



# LIFE Mitigación y Adaptación al Cambio Climático

## Convocatoria 2025: *Novedades y consideraciones*

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# President Von der Leyen Political Priorities for this mandate include:

- A new **Clean Industrial Deal** to decarbonise and bring down energy prices
- A **90% emission reduction target** for 2040 in the European Climate Law
- Rolling out the **Social Climate Fund**
- A **European Climate Adaptation Plan** to support EU countries on climate resilience and preparedness (expected 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2026)
- **Implementing** the existing legal framework for 2030

# Sub-programme Climate Mitigation and Adaptation



Climate Change  
Mitigation and  
Adaptation

## Contribution to:

- The transformation of the European Union into a climate-neutral and -resilient society, especially through:
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate Change Adaptation & Related Governance

## Typical actions

On **climate mitigation**, projects that contribute significantly to the implementation of:

- The 2030 energy and climate policy
- The EU Member States' National Energy and Climate Plans
- European Union's mid-century and long-term climate and energy strategy

### On **climate adaptation**:


- Projects that support the implementation of the new EU adaptation strategy and related national implementation

# Types of funded activities (Call 2025)

# Climate Mitigation & Adaptation sub-programme

- **Action grants:**
    - Standard action projects (SAPs)
    - Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)
    - Technical Assistance (TA - PP)
    - Other Actions:
      - Policy and Legislative Priorities projects (PLPs)
  - **NGO Operating grants**
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# Standard Action Projects (SAPs)

- Demonstration projects or best practices;
  - Innovation is valued;
  - Contribute to the development, implementation, monitoring (of) and compliance (with) the policies and legislation of the EU;
  - In this sense, the catalyser effect of those projects is valued;
  - 3 to 10 years.
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# Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)

- Aimed at helping the implementation of specific plans and strategies e.g. National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP);
- Large territorial scale (from regional to transnational);
- Participation of the competent authority of the plan/strategy is needed;
- Own contribution: 40% (international, national, and private funds, excluding EU funds);
- Complementary funding sources needed (at least 1 committed/confirmed EU, national or private funding source other than LIFE); complementary measures mobilised with the project or as part of it;
- 5-10 year (average). Max. 14-year duration;
- Two-stage: concept note, full proposal.

## Technical Assistance (TA-PP)

- Financial assistance for preparing proposal for SIPs (**Climate**, CE & QL) and SNAPs (N&B), for the concept note as well as the full proposal;
- Call 2025: useful for preparing concept note and full proposal for the Call 2026 or 2027;
- The competent authority of the plan/strategy should coordinate preferably the project;
- Up to 2 years of duration.



# Novelties of the Call 2025



# Horizontal

- EU Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates: **Montenegro** is in ongoing negotiations;
- KPI (Key Performance Indicators) turn to **LPI** (LIFE Project Indicators);
- New **Guidance on funding** for activities related to the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement of Union legislation and policy: mainly related to advocacy activities within the projects.

# Sub-programme specific



## Standard Action Projects

- No main changes in the Areas of Intervention for CCA, CCM and GOV;
- References to new policies/regulations such as the Clean Industrial Deal, the 'Omnibus' package, and the Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming Certification Framework (CRCF);
- Indicative call budget: around €500k less than 2024, but same estimated number of projects to be funded.

- ✓ The Clean Industrial Deal: A joint roadmap for competitiveness and decarbonization – COM(2025) 85, 26/02/2025
  - ✓ Legislative package to simplify EU rules and boost competitiveness (Omnibus package), 26/02/2025
    - ✓ Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 (CRCF)

# Call 2025: Scope and areas of intervention for **Climate Change Mitigation**



## Area of intervention

### 2. Actions to support the shift to zero-emission mobility in road transport

Two new policy levers:

- Deliver energy and resource savings that can be shared in a **socially fair way** in the target community, paving the way for mainstreaming;
- Successful actions in the **social climate plans** and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans.

