



The new LIFE Programme 2014-2020

Opportunities for IL stakeholders

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PART 1: GENERAL INTRODUCTION



LIFE – Then and Now

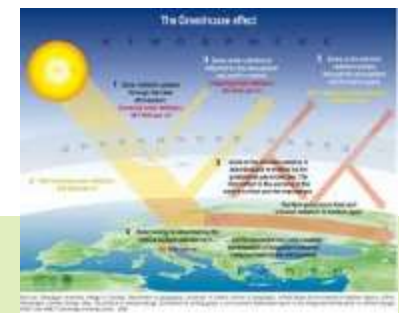
- **LIFE 1992-2013**: more than 3100 projects in the fields of
- **nature & biodiversity**
- other **environmental sectors and governance**
- **LIFE third countries**
- **Information**
- **LIFE 2014 to 2020**, two sub-programmes for:
 - **environment**
 - **climate action**





Why LIFE?

- ✚ **LIFE is a catalyst:** it provides a **platform** for the development and exchange of best practices and knowledge thereby improving, catalysing and accelerating changes;
- ✚ **LIFE** is the ideal instrument to show to regional and national authorities the benefits of investing in the environment sector and incentivising them to **develop strategic frameworks for spending.**
- ✚ **LIFE** has been **successfully tested since 1992:** positive feed-back and final evaluation





LIFE 2014-2020 - Legal Framework

- ➔ **The LIFE Regulation** (EU Regulation 1293/2013 of 20/12/2013)

- ➔ **The LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2017** (Commission Decision of 19/03/2014)

- The Action/Operating **grant agreements** of beneficiaries with the **Contracting Authority** (including **Common Provisions**) or agreements of recipients **with banks**





LIFE 2014-2020 – Objectives

- contributing towards a **resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy**; protecting and improving the **environment**; maintaining and improving **biodiversity**, ecosystems and, in particular, the **Natura 2000 network**
- improving the development, implementation and enforcement of **Union environmental and climate policy and legislation**
- **integrating and mainstreaming** of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies
- improving environmental and climate **governance**
- Implementing the **7th Environment Action Programme**

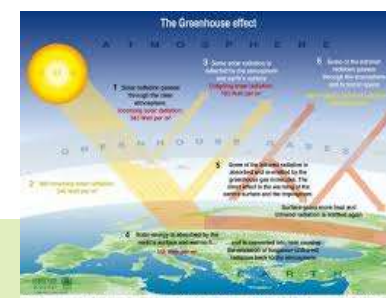




LIFE 2014-2020 – Priority Areas

- Environment sub-programme
 - Environment & Resource Efficiency (ENV)
 - Nature & Biodiversity (NAT, BIO)
 - Environmental Governance & Information (GIE)

