

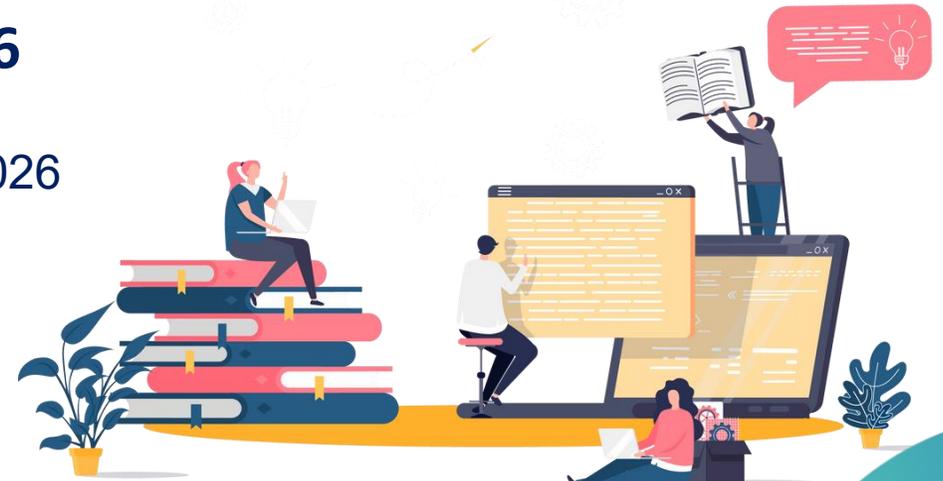


# LIFE Programme in Spain

Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge

## Annual Good-Practice Exchange LIFE Seminar INTER LIFE PT 2026

24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2026  
Évora, Portugal





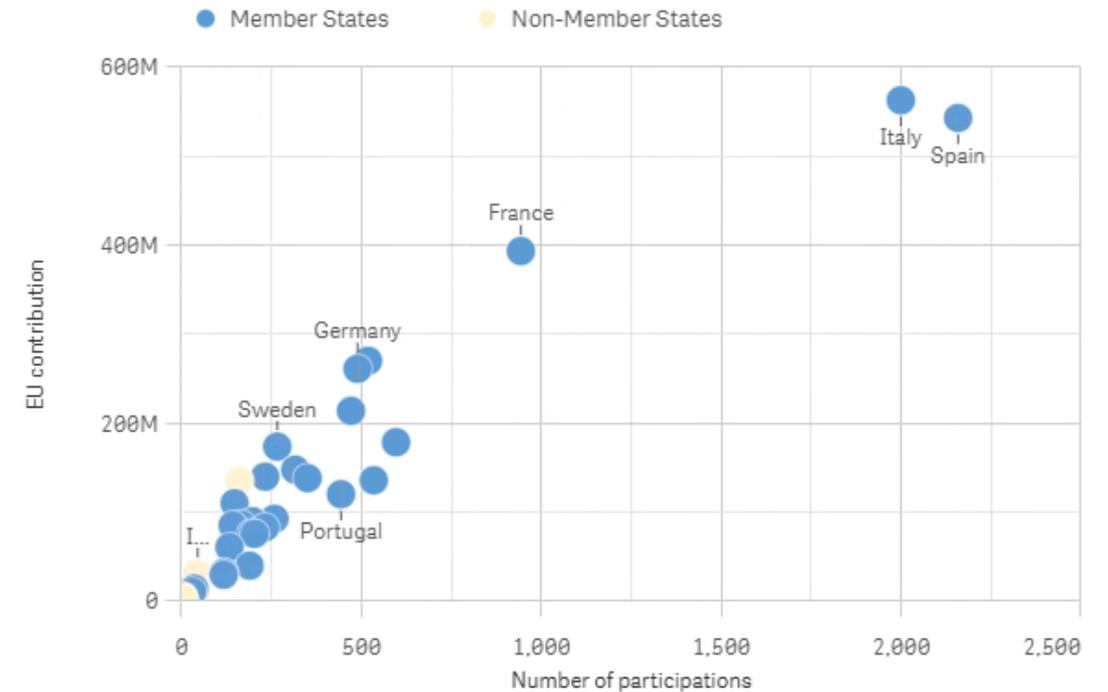
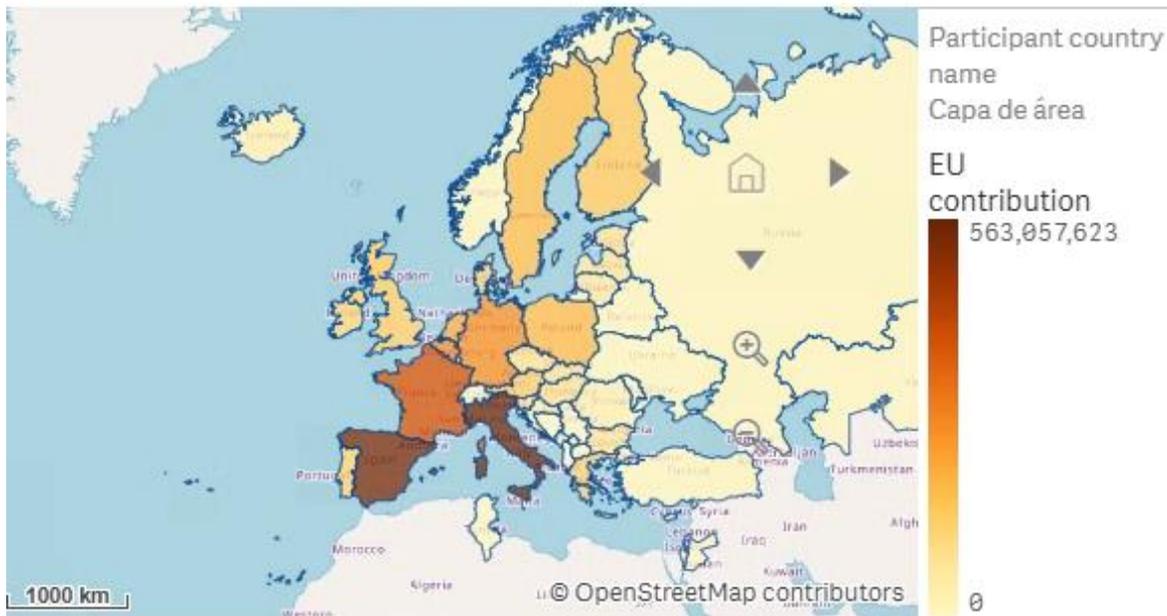
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# 1.-The weight of Spain in the LIFE Programme

## EU contribution by Member State 2014-2020

CINEA EU contribution by participant country



Fuente: Life Public Dashboard



# 1.-The weight of Spain in the LIFE Programme



## LIFE Programme in Spain

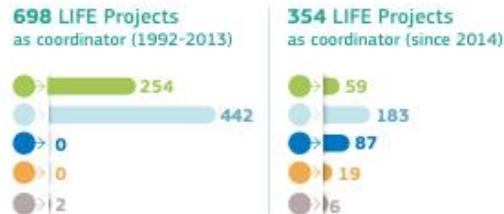
The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for environment and climate action. It has been running since 1992 and has co-financed more than 6 000 projects across the EU and in neighbouring countries. LIFE has contributed almost €8 billion to these projects, amounting to around two-thirds of the projects' overall budget of €12 billion. The LIFE Programme contributes directly to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal.

