. Projects should focus on increasing the use of E-mobility, bio-CNG & hydrogen, but also on reducing/rethinking the need for mobility (mobility as a service approaches, promotion of digital web-conferences reforming travel policies in public & private sector).

2.2 The tables below provide an overview of the measures that have previously been supported in each of the sub-programmes along with some new suggestions. Please indicate your views on the prioritisation of these measures within each of the LIFE sub-programmes:

Sub-programme: Nature and biodiversity

	Essential	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not a priority	I do not know/ no opinion
Conservation actions on the ground in line with the objectives of the Birds and Habitats Directives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conservation of nature/biodiversity beyond the scope of the Birds/Habitats directives (such as, Red list species not covered by the Directives)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support to projects aimed at developing, demonstrating or promoting innovative techniques, methods and best practices to protect, restore and improve nature and biodiversity (the so-called "traditional projects")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support the implementation of integrated action plans on nature and biodiversity developed by Member States' authorities (the so-called "integrated projects")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protecting, restoring and improving nature and biodiversity in the urban environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financing small actions in order to mobilise local organisations/capacities (small grants)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please, provide any further details here (including suggestions for additional measures):

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Implementation of nature-based solutions in urban environments for climate adaptation & mitigation

Sub-programme: Circular Economy and Quality of Life

	Essential	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not a priority	I do not know/ no opinion
Development and implementation of action plans on air, water and waste in Member States, regions and local communities (the so-called "integrated projects")	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support to projects aimed at developing, demonstrating or promoting innovative techniques, methods and approach on water, air, waste, soil, circular economy, noise, management of chemicals, resource efficiency, etc. (the so-called "traditional projects")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving the knowledge base to support a more effective implementation of environmental policy and legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support for projects to mitigate pollution downstream (end-of-pipe solutions, recovery and recycling, clean-up and decontamination)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prevention and reduction of the pollution at source (prevention, better design, re-use, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Removing market barriers to green and sustainable products and services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support to the preparation of new investments on green products and solutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Improving environmental governance at all levels, in particular through enhancing capacities of public and private actors and the involvement of civil society	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting sustainable circular products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting circularity in value chains and sectors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting stakeholder engagement and empowering consumers to participate in the circular economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please, provide any further details here (including suggestions for additional measures):

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Sub-programme: Climate Change adaptation/mitigation

	Essential	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not a priority	I do not know/ no opinion
Support to development and implementation of Member States' national energy and climate plans (NECPs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support to development and implementation of EU mid-term and long-term climate strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support regions, local communities and civil society in raising awareness of climate change mitigation/adaptation and bringing about behavioural changes (European Climate Pact)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promoting mitigation/adaptation in key EU policy and funding areas (agriculture, fisheries, cohesion policy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Facilitate the development and implementation of integrated approaches, such as for climate change mitigation strategies and action plans, at local, regional or national level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contribute to the development and demonstration of innovative climate change mitigation technologies, systems, methods and instruments that are suitable for replication, transfer or mainstreaming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support capacity building and assistance to project promoters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please, provide any further details here (including suggestions for additional measures):

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Mitigation and adaptation measures should include: energy poverty alleviation (households & mobility); local /regional integrated planning (energy & climate); process and management schemes on local level; management of energy, environment and climate data; implementation of sustainable cooling solutions such as district cooling systems.

Sub-programme: Clean energy transition

	Essential	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not a priority	I do not know/ no opinion
Development and implementation of strategies, policies and regulatory frameworks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support to developing, demonstrating and mainstreaming innovative technologies, methodologies and processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Removing market barriers to the uptake of renewable energy and energy efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving professional skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting innovation and digitalisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Development, demonstration and mainstreaming of new business models and services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development, demonstration and mainstreaming innovative financial instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity building and assistance to project promoters to mobilise investments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developing and mainstreaming green public procurement approaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Awareness raising to educate and empower citizens to participate in the energy transition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting vulnerable groups and territories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please, provide any further details here (including suggestions for additional measures):

Text of 1 to 500 characters will be accepted

The clean energy transition sub-programme should include: technical assistance for integrated building renovation services & aggregation projects; roll-out of business models integrating energy efficiency & RES, energy management, storage; energy communities' development; citizen mobilization in sustainable energy; implementation of energy efficiency & RES in industry & SMEs; decarbonizing islands' energy systems; support of clean energy clusters; facilitation of smart city initiatives.

SECTION 3: Implementation

This section of the questionnaire is about the detailed design of the programme, therefore it is only open to stakeholders with experience in LIFE/Horizon 2020 (based on your answer in section 1.5).

3.1. It is envisaged that in future the sub-programme “Nature and biodiversity” might include a new element, namely small grants (for example less than 100.000 EUR, possibly with higher co-financing rate than traditional projects), in addition to integrated projects and traditional projects. These small grants would be aimed at unlocking the potential of local actors to deliver practical conservation actions. Do you agree that there is a need to provide these small grants, to finance small-scale local actions for nature and biodiversity conservation?

