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The Commission's proposals for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)¹ are designed to optimise the EU's budget and retain flexibility to respond to changing needs and address unexpected challenges. As indicated in the Commission's reply to written questions E-004351/2025, the Commission proposes an ambitious 35% climate and environment spending target, aiming at mobilising over EUR 700 billion for climate and environment. The EU budget will offer significant opportunities to support activities under the EU programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE) in the 2028-2034 period, continuing the support received by the 2021-2027 budget.

Within the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security, the National and Regional Partnership (NRP) Plans, together with the EU Facility, will offer support to climate and environmental objectives, allowing Member States to seamlessly incorporate LIFE-type projects into their national agendas. The Commission proposal requires Member States to allocate at least 43% of their national allocation to actions contributing to the EU climate and environmental objectives. In NRP Plans, Member States will be requested to provide an explanation on how the NRP Plan will be consistent with Member States' national energy and climate plans and national nature restoration plans. The EU Facility can support LIFE actions, including strategic nature projects, strategic integrated projects and strategic action projects that address environmental policy priorities with a cross-border or transnational dimension.

The European Competitiveness Fund will support LIFE activities directed at innovation and competitiveness. The Fund will dedicate at least 43% of its budget to climate and environment objectives.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en.