Title
Strategic Nature Projects
Funding Instrument
LIFE PROGRAMME
Code
LIFE-2021-STRAT-NAT-SNAP-two-stage
General Information

A SNAP will not have to cover all actions foreseen in the strategy/plan or ensure that the strategy/plan will be fully implemented during the lifetime of the SNAP. However, the SNAP shall include strategic actions to catalyse a process and mobilise supplementary commitments and funding that will lead, in due time, to the full implementation of the plan or strategy.

SNAPs shall promote the coordination with and mobilisation of other relevant Union, national or private funding sources for the implementation of the complementary measures or actions outside of the SNAP in the framework of the targeted plan or strategy, giving preference to Union funding. Within the SNAP itself, however, co-funding may not come from other Union funding sources.

SNAPs shall actively involve the main stakeholders necessary for the implementation of the targeted plan or strategy. They should be involved in both the design and implementation of the given project. This involvement is expected to be achieved by including them - where possible and reasonable - as associated beneficiaries of the SNAP, or through their active participation in the implementation of the SNAP itself and/or of the complementary actions.

SNAPs should facilitate and result in the building up of strategic capacities among the competent authorities and stakeholders to ensure a long-term sustainability of project results and actions, and to ensure that they will be able to function as co-deliverers of the targeted plan or strategy after the end of the SNAP.

Depending on the needs of the given Members States (or regions) as identified in their PAFs or in other nature and biodiversity plans (which must be available by the time a SNAP full proposal is submitted), the set of measures to be included in a SNAP programme of actions shall include the following:

- institutional support and capacity building actions;
- mobilisation and coordination of additional finance for complementary actions, in particular from other EU funding instruments and programmes.

In addition, SNAPs may also include concrete conservation and restoration measures, in particular where these cannot be supported through other EU funding programmes.

The SNAP complexity requires an adaptive approach in the design of the implementing mechanism. For this reason, SNAPs will be implemented based on a revolving programming mechanism structured in phases (i.e. Phase 1, Phase 2, etc.). Each phase should normally last at least 3 years, to reduce administrative burden, although duration might be shorter if properly justified.

See Call document for a more detailed description of SNAP scope and features.

Objectives and expected impact

- After the project end (3-5 years after): catalysing full implementation of the PAF and/or other eligible plan(s)/strategy(ies)/action plan(s).
- Significant contribution to the favourable conservation status of natural habitats and species of EU importance maintained and/or restored as per measures identified in PAF.
- Significant contribution to the reduction of pressures on habitats and species and restored degraded ecosystems as per measures identified in other than PAF targeted plan(s)/strategy(ies)/action plan(s).

Link with CMA Goals

Goal I: Healthy marine and coastal ecosystems / **Priority 5:** Encourage the production, management and sharing of marine and coastal environmental knowledge for effective environmental monitoring and observation

Deadline for submission

19 October 2021 – 17:00:00 CET

Project duration

Indicative project duration: between 60 and 120 months

Financial allocation

- Topic Budget: EUR 70 million.
- Indicative range of Project budgets: EUR 15 – 50 million (2 -7 projects
- Maximum 60% funding rate.

Partnership

Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Ukraine

Eligible partners/key conditions

1. Admissibility conditions: described in section 5 of the call document

Proposal page limits and layout: described in Part B of the Application Form available in the Submission System

2. Eligible countries: described in section 6 of of the call document

3. Other eligibility conditions: described in section 6 of the call document

4. Financial and operational capacity and exclusion: described in section 7 of the call document

5. Evaluation and award:

- Award criteria, scoring and thresholds: described in section 9 of the call document
- Submission and evaluation processes: described in sections 8 and 11 of the call document and the Online Manual
- Indicative timeline for evaluation and grant agreement: described in section 4 of the call document

6. Legal and financial set-up of the grants: described in section 10 of the call document

Sector of activity
Nature and biodiversity; Environment and Climate Change; Governance
Further Info
Call document Standard application form — *call-specific application form is available in the Submission System*