

Nature & Biodiversity - Standard Action Projects (SAP)

LIFE

CODE	SCOPE
LIFE-2026-SAP-NAT	International
LOCATION	STATUS
Europe	Open
PROGRAM	CURATED BY
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Financial Details

SUPPORT TYPE	MAXIMUM FUNDING RATE
Non-Refundable	60%
BUDGET	ELIGIBLE PROJECT VALUE
166M€	2M€ - 13M€
MAXIMUM DURATION	
120 months	

Dates & Deadlines

PUBLICATION DATE	OPENING DATE
April 21, 2026	April 21, 2026

Application Phases

- Fase única: September 22, 2026 at 03:00 PM (119 days left)

Objectives

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The Nature & Biodiversity - Standard Action Projects (SAP) call supports projects under the LIFE Programme's Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme. Its primary goal is to foster the implementation of EU nature and biodiversity policies—including the Birds and Habitats Directives and the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030—by improving the conservation status of wild flora, fauna, and natural and semi-natural habitats. Eligible entities include public, non-governmental, and private sector organizations from all sectors. Projects must address one of two intervention areas: (1) Space for Nature—focused on area-based conservation and restoration, or (2) Safeguarding our Species—focusing on improving species status via diverse measures. Proposals are prioritized that address threatened species/habitats, EU and national restoration plans, and integration with national or regional biodiversity strategies. Strong emphasis is placed on outcome-based, technical, or policy solutions that deliver measurable impacts on biodiversity and ecological coherence.

Funding

The maximum EU co-financing rate for Standard Action Projects is 60% of eligible costs. Projects requesting high EU contributions above EUR 5 million must provide clear and compelling evidence of exceptional EU value and cost efficiency. The minimum and maximum budget amounts can range from 2.000.000€ to 13.000.000€ and will depend on the project scope and relevance to the specific themes. Applicants must ensure long-term sustainability of project outcomes, especially for investments in habitat restoration or land acquisition, with an obligation to maintain ecological effects for at least 20 years post-project.

Eligible Expenses

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs

Eligibility

Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Energy & Environment
- Blue Economy
- Forestry
- Other

Company Sizes

- Micro
- Sme
- Small Mid-Cap
- Mid-Cap
- Large
- Private non-profit entities
- Public entities
- Non-business entities of the R&I system (ENESII)

Application Mode

- Individual or Consortium

Action Types

- Conservation and restoration of natural and semi-natural habitats
- Species conservation (including invasive alien species management)
- Creation and management of protected areas
- Ecological corridors and green infrastructure
- Restoration of degraded and carbon-rich ecosystems
- Pollinator support
- Nature-based solutions in urban and peri-urban areas
- Improvement of marine and freshwater ecosystems
- Area-based conservation measures
- Awareness raising

EU Programme Details

CALL ID

LIFE-2026-SAP-NAT

EXPECTED PROJECTS

30

SUBMISSION MODE

Single-stage

FUNDING RATE RULE

Maximum co-financing rate of 60% for most projects. Higher rates may apply only if justified by targeted species/habitats under specific conservation priorities or urgent EU needs, as outlined in the call.

Official Links

Official Regulation:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/LIFE-2026-SAP-NAT-NATURE?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503&frameworkProgramme=43252405>

Grantavia page: <https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/nature-biodiversity-standard-action-projects-sap>

Schedule a meeting: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>