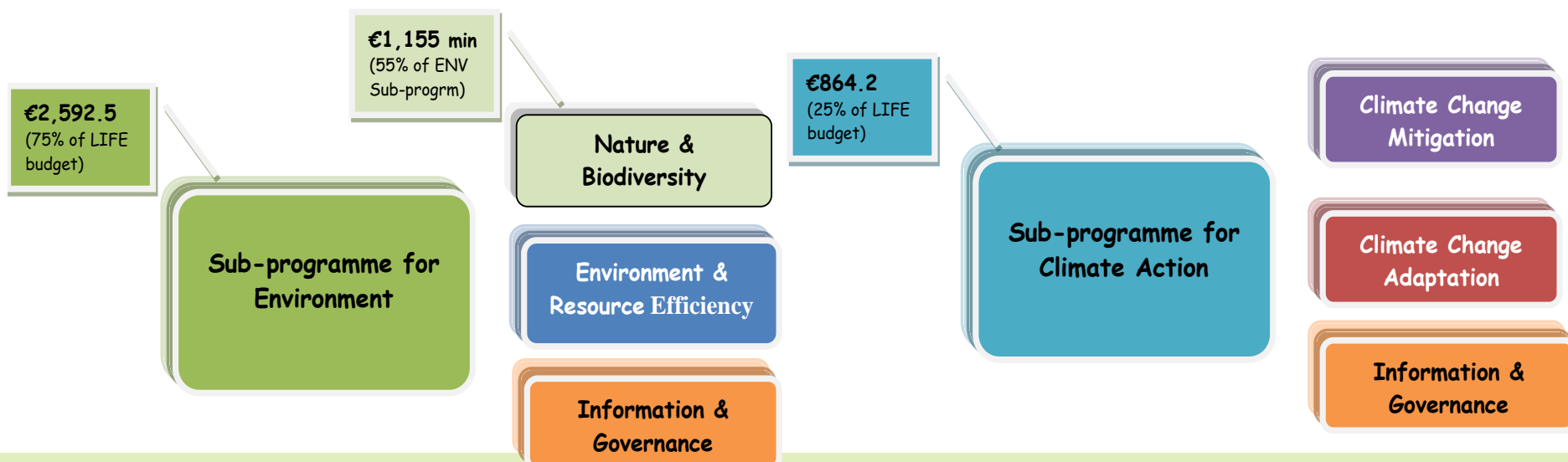
- Climate Action sub-programme
 - Climate Change Mitigation (CMM)
 - Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
 - Climate Change Governance & Information (GIC)





LIFE 2014-2020 - Structure

LIFE Programme
€3,456.7 (2014-2020)





LIFE 2014-2020 - Budget

- Total budget of **€3.5 billion**
- For **projects** funded by action grants and financial instruments: **€2.8 billion** (81% of total)
- Sub-programme for **environment €2.1 billion** for projects
- **Nature & Biodiversity** including **related governance and information €1.22 billion** (more than 55% of sub-programme ENV minus financial instruments)
- Sub-programme for **climate action €0.69 billion** for projects
- **Operating grants** to environmental and climate **NGOs €63 million**





LIFE 2014 - Budget

- Total budget of **€ 404.6 million**
- For **projects** funded by action grants and financial instruments: **€324.6 million** (81% of total)
- Sub-programme for **environment €245.4 million** for projects
- **Nature & Biodiversity** including **related governance and information € 132.8 million** (55% of sub-programme ENV minus financial instruments)
- Sub-programme for **climate action €79.2 million** for projects
- **Operating grants** to environmental and climate **NGOs €9 million**





Geographical Coverage

Principle: Applicable where the Treaty on European Union applies

Participation:

- Certain Third Countries may participate on the basis of and in line with the conditions of a cooperation agreement
- Cooperation with International Organisations is possible when necessary to reach LIFE objectives

Activities Outside of the EU: Permitted in certain cases



Geographical coverage: Third country eligibility full participation (Article 5)

- (a) European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries which are parties to the European Economic Area agreement (EEA);
- (b) candidate countries, potential candidates and acceding countries
- (c) countries to which the **European Neighbourhood Policy** applies;
- (d) countries which have become members of the European Environmental Agency

subject to:

- - **MoU**
- - supplementary finance = **'entry ticket'**



Geographical coverage: Third country eligibility associated beneficiary (Article 6)

Activities outside the Union or in overseas countries & territories

1. Without prejudice to Article 5, the LIFE Programme may finance activities outside the Union and in overseas countries and territories (OCTs) in accordance with Decision 2001/822/EC (the Overseas Association Decision), provided those activities are **necessary to achieve Union environmental and climate objectives and to ensure the **effectiveness** of interventions carried out in Member State territories to which the Treaties apply.**

2. A legal person established outside the Union may be able to participate in the projects referred to in Article 18, provided the **beneficiary coordinating the project is based in the Union** and the activity to be carried out outside the Union meets the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article.



Geographical coverage: Third country eligibility partnership (Article 6)

Activities outside the Union and in OCTs possible when:

- Action outside the EU is necessary to achieve EU environmental/climate objectives; **and**
- To ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the MS; **and**
- The coordinating beneficiary is based in the EU.