The LIFE Programme includes the following sub-programmes:

- NATURE & BIODIVERSITY
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY & QUALITY OF LIFE
- CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION
- CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

BUDGET 2021-2027  
→ €5.4 billion

1 052 LIFE projects<sup>1</sup>



## EU contribution<sup>2</sup> to LIFE projects since 1992 (€ million)



- Total number of project figures refer to projects coordinated by an organisation in the country in question since 1992. LIFE projects financed since 2014 are publicly available on [QIKSense](#).
- Covers EU contribution to both project coordinators and project participants to multi-country projects.
- OTHER includes NGO operating grants and Capacity Building (CAP) projects. The Technical Assistance (TA) and Preparatory (PRE) projects are included under the relevant sub-programmes.



Reference: Country factsheet Spain



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Y EL RETO DEMOGRÁFICO



## 2.- Resources allocated to the NCP

### Administration in charge

Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO).

**NCP (N&B, ENV, CLIMA)** is attached to the Undersecretariat for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge - Budget Office of MITECO. RD 503/2024

Human resources allocated:

- One Head of Unit
- 2 civil servants
- 3 technicians (Technical Assistance)

**NCP (CET)** is attached to the Institute for Energy Diversification and Saving (IDAE) entity attached to the Ministry through the Secretary of State Energy.

Human resources allocated:

- 1 civil servant.



## 3.-Main Tasks of the National Contact Point (NCP)

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**3.1. Support to applicants**

**3.2. Dissemination and related actions**

**3.3. Monitoring visits**

**3.4. Support to other NCPs**



## 3.1. Support to applicants

- On technical and administrative issues for the preparation of proposals.
- From april to september (the bulk).
- By:
  - **Email**
  - **Telephone calls**
  - **Advisory meetings:** very specific guidance on projects concepts



## 3.1. Support to applicants

- **Specific email inbox**

bzn-life@miteco.es

- **Telephone calls**

1 Telephone line

- **Advisory meetings:** one hour and held via videoconference and a well-organized process that allows us to analyze the maturity level of the proposal to be more efficient.

### 2025 Figures

Responses to enquiries by e-mail	258
Received calls	36
Meetings with applicants	19
Interviews by call (since sept. 25)	3



## 3.1.Support to applicants

### ○ Advisory meetings

One hour, held via videoconference and with a well-organized process that allows us to analyze the maturity level of the proposal to be more efficient.

- Fill in an **advisory form** available on the website . Main aspects of the project: priority area, project theme, objective, consortium, summary, actions, expected results, budget...
- Submit along with an **official request** via website.
- The NCP schedules the **meeting** to provide applicants with **guidance** with no binding orientations.



#### LIFE 2025 – Solicitud de asesoramiento del Punto de Contacto Nacional del Programa LIFE

El objetivo de esta solicitud es evaluar el nivel de preparación del proyecto y su adecuación a los principales requisitos del Subprograma LIFE correspondiente.

Antes de cumplimentar esta solicitud, es imprescindible que haya leído con detenimiento toda la documentación publicada relativa a las Convocatorias LIFE 2025, en especial:

- Reglamento (UE) 2021/783 del Parlamento Europeo y del Consejo de 29 de abril de 2021 por el que se establece un Programa de Medio Ambiente y Acción por el Clima (LIFE) y se deroga el Reglamento (UE) 1293/2013: [Reglamento LIFE 2021-2027](#)
- Decisión de Implementación de la Comisión, del 15 de abril de 2025, relativa a la financiación del Programa LIFE y a la adopción del Programa de Trabajo Plurianual LIFE para 2025-2027: [Programa de Trabajo Plurianual 2025-2027](#)
- [Documento de la convocatoria a la cual presentará su solicitud](#)
- [LIFE Model Grant Agreement](#)
- [Annotated Grant Agreement](#)
- [Online Manual](#)
- [Preguntas frecuentes](#)
- [Base de datos de proyectos aprobados en anteriores convocatorias LIFE+, LIFE 2014-2020 y LIFE 2021-2027](#)

El Punto de Contacto Nacional asesorará de manera general sobre la idea de proyecto para orientar al solicitante en la mejora de la misma, formulando una serie de recomendaciones prácticas. En ningún caso, este análisis constituye una evaluación oficial, ni será vinculante. Quedará a criterio del solicitante el incorporar o no a su propuesta las observaciones recibidas.

