

ANNEX

The work programme and the financing of the sub-programme for the Climate Action in the framework of the LIFE programme for 2018 and on the financing to international climate agreements in 2018

INTRODUCTION

On the basis of the objectives provided for in Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for the year 2018 as shown in table 1.

Moreover, it includes the contributions paid by the Union as subscriptions to international and multilateral climate agreements of which it is a member in accordance with Article 121(2) (d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council².

Table 1

Actions	Indicative amount in EUR
Grants (1), of which	83 039 000
call for proposals for operating grants (1.1)	3 000 000
- call for proposals for integrated projects (1.2)	30 000 000
- call for proposals for traditional projects grants (1.3)	48 739 000
- call for proposals for technical assistance projects (1.4)	300 000
- call for proposals for capacity building projects (1.5)	1 000 000
Procurement (2)	21 738 750
Procurement supporting the development, implementation and communication of the climate action policies and legislation (2.1)	21 738 750
Financial instruments (3)	25 000 000
Private financing for energy efficiency (PF4EE) (3.1)	25 000 000
Other actions (4)	920 000
Contributions to multilateral and international climate agreements (4.1)	920 000

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 614/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 185).

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

GRAND TOTAL	130 697 750
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1. GRANTS

1.1 OPERATING GRANTS FOR CO-FINANCING THE WORK PROGRAMME OF NON-PROFIT ENTITIES

1.1.1. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 and, in particular, Articles 17 and 21.

1.1.2. Budget lines and amounts

Budget article 34 02 03 - Better climate action governance and information at all levels - EUR 3 000 000.

1.1.3. Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The objective of this action is to promote better climate action governance by broadening stakeholder involvement, including NGOs, in policy consultation and policy implementation (Article 16(d) of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 - specific objective for the priority area Climate Governance and Information).

The expected result is to identify and support non-profit organisations able to strengthen civil society participation in dialogue regarding climate policy development and implementation.

The priorities for the 2019 work programmes of the applicants are the following:

- To turn the Union into a resource-efficient and competitive low-carbon economy;
- To increase the Union's effectiveness in addressing international climate related challenges.

1.1.4. Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Grants will be awarded to framework partner organisations selected after the call for proposals published in 2017 (LIFE-NGO-FPA-EASME-2017) to select their 2019 work programme for co-financing.

1.1.5. Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Main eligibility criteria	The applicant organisations have signed framework partnership agreements following the call for proposals LIFE-NGO-FPA-EASME-2017.
Main award criteria for the specific grants under framework partnership agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compliance of the work programme with the objective of turning the Union into a resource-efficient and competitive low-carbon economy indicated in the multiannual strategic plan 2. Technical coherence and quality of the work programme 3. Coherence between the work programme and the proposed budget, including efficient use of resources

1.1.6. Implementation

The selected framework partners will be invited to submit their 2019 work programme in view of the possible award of a specific operating grant for the financial year 2019.

Grants will be covered by a written agreement.

The operating grants to non-profit organisations are included in the activities delegated to EASME and will be implemented under direct management by the agency.

1.1.7. Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Timing of call for proposals :	
Request of the work programme for 2019	June 2018
Receipt of the 2019 work programmes	July 2018
Assessment of the 2019 work programmes	August 2018
Information to applicants and revision phase	September - October 2018
Signature of the specific operating grants	October - November 2018
Indicative amount of the call related to the sub programme for Climate Action ³	EUR 3 000 000

1.1.8. Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

The specific grant will take the form of a partial reimbursement of eligible costs. The rate of overall EU assistance shall not exceed 60 % out of the applicant's eligible expenses for 2019.

The maximum amount that can be requested and awarded for 2019 shall not exceed the amount awarded under the LIFE programme to the same beneficiary for an operating grant covering the financial year 2018.

³ Only one call is expected to be launched covering the environment and the climate action sub-programmes.

1.2. ACTION GRANTS FOR INTEGRATED PROJECTS

1.2.1 Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, and in particular Articles 17, 18, 19 and 20 thereof.

1.2.2 Budget Lines and amounts

Budget article 34 02 01 - Reducing of Union greenhouse gas emissions – EUR 15 000 000.

Budget article 34 02 02 - Increasing resilience of the Union to climate change – EUR 15 000 000.