Possible issues for Article 6 projects

Possible opportunities for ENV sub-programme

- Nature & Biodiversity: migratory species, marine issues, cross-border habitats, Management of spread of alien species
- Environment: transboundary air pollution, transboundary water courses
- Governance: aspects linked to international conventions or initiatives (e.g., cross-border movements of waste, wildlife and timber trade or chemicals)

Possible opportunities for CLIMA sub-programme

- Climate change adaptation: transboundary adaptation issues (e.g. floods, mountainous areas, drought-prone areas)
- Climate change mitigation: transboundary mitigation efforts (e.g. industrial or agricultural sectors, multi-city or multiregional)

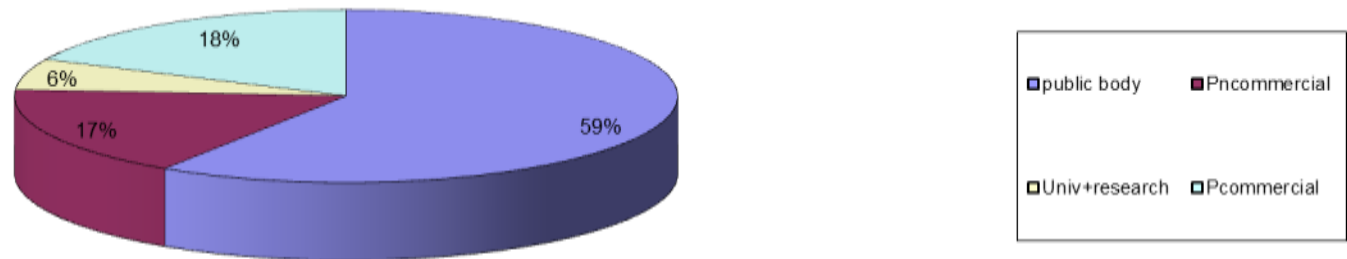
→ **Refinement of technologies for transfer into the EU**



LIFE – Applicants/Beneficiaries

- Applicants - SME, NGO, public administrations, any legal person

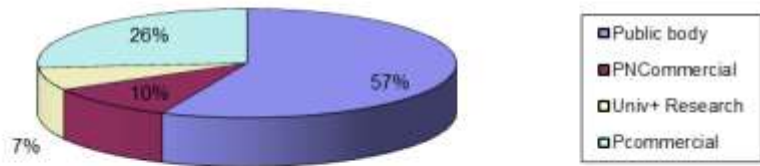
LIFE beneficiary types 2008-2010



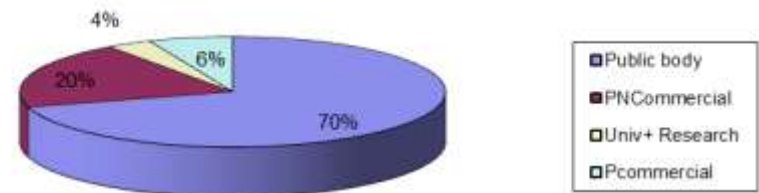


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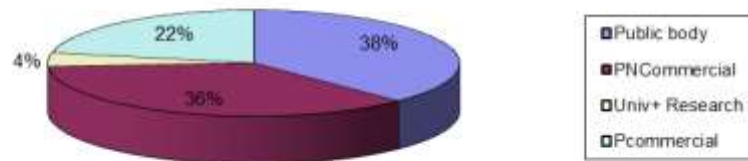
ENV strand 2008-2010



