

**Question for written answer E-004460/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Risks regarding action for nature, biodiversity and climate from the abolition of the free-standing LIFE programme

For over 30 years, the LIFE programme has been emblematic as the EU's main funding instrument for action on the environment, biodiversity and climate.¹ However, in its proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework,² the Commission is abolishing the LIFE programme and integrating only some of its actions into the European Competitiveness Fund and the EU mechanism under national and regional partnership plans. In both cases, LIFE actions are merged with a wide range of other EU sectoral programmes and instruments, with LIFE's integration being partial and not accompanied by a dedicated budget. This Commission plan weakens the original focus of the programme and risks sidelining and defunding targeted action for nature, biodiversity and climate.

Given that recent reports demonstrate on the one hand the precarious overall state of Europe's environment³ and on the other significant delays in the implementation of European environmental legislation and a significant investment gap:⁴

1. How does the Commission justify the proposed abolition of the flagship LIFE programme and its only partial integration into new programmes, without a specific budget targeted at climate and environmental actions?
2. How does it guarantee that targeted action for nature, biodiversity and climate at EU level will not be left without funding?

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¹ https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/programmes/life_en

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en

³ <https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/newsroom/news/state-of-europes-environment-2025/greece-eea25-press-release-greek.pdf/@@download/file>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0420>