



LIFE Networking Meeting on **LIFE and Innovative Funding Instruments for Nature**

5 & 6 February 2025

Draft agenda

Day 1 – 5 February	Participant & Role	Duration
Introduction and scope of the meeting	Mr Lazlo Becsy, Head of Sector, Unit D.D.2 LIFE Environment (Nature & Circular Economy), DG ENV, European Commission	10.00 - 10.10
Policy introduction – the need for innovative funding.	Mr Hadrien Michel, Policy officer, Unit D2 Natural capital and ecosystem health, DG ENV, European Commission	10.10 – 10.20
Available innovative financing mechanisms	Ms Teresa Baiges Zapater, Forest Ownership Center (CPF), LIFE BIORGEST (LIFE17 NAT/ES/000568)	10.20 - 10.30
Innovative funding sources: the experience from selected LIFE projects	Presentations by the following projects: - LIFE Olivares Vivos (LIFE20 NAT/ES/001487), Mr Carlos Ruiz, Project Coordinator, Conservación y Ciencia - Pennine PeatLIFE (LIFE16 NAT/UK/000725), Mr Paul Leadbitter - Peatland Programme Manager - LIFE Metamorphosis (LIFE21-NAT-SK-LIFE/101074487), Ms Katarina Tuharska, Project Manager, BROZ conservation association - LIFE BRENTA 2030 (LIFE18 NAT/IT/000756), Ms Giulia Amato, Nature Governance programme Coordinator <i>Moderator: Ms Lynne Barratt, LIFE External Monitoring team, ELMEN EEIG</i>	10.30 – 11.10
Q&A		11.10 - 11.20
Coffee break		11.20 – 11.30
An example of the private sector	NaturaSi, Ms Manuela Bellotto, ECOR NaturaSi Administration and Documentation Office Private Sector Representative: Insights from a company actively supporting biodiversity initiatives	11.30 - 11.45
Insights from the Banking Sector	Mr Stephen Hart, Financial advisor, European Investment Bank	11.45 - 12.00

Q&A	<i>Moderator: Mr Elias Demian, External Monitor, ELMEN EEIG</i>	12.00 - 12.20
The role of Green Assist (Green Advisory Service for Sustainable Investment Support) in attracting private funds in nature conservation.	Mr Andrea Bianchini, Policy Officer, ENV.E1 – Green Finance and Investments, DG ENV, European Commission Mr Gauthier Clar, Senior Manager Financial Engineering, CINEA	12.20 – 12.50
Barriers and opportunities in attracting innovative funds into nature conservation	Panel discussion between LIFE projects: - LIFE Olivares Vivos (LIFE20 NAT/ES/001487), Mr Carlos Ruiz, Project Coordinator, Conservación y Ciencia - Pennine PeatLIFE (LIFE16 NAT/UK/000725), Mr Paul Leadbitter - Peatland Programme Manager - LIFE Metamorphosis (LIFE21-NAT-SK-LIFE/101074487), Ms Katarina Tuharska, Project Manager, BROZ conservation association - LIFE BRENTA 2030 (LIFE18 NAT/IT/000756), Ms Giulia Amato, Nature Governance programme Coordinator <i>Moderation by Ms Stephanie Schaan, Policy officer, Unit E1 Sustainable financing and investments, DG ENV, European Commission</i>	12.50 - 13.20
Q&A		13.20 - 13.30
Wrap-up of the day	Mr Joseph van der Stegen, Project adviser, EU Commission, CINEA	13.30 - 13.35

Day 2 – 6 February		
Welcome and wrap-up of day 1	Mr Joseph van der Stegen, Project adviser, EU Commission, CINEA	10.00 - 10.10
<u>Session A: Existing funding mechanisms for nature</u>		10.10 - 11.10
<i>Parallel session A1: Strategies for collecting and distributing funding</i>	Room #1: Initial presentation by LIFE IP PAF-WILD ATLANTIC NATURE (LIFE18 IPE/IE/000002), Mr Derek McLoughlin, Project Manager, LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature	

Parallel session A2: Payment for ecosystem services	Panel discussion: - LIFE Belgium for Biodiversity (LIFE21-IPN-BE-B4B-LIFE/101069526), Mr Tom Andries, Project coordinator - LIFE ADAPTA BLUES (LIFE18 CCA/ES/001160), Professor José A. Juanes de la Preña, Project Coordinator, University of Cantabria - LIFE Metamorphosis (LIFE21-NAT-SK-LIFE/101074487), Ms Katarina Tuharska, Project Manager, BROZ conservation association <i>Moderator: Ms Lynne Barratt, External Monitor, ELMEN EEIG</i> Room #2 – Initial presentation: The case of Bosco Limite, Mr Giacomo Laghetto, Project Manager, Etifor Panel discussion - LIFE ProForPES (LIFE21-PRE-IT-LIFE-ProForPES/101086509), Dr Giulia Corradini, Project Manager, Tesaf Department, University of Padova - LIFE IP PAF-WILD ATLANTIC NATURE (LIFE18 IPE/IE/00002), Dr Gary Goggins, Public Awareness Manager, Adjunct Lecturer (Geography), University of Galway - Ms Agnieszka Markowska, Senior Policy Advisor, Milieu SRL <i>Moderator: Ms Daphne Mavrogiorgos, External Monitor, ELMEN EEIG</i>	
Coffee break		11.10 - 11.20
Session B: Integrating <u>biodiversity</u> into business Parallel session B1: Business and biodiversity working together	Room #1 – Initial presentation, LIFE BELGIUM FOR BIODIVERSITY (LIFE-LIFE21-IPN-BE-B4B-LIFE/101069526), Mr	11.20 – 12.20

Parallel session B2: Testing biodiversity credits	Serge Lamborelle, Manager Public Lighting CoE, SIBELGA Panel discussion: - LIFE Olivares Vivos (LIFE20 NAT/ES/001487), Mr Carlos Ruiz, Project Coordinator, Conservación y Ciencia - LIFE Responsible Sourcing (LIFE19 GIE/DE/000785), Mr Patrick Trötschler, Lake Constance Foundation, Programme Director Agriculture & Food - LIFE PollinAction (LIFE19/NAT/IT/000848), Professor Edy Fantinato, Department of Environmental Science, Informatics and Statistics, Ca' Foscari University of Venice <i>Moderator: Mr Elias Demian, LIFE External Monitor, ELMEN EEIG</i> Room #2 - Initial presentation by - Mr Nathaniel Page, President, ADEPT - Mr Dan Exton, Director of Strategy, rePLANET Panel discussion - LIFE Wetlands4Climate (LIFE19 CCM/ES/001235), Ms Vanessa Sánchez, Policy and Climate change officer, Global Nature Foundation - LIFE PLP Biodiv Crew (LIFE24-PRE-DE-Biodiv CrEW – 101213998), Mr Max Kolb, Sustainable Finance Officer, NABU - LIFE-IP ZENAPA (LIFE15 IPC/DE/000005), Jacob Bußmann, Deputy Head of the Fundraising Department of the Trier University of Applied Sciences	
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	<i>Moderator: Mr Jan Sliva, External Monitor, ELMEN EEIG</i>	
Plenary: main points from the break-out rooms & closing remarks	Bettina Doeser, Head of Unit - ENV.D2 - Natural Capital and Ecosystem Health	12.20 – 12.45