1.2.3 Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

In the sub-programme for climate action, integrated projects (IPs) implement or support climate change mitigation/adaptation strategies, action plans or roadmaps. As they implement plans and strategies pursuant to applicable Union legislation at the time of the submission of the proposals, they should take into account the latest developments.

The integrated projects financed under this AWP are expected to be completed around 2025 and they are expected to contribute to the achievement of the following outcomes:

Thematic priorities	Quantitative outcomes	Qualitative outcomes
MITIGATION	No. and area coverage and citizens reached under climate change mitigation strategies or action plans implemented.	Increased no. of Member States/regions applying integrated approaches Tons of greenhouse gasses reduced by new technologies, systems, instruments and/or other best practice approaches developed and taken up Additional funding mobilised
ADAPTATION	No. and area coverage and citizens reached under adaptation strategies or action plans No. of trans-regional or cross-border adaptation projects.	Positive impact on climate resilience Increased No. of MS/regions applying integrated approaches Impact on climate resilience of particularly vulnerable areas identified in the EU Adaptation Strategy. Additional funding mobilised

The priorities for 2018 are the following:

- IP dealing with the implementation of climate change mitigation strategies, plans and roadmaps:

This IP supports the implementation of greenhouse gas mitigation strategies, plans or low carbon economy roadmaps and concerns specific municipalities or regions (e.g. as announced in the Global Covenant of Mayors), industrial or agricultural (by analysing land use on a regional scale, in a social

and economic context) sectors, or other economic sectors by introducing technology and services based approaches in a sustainable and innovative way. IPs' contribution to the implementation and development of Union policy and legislation on climate change mitigation could include the EU ETS, the Effort Sharing Decision for sectors not covered by the EU ETS, the Renewable Energy Sources (RES) Directive or the Regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases. The IP could be complemented with infrastructure investment or the development and deployment of innovative technologies and services in cities, regions and/or communities supported through other relevant Union funding programmes, also specified in the strategy/plan/roadmap. Their EU added value will be assessed with regard to the contribution of the IP to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the level of mainstreaming into different policies, the direct involvement of a broad range of stakeholders, and the extent to which the IP is an operative part of the strategy/plan/roadmap.

– IP dealing with the implementation of climate change adaptation strategies, plans and roadmaps:

This IP is designed to implement climate change adaptation strategies or plans that address specific climate change vulnerabilities (e.g. coastal areas, drought or flood prone areas) or vulnerable sectors (e.g. water, agriculture/forestry, public health). Synergies with other environmental and climate policies should be a central theme of adaptation projects, e.g. between climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, biodiversity and water policy should be promoted, wherever relevant. EU value added will also be assessed with regard to the contribution of the IP to meeting climate resilience objectives, the level of mainstreaming into different sectors and the involvement of a broad range of stakeholders.

– IP dealing with the implementation of urban climate action plans:

This IP is designed to implement urban action plans for transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society, such as in the framework of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. Contributions to improved governance, awareness raising and capacity building and mainstreaming climate change action across different policy areas are relevant. Large-scale projects covering several cities shall be encouraged.

1.2.4. Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

The call for proposals will fund all the activities related to the definition, revision, implementation or management of climate plans or strategies, including the involvement of relevant stakeholders and activities aimed at ensuring sustainability and replicability. Beneficiaries will be encouraged to boost strategic investments drawing on the European Fund for Strategic Investments or other sources of finance.

1.2.5. Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

A call for proposals based on a two-stage procedure will be launched.

Applicants will be invited to submit a short concept and strategy note outlining the project contents, the plan or strategy it is intended to implement and a financial plan related to its implementation.

Besides the criteria indicated in Article 131.2 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, the applications will be assessed on the basis of the following main criteria:

Main eligibility criteria on the applicant	<p>The applicant shall be a legal person registered in the European Union</p> <p>The competent authority or entity responsible for the implementation of the plan or strategy targeted by the proposed integrated project shall</p>
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	participate in the project as beneficiary (coordinating or associated).
Eligibility based on the scope of the proposals ⁴	<p>A proposal shall comply with the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed action shall cover a large territorial area, in particular, regional, multi-regional, national or trans-national. A multi-city approach may also be acceptable. - At least one other relevant Union, national or private funding source shall be mobilised for the implementation of the IP. - The key stakeholders shall be involved in the implementation of the IP. - The proposed action shall aim at implementing or supporting climate change mitigation/adaptation strategies or action plans or roadmaps.