La valoración del encaje de la idea de proyecto en las áreas de intervención de cada Subprograma es un ejercicio que debe abordar el solicitante de acuerdo con sus conocimientos técnicos.

Para poder ofrecer un adecuado asesoramiento por Parte del Punto de Contacto Nacional es condición necesaria la completa y rigurosa cumplimentación de la presente solicitud de asesoramiento.





## 3.1. Support to applicants

Providing support to applicants involves sustained training and an ongoing **capacity building of the team**. Participation in the **meetings and sessions** organized by **CINEA**:

- **Annual training** with the launch of the new call.
- Targeted events on **subjects of interest** and news.
- **Welcome meeting** for project coordinators.
- Thematic conferences, especially **financial conferences**.
- Use of CINEA's **enquiries service** for resolving questions and clarifying doubts.



## 3.2. Dissemination and related actions to promote LIFE and raise interests among applicants:

- Organization of the annual **National Info Day**: one day workshop organized in coordination with CINEA to provide with :
  - General information about the Programme.
  - Updates of the call.
  - Exchange of experiences
  - Raise interest in the programme
- Participation in the **regional Infodays** organized by autonomous communities and local authorities
- Participation in **other public and private** events such as conferences, seminars, workshops... in universities, technical centers, NGOs...
- Enhancement of the **digital presence** of LIFE Programme/call on the **website** and **social media**:
  - News about the call and updates
  - Articles on projects involving Spanish entities, etc.
  - Informative videos



# 3.2. Dissemination and related actions

## Main contents:

- **General information** about LIFE Programme
- Lists of **granted LIFE projects**, including Best LIFE projects, links to **EC publications**, LIFE **database/dashboard**
- Information and documentation of the **ongoing call**: announcement and dissemination of events related to the new call
- Dissemination of regional workshops and other seminars, workshops
- **News of interest**
- **Videos**
- ***New image and content coming soon ...***



The screenshot shows the official website for the LIFE Programme in Spain. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Spanish coat of arms, the text 'VICEPRESIDENCIA TERCERA DEL GOBIERNO' and 'MINISTERIO PARA LA TRANSICIÓN ECOLÓGICA Y EL RETO DEMOGRÁFICO', the language 'Castellano', and a search bar. Below this, a secondary navigation bar lists 'Ministerio', 'Energía', 'Medio Ambiente', 'Reto Demográfico', and 'Servicios'. The main content area is titled 'Programa LIFE' and includes a sidebar with a table of contents: '¿Qué es LIFE?', 'Preguntas frecuentes', 'Proyectos LIFE', 'Convocatorias LIFE 2025', 'Convocatorias LIFE 2024', 'Convocatorias LIFE 2023', 'Convocatorias LIFE 2022', 'Convocatorias LIFE 2021', 'Instrumentos Financieros', 'Jornadas y seminarios', and 'Búsqueda de socios'. The main text area is titled 'Programa LIFE' and contains the heading 'El Programa LIFE de la Unión Europea'. It describes LIFE as a financial instrument of the EU dedicated to climate action. It mentions that since 1992, over 1,052 LIFE projects have been approved, coordinated by Spanish entities and totaling over 6,000 projects across the EU and neighboring countries. It also states that LIFE supports large and small, public and private, established entities in Europe. A section titled 'Convocatorias LIFE 2025' includes a 'Novedades' (News) section stating that on April 24, 2025, the 2025 calls for proposals were published. A list of 7 key dates and events for the 2025 call is provided, including the opening of calls, submission portals, technical aspects, national contact points, and CINEA advisory services. A sidebar on the right titled 'De interés' (Of interest) lists various events like 'Jornada Informativa Nacional LIFE 2025', 'Publicadas las convocatorias LIFE 2025', 'LIFE awards 2025', '33 Aniversario del Programa LIFE', and 'Videos de los EU LIFE 2025 INFODAYS'.



