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**Question for written answer E-001093/26
to the Commission
Joachim Streit (Renew)
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Subject: LIFE projects

On 9 March 2026, the Commission announced that more than EUR 103 million would be invested in seven LIFE strategic projects in Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain. The projects aim to boost climate and water resilience, the circular economy and ecosystem restoration, and it is thought that they will mobilise additional national and private investment.

1. How is the Commission ensuring that less developed or less prepared regions can also benefit adequately from LIFE funding in the future?
2. What opportunities exist for Germany and its regions to benefit more from LIFE strategic projects in the future?
3. How is the Commission ensuring that the administrative burden for local implementing partners is commensurate with the added value?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
(6 July 2026)**

All calls for proposals under the EU programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE) ⁽¹⁾ are equally open to applicants from all Member States and associated countries.

With a view to ensuring maximum geographical coverage, the Commission, in collaboration with the LIFE Committee, has established in the Multiannual Work Programme indicative allocations for strategic integrated projects and strategic nature projects for each Member State.

To date, under the current LIFE Programme, neither Germany at national level nor its regions are implementing any strategic project.

One proposal that had been submitted, has subsequently been withdrawn by the applicants for lack of national co-financing. The 2026 calls for proposals for strategic projects are currently open, and this represents a concrete opportunity to engage.

The Commission has provided continuous support through specific technical assistance projects to develop the technical capacity of relevant authorities to participate in LIFE.

The network of National Contact Points plays a crucial role in this regard, by informing potential applicants, providing guidance on policy priorities and project design.

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency ⁽²⁾ regularly organise Info Days to assist all potential applicants and address their questions.

The Commission continuously monitors and reviews administrative requirements to ensure they remain proportionate to the funds managed and commensurate with the added value delivered.

This is achieved through continuous simplification of procedures, a dedicated monitoring team, and targeted capacity building activities, all of which are informed by feedback received from local implementing partners.

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

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