Applicants who comply with the above mentioned criteria and who submitted a proposal within the scope of the call will be invited :

- to participate in a written "question and answer" phase, to give them the possibility to submit questions related to the preparation of the full proposal, and
- to submit a full proposal.

When submitting a full proposal, applicants will be checked against the following criteria:

Exclusion situations	Applicants shall declare on their honour that they are not in one of the situations listed in Articles 106(1) and 107 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012
Selection criteria	<p>Applicants will have to demonstrate a sufficient:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. operational capacity: professional competencies, qualifications and requirements needed to undertake the proposal within stated technical parameters and 2. financial capacity: stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activity throughout the period during which the proposal is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

Moreover, applications will be ranked on the basis of a score system based on the following main award criteria:

Criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2. Financial coherence and quality (including value for money)	10	20

⁴ See Articles 2 and 19 of the Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013.

3. EU added value: extent and quality of the contribution to the objectives	10	20
4. EU added value: sustainability (continuation, replication and/or transfer)	8	15
5. Extent and quality of mobilisation of other funds, in particular Union funds	0	10
6. EU added value:		
- synergies (including multipurpose, complementarity, integration, green public procurement, ecolabel, uptake)	0	11
- transnational cooperation	0	4
Total	50 (*)	100

*A project proposal has to reach at least the minimum pass score for each award criterion and also get an overall score equivalent to or exceeding 50 points.

The proposals will be ranked on merit basis and the best ones will be financed within the limit of the amounts available for this call for proposals.

1.2.6. Implementation

The action will be implemented in direct management by EASME.

Grants awarded shall be covered by a written agreement.

1.2.7. Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Publication date	April 2018
Closing date for sending concept notes	July 2018
Information to applicants about the results of the evaluation	October 2018
Closing date for sending full proposals proposals to the Commission	February 2019
Evaluation Committee decision and information to the applicants about the results of the evaluation	June 2019
Signature of grant agreements	November 2019

Indicative amount of the call related to the sub programme for Climate Action ⁵	30 000 000 EUR
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1.2.8. Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

A 60% maximum rate of total eligible costs will be co-financed.

1.3. ACTION GRANTS FOR TRADITIONAL PROJECTS⁶

1.3.1. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, and, in particular, Articles 17, 18, 19 and 20 thereof.

1.3.2. Budget lines and amounts

Budget article 34 02 01 - Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions – EUR 21 989 000.

Budget article 34 02 02 - Increasing resilience of the Union to climate change – EUR 20 750 000.

Budget article 34 02 03 - Better climate governance and information at all levels - EUR 6 000 000.

1.3.3. Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The traditional action grants aim at:

- reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions
- increasing resilience of the Union to climate change
- supporting better climate governance and information at all levels.

According to the Multiannual Work Programme 2018-2020, the LIFE Programme will contribute to the transformation of the Union into a low carbon and climate resilient society, by supporting the implementation of the EU's climate policy and preparing the EU for the climate action challenges in the coming years and decades. In this respect the priorities are: implementing the 2030 energy and climate framework and the Roadmap 2050 targets, as well as the Paris Agreement and adaptation policy. Emerging climate mitigation technology will be facilitated through best practice, demonstration and pilot projects with a view to successive funding in appropriate cases. EU climate policy will be firmly linked to local best practices and initiatives and showcase examples of new and better approaches to implement transition to a low-carbon and climate resilient society. To

⁵ Only one call is expected to be launched covering the environment and the climate action sub-programmes.

⁶ Traditional projects include the financing of pilot, demonstration, best practice, and information, awareness, and dissemination projects within the meaning of Article 18 (a), (b), (c) and (h) of the Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013.

succeed, existing low carbon technologies/solutions should also be examined with regards to non-technological barriers which prevent market penetration. LIFE will also support the implementation of the EU climate change adaptation strategy so as to contribute to a more climate resilient Union⁷.