NAT strand 2008-2010

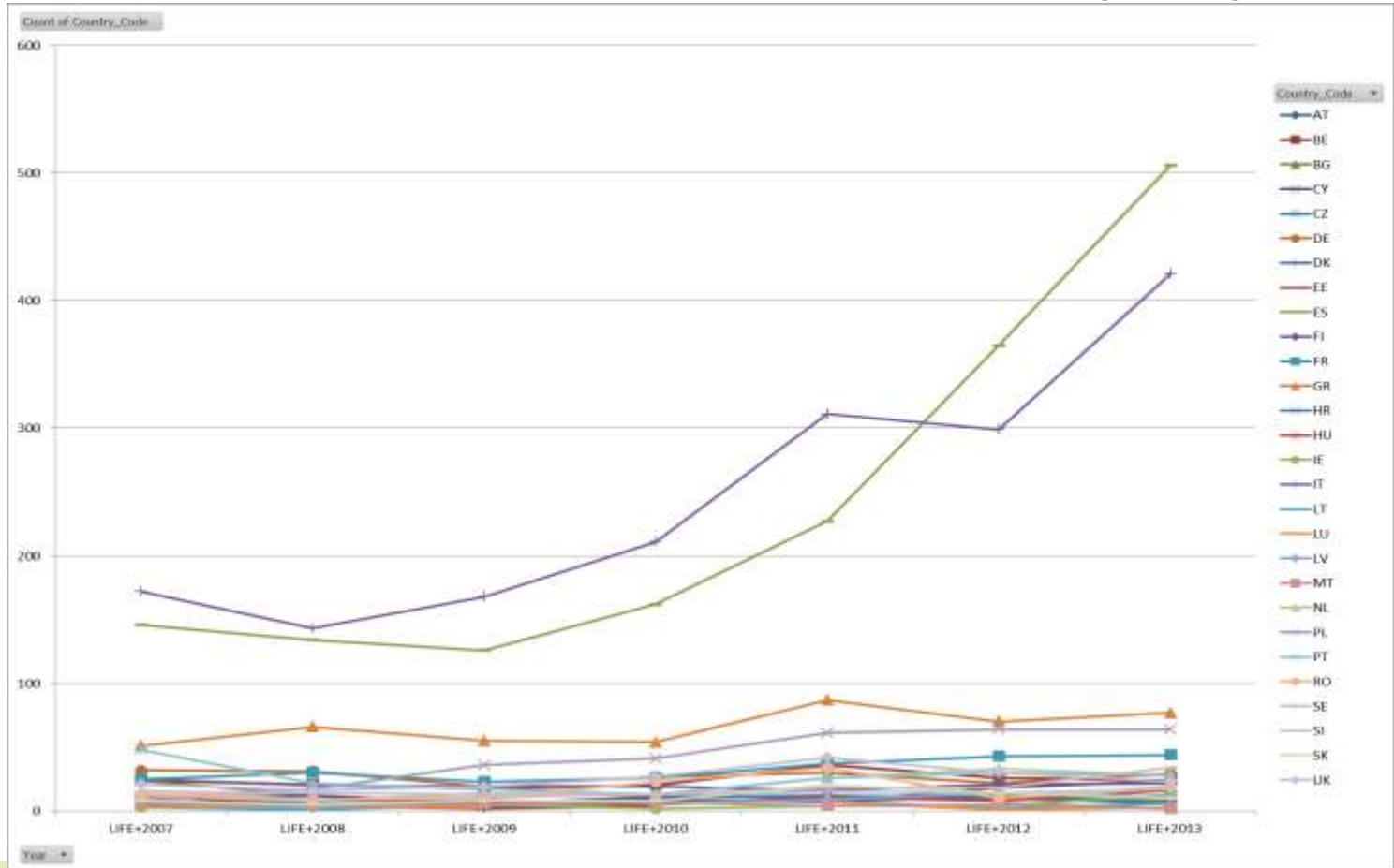


INF strand 2008-2010