One new topic:

- Integration with energy communities in a way to **mitigate transport poverty** providing access to cheap renewable electricity, thus decreasing electricity bill and easing the transition out of fossil fuels towards e-powered mobility.

✓ [Guidance on the Social Climate Plans](#)

# Call 2025: Scope and areas of intervention for **Climate Change Mitigation**



## Area of intervention

**6. Development and implementation of land and coastal management practices which have an impact on emissions and carbon removals, including the conservation and enhancement of natural carbon sinks in soils and forests and the storage of carbon in long-lasting products**

New references to the **Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming (CRCF)** Regulation and to the **Communication “A Vision for Agriculture and Food”**

Two new topics:

- **Circular use of biobased products** (reuse/ recycle) and utilisation of bio-based products other than wood (hemp, agricultural residues, etc.);
- **Carbon storage in buildings** related to certification of long-term biogenic carbon storage in buildings.

✓ Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 (CRCF)

✓ Vision for Agriculture Food – European Commission

# Call 2025: Scope and areas of intervention for **Climate Change Adaptation**



## Objectives

Two new objectives listed:

- Reduce the vulnerability to the risks described in the **European Climate Risk Assessment**;
- Address principles mentioned in the Commission's Communication on managing climate risks.

✓ European Climate Risk Assessment. EEA report 1/2024

✓ COM(2024) 91 final: Managing climate risks - protecting people and prosperity

# Call 2025: Scope and areas of intervention

## Climate Change Adaptation



### Areas of intervention

#### 2. Support the development of climate adaptation policies and the revision of national, regional or local climate adaptation strategies and plans

One new topic:

- Empower risk owners and foster the exchange and implementation of best practices and solutions to **common adaptation challenges among the outermost regions** and with their neighbors;

#### 7. Climate adaptation and health (New since Call 2024)

- *More proposals addressing this Area would be expected.*

- ✓ European Observatory on Climate and Health (case studies, indicators, country profiles, resource catalogue, maps)
- ✓ EEA report 3/2024 'Responding to climate change impacts on human health in Europe: focus on floods, droughts and water quality'

# Call 2025: Scope and areas of intervention

## Climate Governance and Information



### Areas of intervention

#### 1. Raising awareness, incentivising behavioural change and supporting the activities of the European Climate Pact

Four new topics:

- Implementing **nature-based solutions** and improving climate resilience in urban and rural areas, including green spaces, water retention measures, and climate-proofing buildings and infrastructure;
- **Promoting sustainable mobility** and transport solutions to reduce emissions and enhance climate-friendly urban planning;
- **Engaging diverse social groups**, including less active segments of society, through innovative climate communication, education, and digital tools such as gamification and citizen science;
- Exploring new economic models, financing mechanisms, and democratic approaches to accelerate the transition to climate neutrality.

#### 7. Development of geographically-explicit inventories for the LULUCF sector, creation of carbon removal registries and certification schemes and organisation of capacity building activities and advisory services **(new since Call 2024)**

- Update related with the Certification Framework of the Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming **(CRCF)**.





## SIP – A consideration

- Spain: Two awarded projects in the LIFE Call 2021 and 2022 respectively;
- For SIP/SNaP calls, in case of lack of budget to finance all the proposals that reached the minimum threshold, priority will be given to the proposals from Member States which do not have yet a SIP or SNaP project financed under the specific sub-programme.

Call	2021				2022			2023	
Country	EE	<b>ES</b>	IT	PL	FI	<b>ES /</b> FR	BG	DK	SI

## TA-PP – A consideration

- Applications should cover both Concept Note (CN) and Full Proposal (FP) applications. 6 months gap between them.