On climate mitigation, projects should demonstrate at national, regional or sub-regional level the implementation of low carbon strategies or land use management plans. This would include mainstreaming emission reduction and resource efficiency measures across sectors and promoting tools to incentivise behavioural change. Support will also be provided to the deployment of new approaches (model cities and regions), where relevant through the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy⁸, for producing, consuming and governing with transformational impact.

As regards the adaptation priority area, support for implementation of adaptation strategies should be provided, focusing on a number of key areas with EU added value, including projects at regional or cross-border level, and through ecosystem-based adaptation where relevant. Projects will have a demonstration and transferability potential and should address the promotion of innovative adaptation solutions, in particular through mobilising the private sector, and, where relevant through the Global Covenant of Mayors. Projects should also promote synergies between climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as disaster risk reduction policies. In accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 on complementarity with other EU funding, proposals dealing with research have to be addressed to Horizon 2020⁹. Demonstration and pilot actions submitted to and funded by LIFE must avoid duplication of work and/or double funding with ones submitted to and funded under relevant parts of Horizon 2020, particularly under the Societal Challenge 5 on “Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials” and/or the Cross-cutting focus area on “Smart and Sustainable Cities”.

Complementarity and synergies with Horizon 2020 actions will be assessed in the award criterion "EU added value". Those proposals which demonstrate a clear and important link with the Horizon 2020 funding - e.g. by implementing findings deriving from research financed by the EU budget – will get a marked preference in the ranking system with a view to ease their selection and stimulate the synergies.

1.3.4. Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

The call for proposals will fund all the activities related to the development, implementation and enforcement of Union climate legislation and/or able to contribute to the shift towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, to the protection and to the integration and mainstreaming of climate objectives into other policies.

The purchase of land could be financed in line with Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 and according to the specific conditions mentioned in that Article.

⁷ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and social Council and the Committee of the Regions: An EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change (COM/2013/0216 final).

⁸ <http://www.covenantofmayors.eu>

⁹ <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/index.html>

1.3.5. Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Besides the eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria indicated in Articles 131 and 132 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, the applications will be assessed on the basis of the following main criteria:

Main eligibility criteria on the applicant and the co-beneficiaries	<p>The coordinating beneficiary shall be a legal person registered in the European Union.</p> <p>The associated beneficiaries shall be a registered legal person. Associated beneficiaries registered in a non-EU country may participate in project actions outside the EU, provided those activities are necessary to achieve Union climate objectives and to ensure the effectiveness of project actions carried out in Member State territories to which the Treaties apply.</p>		
Eligibility based on the scope of the proposals ¹⁰	<p>A proposal shall comply with the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it contributes to one or several of the general objectives set out in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 and to the specific objectives defined in Articles 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, - it falls within the scope of the priority area of the LIFE sub-programme for Climate Action, as set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 and - it corresponds to one of the project types defined in Article 2(a), (b), (c) and (h) of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013. 		
Main selection criteria	<p>The coordinating applicants and associated applicants will have to demonstrate sufficient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - operational capacity in terms of professional competencies, qualifications and requirements needed to undertake the proposal within stated technical parameters and - financial capacity in terms of stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activity throughout the period during which the proposal is being carried out and to participate in its funding. 		
Main award criteria		Min. score	Max score
	1. Technical coherence and quality	10	20
	2. Financial coherence and quality (including value for money)	10	20
	3. EU added value: Extent and degree of quality of the contribution to the LIFE sub-programme for Climate Action priority areas and related specific objectives contained in Articles 14, 15 and 16 of the LIFE Regulation	10	20

¹⁰ See Articles 2 and 19 of the Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013.

	4. EU added value: sustainability (continuation, replication, transfer)	8	15
	5. EU added value: contribution to the implementation of the Paris Agreement - Contribution to the Climate Action Policy Areas set out in section 4 of the multi-annual work programme 2018-2020 - Contribution to the detailed work areas contained in the LIFE Climate Action annual call for proposals - Synergies (including multipurpose, synergies, integration, Green Public Procurement, Ecolabel, and uptake) and transnational cooperation	-	0 or 5 0 or 5 15
	Overall pass score	50(*)	
	Maximum score		100

*A project proposal has to reach at least the minimum pass score for each award criterion 1 to 4 and also the sum of scores for criteria 1 to 4 has to be equivalent to 50 points or more.

