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LIFE program renewed for 2021-2027

LIFE is a European Union funding program that aims to support innovative projects in line with nature, environment and climate policies in Europe, and help put these into practice. This program is open to both large companies and SMEs, as well as governments and NGOs. This year, a new LIFE program was launched with new priorities for the 7 years ahead: LIFE 2021-2027.

In the new LIFE program for 2021-2027, the European Commission is allocating **EUR 5.450 billion** to projects supporting environmental and climate actions; an amount increased by EUR 1.950 billion compared to the previous LIFE program (2014-2020) budget.

The program will enable continued support for the transition to a circular economy and enhanced climate change mitigation. It will include an increased focus on nature and biodiversity. A new specific sub-programme “Clean Energy Transition” will also be introduced. Furthermore, LIFE 2021-2027 will ensure sufficient flexibility in addressing new and critical priorities as they emerge during the program’s seven year period.

LIFE 2021-2027 comprises the following sub-programs (with their approximate budgets indicated):

- 1. Nature and Biodiversity** (EUR 2.150 billion): Support for projects in developing, applying and promoting best practices in relation to nature and biodiversity. In addition, support is available for ‘Strategic Nature Projects’, which are designed to support and boost the implementation of EU nature and biodiversity policies.
- 2. Circular Economy and Quality of Life** (EUR 1.350 billion): Focus on actions that help in reaching major EU policy objectives such as the transition to a circular economy, and protecting and improving the quality of air and water within the EU.

3. **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation** (EUR 0.950 billion): Focus on actions to implement the 2030 energy and climate policy framework, and meet the EU's commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
4. **Clean Energy Transition** (EUR 1 billion): This new sub-program will build capacity, stimulate investments and support activities focused on energy efficiency and renewable energy (especially for sectors and European regions lagging behind in the transition towards clean energy). Intervention will occur at several levels: political and regulatory, business, financial and socio-cultural.

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