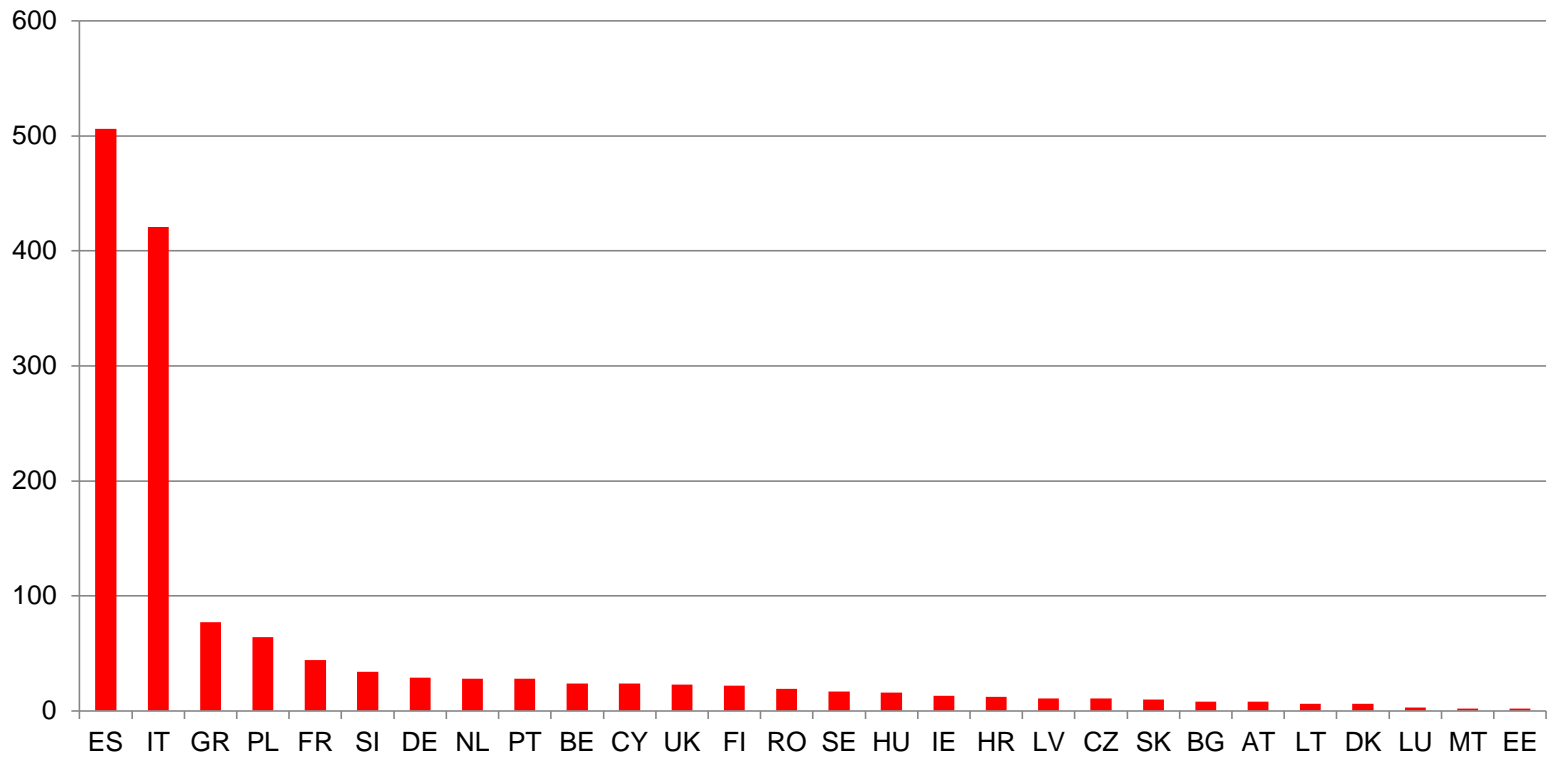


Submission trend 2007 – 2013 (MS)