Once having ranked the proposals on merit basis, the Commission will define a final list of awarded projects by ensuring the adaptations necessary to comply with the 15 % quota of the budgetary resources to transnational projects according to Art 19(7) of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013.

1.3.6. Implementation

This call for proposals is part of the activities delegated to the EASME and will be implemented in direct management by the Agency.

Grants awarded shall be covered by a written agreement.

1.3.7. Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Publication date	April 2018
Closing date	September 2018
Evaluation Committee decision and information to the applicants about the results of the evaluation	January - February 2019
Signature of grant agreements	June 2019
Indicative amount of the call	48 739 000 EUR

1.3.8. Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

The maximum cofinancing rate is 55 % of the total eligible costs for all projects.

1.4. ACTION GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

1.4.1. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, and, in particular, Articles 17, 18, 19 and 20 thereof.

1.4.2. Budget lines and amounts

Budget article 34 02 01 - Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions – EUR 150 000.

Budget article 34 02 02 - Increasing resilience of the Union to climate change – EUR 150 000.

1.4.3. Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Technical assistance projects should help applicants preparing integrated projects, and in particular should ensure that those projects comply with the timing, technical and financial requirements of the LIFE Programme in coordination with funds referred to in Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013.

It is expected to ensure the uptake of 2-3 technical assistance projects addressing the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the resilience to Climate Change.

1.4.4. Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

All the activities necessary to support the capacity of the applicant to submit an integrated project.

1.4.5. Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Applicants shall not be in any of the situations as referred to in Article 131 (4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

The applications will be assessed on the basis of the following main criteria:

Main eligibility criteria on the applicant	The applicant shall be a legal person registered in the European Union ¹¹ .
Eligibility based on the scope of the proposals ¹²	A proposal for a technical assistance project is only retained for evaluation against the award criteria, if it aims at the preparation of a future IP proposal.
Main selection criteria	The coordinating applicants and associated applicants will have to demonstrate sufficient:

¹¹ In case of parallel Capacity Building and Technical Assistance projects, applicants shall ensure that funding is not sought for the same costs

¹² See Articles 2 and 19 of the Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - operational capacity in terms of professional competencies, qualifications and requirements needed to undertake the proposal within stated technical parameters and - financial capacity in terms of stable and sufficient sources of funding and to participate in its funding. 		
Main award criteria		Min. score	Max score
	1. Technical coherence and quality	30	60
	2. Financial coherence and quality	20	40
	Total	55 (*)	100

*A project proposal has to reach at least the minimum pass score for each award criterion and also get an overall score equivalent to or exceeding 55 points.

1.4.6. Implementation

The action grants will be implemented in direct management by EASME.

1.4.7. Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Publication date	April 2018
Closing date	June 2018
Evaluation Committee decision and information to the applicants about the results of the evaluation	October 2018
Signature of grant agreements	January 2019
Indicative amount of the call related to the sub programme for Climate Action ¹³	EUR 300 000

1.4.8. Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

According to Article 20(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, the maximum rate at which the technical assistance projects can be co-financed by LIFE is 60 % up to a maximum amount of EUR 100.000 per project.

¹³ Only one call is expected to be launched covering the environment and the climate action sub-programmes.

1.5. ACTION GRANTS FOR CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS

1.5.1. Legal basis

LIFE Regulation, and, in particular, Articles 17, 18(f), 19 and 20.

1.5.2. Budget line and amount

Budget article 34 02 03 - Supporting better climate action governance and information at all levels - EUR 1 000 000.

1.5.3. Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Capacity building projects are intended to enable Member States who have had a low uptake of LIFE projects in the past, to participate more effectively in the LIFE Programme.

The Member States who are beneficiaries of such projects are expected to increase their capacity to attract quality LIFE project applications.

Given their specificity, yearly priorities applicable to capacity building projects are not defined.

1.5.4. Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

All the activities necessary to build the capacity of Member States, including LIFE national or regional contact points, to attract quality LIFE project applications, will be funded under the call for proposals.