Single Choice Question

- (a) Yes, all over the European Union
- (b) Yes, but only in the Outermost Regions and in Overseas Countries and Territories taking into account their rich biodiversity and their specific needs
- (c) No
- (d) I do not know/ no opinion
- (e) Other

If "Other", please specify

Text of 1 to 500 characters will be accepted

Such small grants would be also useful for local & regional sustainable energy projects. Following the EU-City Facility model (www.eucityfacility.eu), local authorities could apply for small lump sums (60 000EUR) to develop relevant "investment concepts" (detailed description of the planned investment, of promoters & local stakeholders, legal analysis, economic/financial analysis, investment roadmap). Such investment concepts are a prerequisite for access to larger sources of funding.

3.2. What do you think would be an appropriate amount for "small grants" to finance local biodiversity conservation actions?

Single Choice Question

- (a) less than 30 000 EUR
- (b) less than 60 000 EUR
- (c) less than 100 000
- (d) I do not know/ no opinion
- (e) Other

If "Other", please specify

Text of 1 to 500 characters will be accepted

60 000-100 000EUR grants could suffice for developing sustainable energy investment concepts as explained above. What is essential is that this financial support be provided in a tailor-made, fast and simplified procedure (example from EU City Facility: <https://www.eucityfacility.eu/apply-for-eucf-support/application-process.html>).

3.3 Calls for future LIFE proposals can be organised in a one or two step procedure.

- Under the one-step procedure, applicants submit a full project proposal, which is then evaluated. Depending on the call for proposals, 1 out of 5-10 project proposals is typically awarded a grant.
- The two-step procedure asks applicants to first submit a 10-page concept note, which is evaluated. Applicants who are successful in the first step are then invited to submit a full project proposal, which is evaluated. Around half of the full project proposals are typically awarded a grant. The two-step

procedure results in a longer process for the applicants than the one-step call but requires less initial investment. However, the information that can be submitted in a concept note is limited and applicants might find it difficult to provide a good description of all the relevant aspects of their project in this limited space.

Which process do you prefer?

Single Choice Question

- (a) A one-step for proposals
- (b) A two-step call for proposals
- (c) I do not know / no opinion

Please, elaborate on your answer here:

Text of 1 to 500 characters will be accepted

Two-step applications can be useful for larger projects and may help in reducing redundant expenditure for project development, under certain conditions: the first-stage evaluation should be performed rigorously, enabling applications that reach the second-stage to have a 50% chance of succeeding as applications in 2 steps create extra costs and prolong the duration of the application; the prolongation incurred by this 2 stage scheme should remain within a reasonable time frame.

3.4 Calls for proposals can either define broad themes that proposals should address or be more detailed and specific.

- Broader calls for proposals rely on the existence and attraction of good ideas, and arguably provide more flexibility for applicants.
- More detailed calls for proposals provide more guidance to applicants on the challenges to be addressed, the scope of the work or the results to be achieved.

To what extent do you think the call for proposals should prescribe the challenges, scope and results of activities that applicants should respond to?

Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5 what you consider to be the right level of detail and request for specific results (i.e. 'prescriptiveness') of the call, with 1 being relatively broad and general calls and 5 being very detailed and specific.

Level of detail in the call of proposals

	Nature and Biodiversity	Circular Economy and Quality of Life	Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	Clean Energy Transition
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1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I do not know/ no opinion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 4: Additional comments

4.1. If you wish to add further information, comments or suggestions – within the scope of this questionnaire – please feel free to do so in the box below (max. 1000 characters) or upload / submit your own document:

Text box:

Text of 1 to 1000 characters will be accepted

We invite the European Commission to use the testimonials of regions and energy agencies from across Europe: https://www.fedarene.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FEDARENE-Recommendations__LIFE-programme.pdf

We welcome the creation of a specific clean energy transition sub-programme co-funding CSA projects and believe it could successfully contribute to Europe's efforts towards carbon neutrality under a few conditions:

- 1.A co-financing rate above 80% for CSA projects for energy efficiency and renewables (art 10.2 e) as match funding is scarce for this type of projects, small-medium organisations will no longer engage and energy transition progress stop in many areas.
- 2.Procedural alignment with Horizon Europe will reduce administration costs for beneficiaries, enable economies of scale for EASME and facilitate synergies.
- 3.Direct management by EASME of CSA-energy projects avoiding subcontracting to external bodies enable projects to inform EU policy making for energy transition.

SECTION 5: Follow up

If you are willing to be contacted for follow up questions on this survey:

5.1. Please indicate your name (non-mandatory)

Text box:

Text of 1 to 100 characters will be accepted

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5.2 Please indicate the name of your company, organisation or institution you represent (non-mandatory):

Text box:

200 character(s) maximum

FEDARENE (European Federation of Agencies and Regions for Energy and the Environment)

5.3 Please provide a contact email address (non-mandatory and will not be published)

Text box:

Text of 1 to 200 characters will be accepted

fedarene@fedarene.org

Please indicate your preference for the publication of your response on the Commission's website: (Please note that regardless of the option chosen, your contribution may be subject to a request for access to documents under public access requirements to European Parliament, Council Regulation 1049/2001 and Commission documents. In this case the request will be assessed against the conditions set out in the Regulation and in accordance with applicable data protection rules)

- Under the name given: I consent to publication of all information in my contribution and I declare that none of it is subject to copyright restrictions that prevent publication.
- Anonymously: I consent to publication of all information in my contribution and I declare that none of it is subject to copyright restrictions that prevent publication.

Useful links

[Proposal for a new LIFE Programme \(https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2018%3A383AFIN\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2018%3A383AFIN)

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