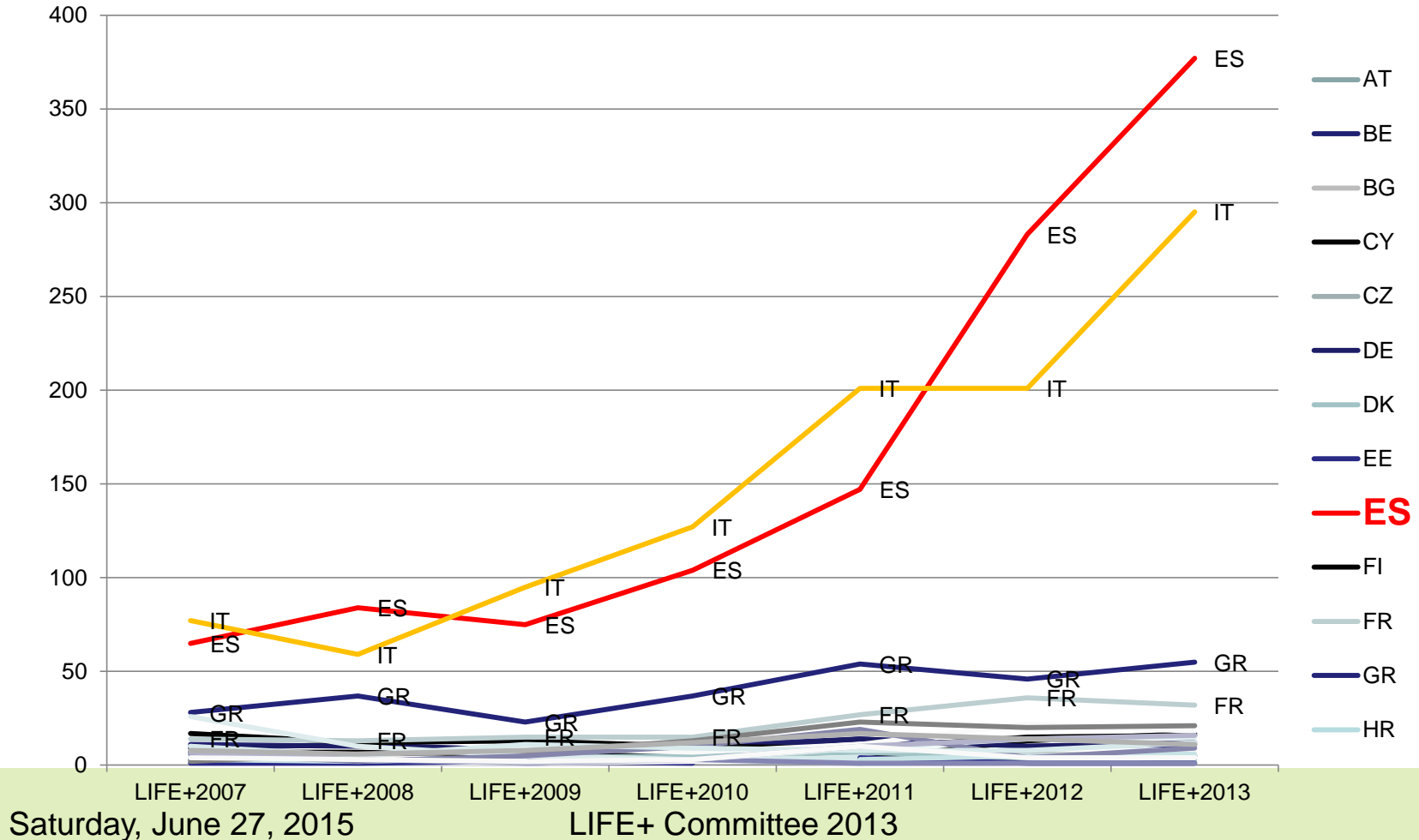


Proposals submitted by Member State 2013 Call





Submission trend ENV 2007 – 2013 (MS)





LIFE – Other general features

- Emphasis on **replicability/transferability** and **longterm sustainability** of the project results
- **Not focussed on research** (↔ H2020)
- **No large infrastructure; not focussed on rural or regional development** (↔ agricultural, structural funds)
- **Support and monitoring**: From Contracting Authority (EASME or Commission) and external monitoring team