Therefore activities may include, but shall not be limited to:

- recruitment of new personnel and training for LIFE national or regional contact points;
- facilitating exchanges of experience and best practices and promoting the dissemination and use of results of projects under the LIFE Programme;
- 'train the trainer' approaches;
- exchange and secondment programmes between public authorities in Member States, in particular 'best in class' exchange activities.

The interventions covered by the capacity-building plan may include the procurement of experts to address ad-hoc gaps in technical and process capability, but may not include the procurement of experts whose primary function is the drafting of proposals for submission under the annual calls for proposals.

1.5.5. Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

Main eligibility criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The applicant is a Member State,<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. which GDP per capita in 2012 was not above 105 % of the Union average;b. with an average absorption level of its indicative national allocation for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016, below 70 %;c. with an average absorption level of its indicative national allocation for
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	<p>the years 2014, 2015 and 2016, which has increased compared to the average absorption level for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;</p> <p>d. is not beneficiary of a capacity building project awarded under the second MAWP.</p> <p>2. In case the applicant Member State was awarded with a capacity building project under the previous MAWP,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it shall commit to maintain for the duration of the present MAWP resources dedicated to the LIFE Programme, including staff, at levels no lower than those allocated for its first capacity building project. - the starting data of the second capacity building project should be after its completion. <p>3. Its application contains a capacity-building plan, in which the Member State commits to maintain resources dedicated to the LIFE Programme, including staff, at levels no lower than those in place in 2012 for the duration of the present MAWP.</p>																		
<p>Main selection criteria</p>	<p>In line with Article 131 of the Financial Regulation, the verification of the financial capacity does not apply to public authorities.</p> <p>Taking into account the nature of the proposal, the authorising officer could, depending on the results of a risk assessment, waive the obligation to verify the operational capacity of the applicants.</p>																		
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*A project proposal has to reach at least the minimum pass score for each award criterion and also get an overall score equivalent to or exceeding 55 points.

1.5.6. Implementation

This call for proposals is part of the activities delegated to the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME).

1.5.7 Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Applications for capacity-building projects will follow a fast-track award procedure.

Considering the fact that pursuant to Article 19(8) of the LIFE Regulation capacity building projects can only be allocated to a predefined number of Member States and only one project per Member State can be subsidised per MAWP, there is no competition among received applications. Therefore applications may be submitted on a rolling basis from the date of publication of the 2018 call for proposals for LIFE action grants, which will include the application package for capacity building projects. Applications must be submitted before 31 March 2019 in order to be considered for the financing period 2018-2020.

Publication date	April 2018
Closing date	March 2019
Information to applicants	On rolling basis
Signature of grant agreements	On on-going basis between May 2018 and October 2019
Indicative amount of the call related to the sub programme for Climate Action ¹⁴ for the first year	EUR 1 000 000

1.5.8. Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

According to Article 20(1) of the LIFE Regulation, the capacity building projects can finance 100% of the total eligible costs up to a maximum amount of 750 000 EUR per project, provided that the grant does not cover 100% of the total cost of the project.

2. PROCUREMENT

The budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2018 by this work programme amounts to EUR 21 738 773.

2.1. *PROCUREMENT SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND COMMUNICATION OF THE CLIMATE ACTION POLICIES AND LEGISLATION*

2.1.1. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013, and, in particular, Articles 17(1) and 22 thereof.

¹⁴ Only one call is expected to be launched covering the environment and the climate action sub-programmes.

2.1.2. Budget lines and amounts

Budget item 34 01 04 01 – Support Expenditure for the Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) – Sub-programme for Climate Action – EUR 3 282 000;

Budget article 34 02 01 - Reducing Union greenhouse gas emissions – EUR 10 961 000.

Budget article 34 02 02 - Increasing resilience of the Union to climate change – EUR 2 100 000.

Budget article 34 02 03 - Better climate governance and information at all levels - EUR 5 395 750.