# What kind of projects can be funded: examples

# Main topics of Call 2025 (CLIMA)



Climate Risk Assessment  
Climate adaptation and health  
Sustainable agriculture  
Nature-based solutions  
GHG  
Carbon storage in buildings  
Carbon farming  
Carbon removals  
CCU/CCS  
Decarbonisation  
Renewable energy  
Sustainable finance  
Forest management  
Raising Awareness  
Green skills  
Energy efficiency  
Local climate adaptation plans  
GHG monitoring and reporting  
European Climate Pact  
Capacity building  
Water management  
Gas Emissions (GHG)  
Zero-emission mobility  
LULUCF  
REPower-EU  
Ozone depleting substances  
Fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases)  
Climate-proofing of infrastructure and buildings

# SAPs - Climate Change Mitigation

**LIFE HYPOBRICK** - Towards hypocarbonic economy. Development of non-fired building materials based on wastes.

Coordinator: ASOCIACION DE INVESTIGACION DE LAS INDUSTRIAS CERAMICAS (ES)

Budget: € 1,578,722 (total)

Duration: Oct 2019 – March 2023

Objective:

Demonstrate the feasibility of manufacturing **waste-based** building products (**bricks and blocks**) using an extremely low CO2 emission process called the alkaline-activation process (AAP), with reduction of GHG emissions of 92%.

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# SAPs - Climate Change Mitigation

## LIFE Innocereal EU - Connecting the cereal value chain and creating sustainable certification for carbon neutral production in Europe

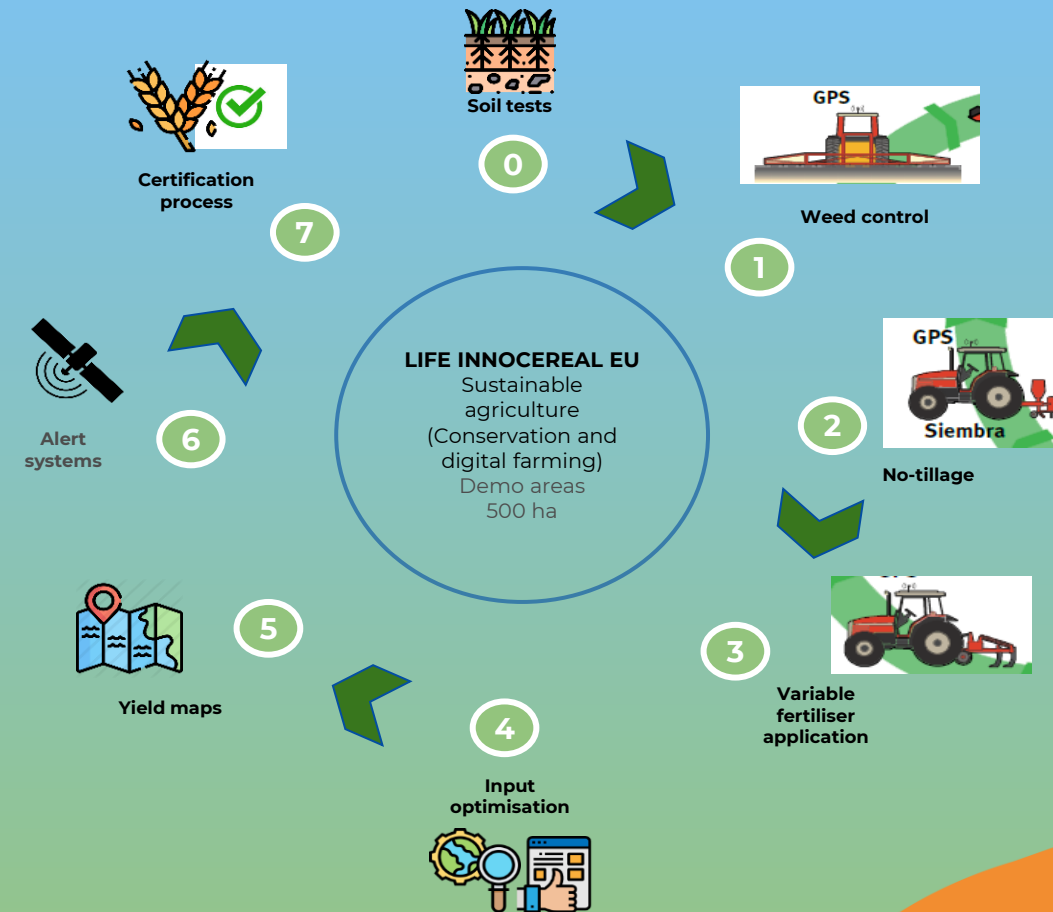
Coordinator: Universidad de Córdoba (ES)