# Main Tasks of the National Contact Point (NCP)

## 3.3. Monitoring visits

### Visits to LIFE projects with CINEA

- Learn about the implementation, development and quality.
- A source of knowledge.
- 7 visits so far.



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## 3.4. Support to other NCPs

**Organization of LIFE Capacity Building visits:** Hungary, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Cyprus, Greece and Rumania, Portugal.



## 4.-Collaboration between Spain and Portugal

### Nº of LIFE Projects

#### Per year

Coordinator	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2017-2023
Spain	0	0	6	10	6	3	1	26
Portugal	1	0	1	1	3	3	3	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>

#### Per type of project

Coordinator	Traditional*	Other Action - CET	Integrated	TOTAL
Spain	25	1	0	26
Portugal	9	2	1	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>



## 4.- Collaboration between Spain and Portugal

### With Spanish coordinator

2019-2023						
Subprogram	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
CCM&A	1	2	2	1		6
CET			1			1
ENV	4	1	3	1		9
N&B	1	7		1	1	10
TOTAL	6	10	6	3	1	26

### With Portuguese coordinator

2019-2023						
Subprogram	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
CET				1	1	2
ENV			1			1
N&B	1	1	2	2	2	8
TOTAL	1	1	3	3	3	11



## 4.-Collaboration between Spain and Portugal

### Some examples

- **Standar ENV projects.** LIFE23-ENV-ES-LIFE POLITEX “Fibre to fibre full circularity in the textile sector through novel polyester recycling technologies”
  - **Entidad coordinadora (ES):** Asociación de Investigación de la Industria T xtil y Costm tica
  - **Entidad portuguesa participante:** SELENIS PORTUGAL, SA
  
- **Standar CLIMA projects** LIFE22-CCM-ES-LIFE CO2RK “Slow growing forests management for Climate Change Mitigation”
  - **Beneficiario coordinador (ES):** Consejer a de Sostenibilidad y Medio Ambiente(Andaluc a)
  - **Entidades portuguesas participantes:** Instituto da Conservacao da Natureza/Centro Tecnol gico da Cortica/UNAC Uniao da Floresta Mediterranea.
  
- **Integrated N&B projects.** LIFE-IP AZORES NATURA “Active protection and integrated management of Natura 2000 Network in Azores”
  - **Beneficiario coordinador (PT):** Secretaria Regional do Ambiente e Altera es Clim ticas (SRAAC)
  - **Entidad espa ola participante:** Fundaci n Canaria – Reserva Mundial de la Biosfera La Palma.



## 5.- Areas of improvement and recommendations

### Areas of improvement:

- Create community -> best practices exchange sessions and newsletter.
- A more up-to-date and dynamic website
- More agile social media dissemination: one-minute info and advice bites when the call is on.

### Recommendations:

- Ensure support to applicants: contributes to the quality of the projects.
- Invest in training for NCP technical staff: gain in expertise and specialization. Ensure enough resources.
- Emphasis on the dissemination. Show the value and results of the LIFE Programme.



## 6.- INTER LIFE 2026 in Spain

- ❑ **Date and Location:** Held on March 11, 2026, in Madrid.
- ❑ **Target Audience:** Organizations currently leading ongoing LIFE projects.
- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen the LIFE Community in Spain and promote a dedicated networking space.
- ❑ **Format:** In-person only.
- ❑ **Impact:** This inaugural edition generated significant interest, bringing together over 100 attendees.
- ❑ **Participants:** Representatives from 70 Spanish organizations, including public administrations, universities, technology centers, companies and NGOs.



**Thanks for your attention**

**Enjoy your visit !**

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