2.1.3. Subject matter of the contracts envisaged, type of contracts, indicative number and timeframe for the launching of the procurement procedures

Indicative Subject of the contract	Type of contract ¹⁵	Estimated n° contracts	Indicative date of publication (quarter / Year)
Technical assistance to support the international work of EU climate interests, including its integration into EU legislation and practice: Climate Diplomacy, the contribution and support to the COP within the UN framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the support to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement, other conferences and international events	SER	3	2nd and 3rd Q 2018
ETS and carbon market. GHG emissions monitoring, reporting and verification. Emissions from aviation and ships. Assistance for maintenance, security and assesment/preparation of further developments, quality assurance and service desk for EUCR and EUTL systems. Greenhouse gas Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (MMR). Assistance to the process of auctioning of allowances (auctioning platform, clearing monitor) and support to the development of an international carbon market. Issues of carbon leakage, free allowances.	SER, ETU	18,1	1st - 4th Q 2018
DECARBONISATION in non-ETS sectors. Scientific and technical support in view of the transition towards a low-carbon European society: Support for the development and implementation of the policies adressing climate impacts from road transport , including Car labelling, Fuel Quality Directive, GHG emissions from Light-Duty Vehicles, Heavy duty Vehicles, Vehicle Energy consumption Calculation Tool (VECTO ¹⁶). Equally policies other non-ETS sectors such as LULUCF, Effort Sharing Decision/Regulation, Regulations on Fluorinated Gases and Ozone Depleting	SER, ETU	10, 2	2nd-3rd Q 2018

¹⁵ ETU (study contract), SER (service contract)

¹⁶ Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on fluorinated greenhouse gases and repealing Regulation (EC) No 842/2006 (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 195–230).

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Substances. Energy Union process and Governance.			
ADAPTATION. Implementation, evaluation and review of the EU adaptation strategy, including further development of the evidence base and knowledge gaps (Climate-ADAPT, Horizon 2020 projects) and the Covenant of Mayors on climate and energy issues, as well as the promotion of ecosystem-based adaptation, including Nature-Based Solutions.	SER, ETU	1, 1	3rd -4th Q 2018
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS: Support for the evaluation and impact assessment of EU climate policies, assistance for the definition of low carbon strategies in a mid-century perspective, modelling, analysis of promising technologies such as CCU, innovative approaches, Climate mainstreaming into other EU policies and programmes.	SER	5	1st- 3rd Q 2018
Communication activities on EU Climate Action policy activities –Eurobarometer survey, awareness raising campaigns, (support to) organisation of events, production of audiovisual materials and publications, social media.	SER	7	1st- 4th Q 2018
Technical support to in relation to the implementation of the LIFE + and LIFE programme, IT support in general	SER	6	1st- 3rd Q 2018

Other types of procurement activities

Indicative subject of the contracts	Type of contract	Estimated n° contracts	Indicative date of publication (quarter / Year)
Support on CO2 emissions from cars, vans and heavy duty vehicles (2018-2020)	Administrative agreement with JRC	1	2nd Q 2017
Security services for ETS/EUCR Hosting agreement, including hosting hardware token system and security, review and assessment Website hosting Contribution to AGM application Contribution to development e-procurement IT equipment	Co-delegation/ MoU with DIGIT		1 st - 4th Q 2018
Corporate communication	Co-delegation with DG COMM		1st – 4th Q 2018

Translation services outside the Service Level Agreement	Co-delegation with DGT		1st – 4th Q 2018
Implementation of the adaptation pillar of the "new" Covenant of Mayors on climate and energy	Co-delegation or Cross sub-delegation with ENER	1	1st Q 2018
Technical and scientific support for the analysis of Land Use/Land Cover Area Frame Survey (LUCAS) soil samples	Cross sub-delegation or Co-delegation with JRC		1st Q 2018
Geo-referenced data, monitoring and design of land use policies using Copernicus	Partnership agreement with DG GROW		3th Q 2018
Business case for the evolution of EU Customs SW certificates exchange system (CERTEX) to integrate ODS and F-Gas licences	Co-delegation with DG TAXUD		2 nd Q 2018
Contribution to the newsletter Environment for Europeans Contribution to technical support to in relation to the implementation of LIFE programme, IT support	Co-delegation with DG ENV		1 st Q 2018

2.1.4 Implementation

These actions will be implemented in direct management by DG CLIMA or otherwise delegated according to the above table on "other types of procurement activities" and, for the procurement related to the monitoring and evaluation of externalised projects financed under the LIFE programme, by EASME.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

3.1.1. Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 and, in particular, Article 17(1) thereof.