Budget: €3,057,002 (total)

Duration: July 2022 – June 2026

### Objective:

To facilitate connections between the links of the **cereals value chain**, by creating **certification systems for low emission** production, demonstrating its benefits for all the supply chain, and increasing the final product's added value (**bread, pasta, beer**).



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# SAPs – Climate Change Adaptation

## LIFE PACT – People-Driven: Adapting Cities for Tomorrow

Coordinator: Leuven municipality (BE)

Budget: € 3,944,564 (total)

Duration: Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2025

Objective:

To develop and test an integrated approach to **urban climate change adaptation (CCA)** that draws on the efforts of **multiple stakeholders**, including local government, citizens, universities and private actors, to more effectively implement **Nature Based Solutions (NBS)**.

Interventions in Leuven, Madrid and Krakow. As **complementary funding**, the project mobilised funds from Plan SURES in Madrid. UPM and Madrid City Council are beneficiaries of LIFE Pact.

[Video in Spanish](#)



# SAPs – Climate Change Adaptation

## **LIFE RESYSTAL – Climate change resilience framework for health systems and hospitals**

Coordinator: National Center for Scientific Research Demokritos (GR).

Participa el SERGAS (Servicio Gallego de Salud)

Budget: € 5,157,112 (total)

Duration: Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2025

Objective:

To increase climate adaptation capacities and resilience of the **European Health Infrastructure** (EHI).

One of the expected results is the establishment of the basis of a European Network for the climate adaptation of the European health sector.



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# Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)

## LIFE ACT – Action for Climate Transition

Coordinator: Municipality of Aarhus (DK)

Budget: € 28,428,376 (total)

Complementary Funds: € 239,901,625

Duration: April 2025 – March 2036

Objective:

Full implementation of the Local **Climate Action Plans (LCAPs)** of its municipal beneficiaries with the overall objective to catalyse an accelerated nationwide implementation of the LCAPs and reach climate-neutrality and climate-resilience by 2050.

