



LIFE Programme

The [LIFE programme](#) is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation by co-financing pilot or demonstration projects with added value.

Since its start in 1992, LIFE has been continuously co-funding innovative projects that help address the EU's transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, strategically underpinning the implementation of the EU strategy on adaptation to climate change and demonstrating ways to meet the climate action challenges from now to 2030.

With more than [4 500 initiatives](#) supported to date, some [200 projects](#) have focused exclusively on climate change adaptation – with a total allocation of €430 million. Their work tackles potential natural hazards, making a significant contribution to the fight against climate change.

Of the 55 projects focused on urban resilience, a small cluster initially demonstrated the adaptive potential of 'green infrastructure', including the ability of green roofs or sustainable urban drainage systems to reduce storm water run-off and the positive effects of requalifying green areas, and creating green belts and corridors in peri-urban areas.

More recently, LIFE projects have focused on integrated, ecosystem-based solutions for whole districts or even whole cities by incorporating green and blue infrastructure in local planning as well as stimulating the collective participation of citizens and local businesses. This approach enables the development of innovative adaptation technologies within the water, energy and construction sectors, and increases the focus on health-related issues.

For more information on how the LIFE programme contributes to urban resilience, and promotes green infrastructure and ecosystem-based approaches in cities across Europe, download the thematic brochure on [Climate Change Adaptation](#).

More information about the more than 4 500 LIFE projects co-funded to date is available on the [project database](#). For more information about funding possibilities, click [here](#).

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