3.1.2. Budget line and amount allocated to the financial instrument

Budget article 34 02 01 - Reducing of Union greenhouse gas emissions – EUR 25 000 000;

3.1.3. Objectives to be fulfilled and the foreseen results

The Private Financing for Energy Efficiency instrument (PF4EE)

- Addresses a major climate policy issue, contributing to the achievement of the Europe 2020 and 2030 objectives to secure energy savings and the associated reduction in emissions;
- Provides the necessary level of piloting and demonstration of a new policy instrument, with major potential to deliver EU added value;
- Complements and supports Member States' responsibilities under the National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs) and Integrated National Energy and Climate Plans (INECP);
- Offers the potential to improve the cost-effectiveness of the LIFE Programme through leverage and complementarity;
- Builds longer term capacity in a sustainable commercial finance activity, thereby ensuring continuing and long-term support for sustainable development;
- Supports solidarity and burden sharing; and
- Offers the potential to mainstream the initiative into Member State programmes (through NEAAPs/ INECPs and potentially other programmes and initiatives).

Under the PF4EE 7 financing agreements were signed with financial institutions (EIB Loans for EE and expert support facilities) in the period 2014-2017 and two additional deals are expected to be signed in Greece and Cyprus.

By end of 2017 investments on the ground have been supported in six Member States with active PF4EE operations. Croatia signed the operation in December 2017, the deployment is under development. The strong interest by banks and the increased EIB investment target indicate the underlying market demand and thus the potential for scaling up. In fact, PF4EE is contributing to creating a new financial product in the market targeting energy efficiency and consequently directly contributing to the decarbonisation of the EU economy, in line with the COP21 goals.

At the end of 2017, EIB loans committed and disbursed were €415 million and €41 million respectively. As for the instrument's average leverage at the end of 2016, it was 10 (calculated as EIB / EU budget contribution).

In the period 2018-2020, a financing agreement may cover the implementation of the PF4EE in more than one MS and a financial intermediary may sign more than one financing agreement.

Over the 2018 - 2020 period, up to 10 additional deals could be signed, which could bring the total of signed deals to 19 by the end of 2020.

3.1.4. Implementation mode and entrusted entity

The financial instrument is being implemented through indirect management as allowed for in Article 25 of [Regulation \(EU\) No 1293/2013](#) and according with Article 58 of [Regulation \(EU, Euratom\) No 966/2012](#).

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is entrusted with the implementation of PF4EE according to Article 216 of [Delegated Regulation \(EU\) No 1268/2012](#).

3.1.5. Indicative timetable

The delegation agreement with the EIB was signed in December 2014. The EIB submits in January the pipeline report on the basis of which the amount and the specific timetable for the commitments and payments is decided.

For the period 2018-2020, new Delegation Agreement will be signed in 2018 with a foreseen annual commitment of EUR 25 000 000.

4. OTHER ACTIONS

4.1. CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AGREEMENTS

4.1.1. Legal Basis

Decisions concerning the conclusion of agreements and/or protocols adopted with regard to international conventions, protocols and agreements in the Climate Action policy areas to which the Union is party, as shown in the following table:

Seq n°	Title of the convention / international agreement and regulatory reference	Estimated amounts (in EUR)
1	Council Decision 94/69/EC of 15 December 1993 on the conclusion of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (OJ L33 of 07/02/1994)	474 000
2	Council Decision 2002/358/EC of 25 April 2002 concerning the approval, on behalf of the Community, of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder (OJ L 130 of 15/05/2002)	264 000
3	Council Decision 88/540/EEC of 14 October 1988 on the conclusion of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (UNEP) (OJ L297 of 31/10/98)	14 000
4	Council Decision 88/540/EEC of 14 October 1988 on the Protocol to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer (OJ L297 of 31/10/98)	155 000
	Exchange rate variations (USD)	13 000
		920 000

4.1.2. Budget Line and amount

Budget article 34 02 04 - Contribution to multilateral and international climate agreements – EUR 920 000.

4.1.3. Description and objectives of the actions

This appropriation is intended to cover obligatory and voluntary subscriptions and similar contributions to international conventions, protocols and agreements to which the Union is party and preparatory work for future international agreements involving the Union in accordance with Article 121(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.