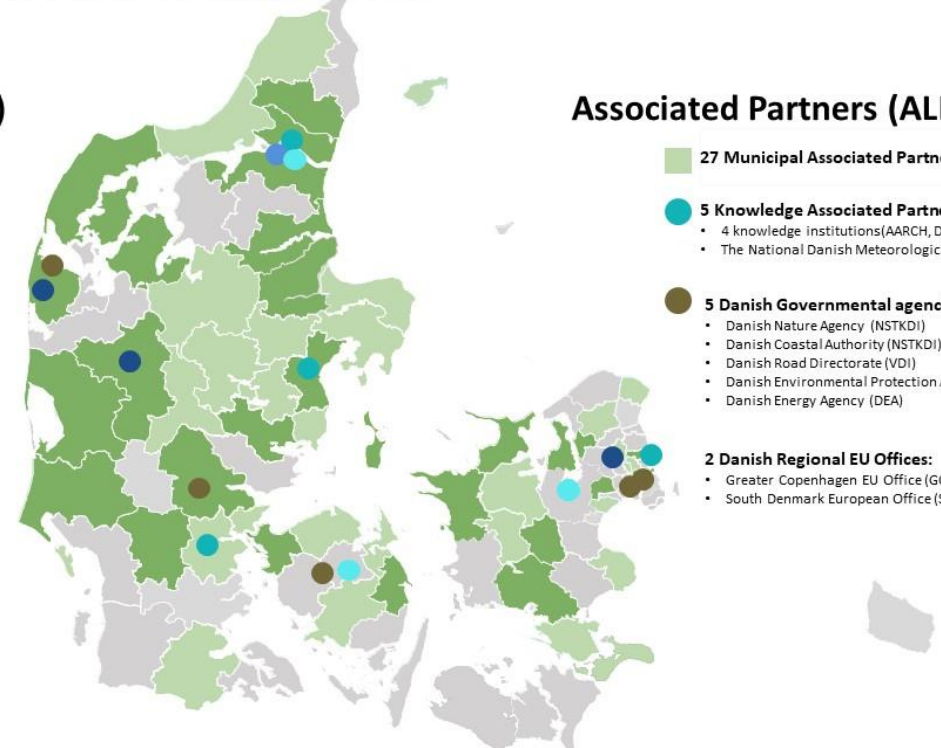
## Overview of LIFE ACT Consortium

### Beneficiaries (ALL BEN)

- 27 Municipal Beneficiaries Partners
- 3 Universities as Beneficiaries Partners
- Nordjyllands Trafikskelskab (NT)
- 2 Danish Regional EU-office:
  - Central Denmark EU Office (CDEU)
  - North Denmark EU Office (NDEU)
- 3 Affiliated Entities:
  - Lemvig Vand A/S (LV)
  - Herning Vand A/S (HV)
  - Lyngby-Taarbæk Vand A/S (LTV)

### Associated Partners (ALL AP)

- 27 Municipal Associated Partners (All MAP)
- 5 Knowledge Associated Partners (All KAP):
  - 4 knowledge institutions (AARCH, DEKO, UCL, UCN)
  - The National Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI)
- 5 Danish Governmental agencies:
  - Danish Nature Agency (NSTKDI)
  - Danish Coastal Authority (NSTKDI)
  - Danish Road Directorate (VDI)
  - Danish Environmental Protection Agency (MST)
  - Danish Energy Agency (DEA)
- 2 Danish Regional EU Offices:
  - Greater Copenhagen EU Office (GCPHEU)
  - South Denmark European Office (SDEO)



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# Calls & Sources of information

# LIFE-2025-CLIMA calls

## SAPs:

Publication: **24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Deadline: **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

Maximum funding rate: **60%**

Grant Agreement Signature:  
**May/June 2026**

## SIPs:

Publication: **24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Deadline: **4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (CN);  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (FP)**

Maximum funding rate: **60%**

Grant Agreement Signature:  
**November 2026**

Topic	Topic budget (M EUR)	Indicative range of project budgets (M EUR)	Estimated number of projects to be funded
LIFE-2025-SAP-CLIMA-CCM Climate Change Mitigation	28	1-5	12
LIFE-2025-SAP-CLIMA-CCA Climate Change Adaptation	28	1-5	12
LIFE-2025-SAP-CLIMA-GOV Climate Governance and Information	5.5	0.7-2	4
LIFE-2025-STRAT-CLIMA (two-stage)	30	10-25	2-3

# LIFE-2025-CLIMA calls

## TA-PP:

Publication: **24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Deadline: **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

Maximum funding rate: **60%**

Grant Agreement Signature: **January 2026**

## PLP:

Publication: **24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Deadline: **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

Maximum funding rate: **90%**

Grant Agreement Signature: **April/May 2026**

Topic	Topic budget (EUR)	Max. EU contribution (EUR)	Estimated number of projects to be funded
LIFE-2025-TA-PP (for CLIMA SIPs)	200,000	70,000	Max. 3
LIFE-2025-PLP-URBAN	8 M	90% (per project)	3-4

# Some useful links

- [Funding & Tenders Portal](#)
- [Calls for proposals](#)
- [EU InfoDays 2025](#)
- Funded projects: [EU Funded projects | EU Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](#)
- [LIFE Public Database](#)
- [National Contact Point LIFE](#) (Spain)
- If needed: [CINEA-life-enquiries@ec.europa.eu](mailto:CINEA-life-enquiries@ec.europa.eu)

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