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PROGRAMA | 24 março

09h00	Receção e registo de participantes
09h30	Abertura do Evento <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Paulo Mendes Pró-Reitor da Universidade de Évora Carmen Carvalheira Vereadora da Câmara Municipal de Évora Inês Andrade Vogal do Conselho Diretivo da APA
10h00	Sessão de Enquadramento: “O Programa LIFE na Península Ibérica” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LIFE em Portugal José Paulino, APA (NCP Portugal) LIFE em Espanha Alicia Valle Salgado, MITECO (NCP Espanha)
10h30	Pausa para café e <i>Networking</i> Exposição de posters
11h00	Apresentação de projetos ES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIG4LIFE Laura Herrera Díez, Universitat de Lleida LIFE IP INTEMARES Paloma Pacheco, Fundación Biodiversidad LIFE ALNUS TAEJO José Luis García Rodríguez, UPM LIFE IP DUERO Monica Gomez Gamero, Confederación Hidrográfica del Duero LIFE Construye 2030Plus Andrés Mella, Fundación Laboral de la Construcción LIFE Scrubsnet Juan Pablo Martin, Innogestiona Ambiental SL Questões
12h00	Universidade de Évora – experiência com projetos LIFE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MED e MARE Universidade de Évora Questões
12h30	Almoço em sala e <i>networking</i>
14h00	Saída para o local da visita de campo – Herdade Terra de Freiras Visita ao Projeto LIFE Scrubsnet
17h30	Encerramento dos trabalhos do dia



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Annual Good-Practice Exchange LIFE Seminar

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Apresentação de projetos ES

Presentation of ES LIFE projects

Mesa-Redonda / Roundtable

- LIFE IP INTEMARES | Paloma Pacheco, Fundación Biodiversidad
- LIFE ALNUS TAEJO | José Luis García Rodríguez, UPM
- LIFE IP DUERO | Monica Gomez Gamero, Confederación Hidrográfica del Duero
- LIFE Construye 2030Plus | Andrés Mella, Fundación Laboral de la Construcción
- LIFE Scrubsnet | Juan Pablo Martin, Innogestiona Ambiental SL

Q&A

LIFE IP INTEMARES



Integrated, Innovative and Participatory
Management for the Natura 2000 Network
in Spain

LIFE15 IP ES012

The project's objective is to achieve a consolidated marine Natura 2000 network managed in an efficient, innovative and integrated manner, with the active participation of the sectors involved and with research as basic tool for decision making. It also aims to implement the Prioritized Action Framework on Natura 2000 Network in Spain.

During 9 years and a half (2017-2026) more than 50 actions have been carried out in different aspects: research, planning and conservation, monitoring and surveillance, governance and capacity building, and communication and awareness-raising.

Total budget 27,30M€ + 22,50M€ and 11 partners.

01.01.2017

30.06.2026

INTEMARES



TOP 3+

Main outputs

- Integration of policies, actors and funds
- Towards a new model for the management of the sea
- Increased the marine protected surface from 8% to 22,45% (14 new protected sites)

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Other outputs

- Implementation of 61 oceanographic campaigns for increasing knowledge (habitat, species, impact of fishing activity and other impacts).
- 11 new management plans for Natura 2000 sites.
- Supporting the elaboration of 12 conservation and recovery strategies and plans for 36 species (birds, turtles, cetaceans, phanerogam and other invertebrates). 4 strategies/plans for species approved.
- 40 participatory process and 68 workshops to support the elaboration of 49 management plans for sites, conservation strategies/plans for species and others.
- Mitigation and control of anthropic impact: non-native species, abandoned, lost or discarded Fishing Gear and fishing litter, underwater noise, illegal anchorages, good diving practices, climate change...
- New technologies demonstration projects for monitoring (landers, acoustic sensors, satellite tags...) and surveillance (drones, radars...) protected areas.



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Other outputs

- Other activities: census, installation of nest boxes, studies on the suitability of beach sections for turtle nests, satellite tagging of several species of birds, cetacean and turtles
- **Governance Strategy and Guide to participatory processes.** Development of four demonstrative experiences.
- **Capacity building strategy:** 103 sessions y 4,898 persons trained.
- **Continuous communication** of the project progress through news, press releases, social media, interviews, articles, newsletters...and communication campaign (ongoing).
- **Volunteer program**, with the involvement of 10 entities and 8,095 people and citizen science program.
- **369 complementary projects** supported with a total amount of € 44 million.



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LIFE ALNUS TAEJO

**Conservation and
restoration of
Mediterranean alder
forests priority habitat in
western international Tajo
river basin**

The project **LIFE Alnus Tajejo** aims to protect, preserve, improve and recover the rivers and riverbanks that they are dominated by alnus Mediterranean forest (habitat 91E0 priority under 92/43/CEE Directive). With focus on integrated watershed management, social awareness, exchange of experiences in networks and environmental education.

Main expected results:

- Vegetation restoration, natural regeneration, and climate adaptation using indigenous genetic material.
- Improvement of hydrogeomorphological structure and water quality.
- Increased biodiversity and pathogen control (*Phytophthora alni*)
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TOP 3+

Main outputs:

- Database of 444 plots and hydraulic simulations for different reference flows in all the studied sections.
- Study of genetic variability in 10% of the studied plots.
- Actions to improve riparian vegetation, removal of invasive species, and enhancement of river connectivity."

01.01.2021

01.01.2026



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LIFE ALNUS TAEJO

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Situación de las barreras del
río Erjas BP071 y BP 081 en
de Idanha-a-Nova.



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Fases finais do projeto. O projeto dá frutos

- Jornada de campo para o projeto LIFE Alnus Taejo. As equipas da AMBIENTA e da CTAEX realizaram a monitorização das ações 30 e 31 na Extremadura, nos rios Los Ángeles e Árrago, e os resultados são animadores. A biodiversidade recupera o seu espaço e constatámos que os novos viveiros móveis já são uma realidade, a estacagem está consolidada e as sementes das árvores ribeirinhas estão a germinar com vigor. Este renascimento vegetal é a chave para restaurar os nossos ecossistemas fluviais, uma vez que atua como um escudo natural que melhora a qualidade da água, travam a erosão e oferece refúgio à nossa fauna.



LIFE IP RBMP DUERO

Implementation of the River Duero basin management plan in the Central-South part of the River Duero basin

The LIFE IP RBMP DUERO project arises from the need for sustainable water management in a Duero basin region facing major challenges in groundwater conservation and efficient use, in the Los Arenales–Tierras de Medina y La Moraña aquifer.

Its work focuses on sustainable groundwater management, including the promotion of Groundwater User Communities, measures to reduce pressure on the aquifer, or modelling focused on pollutant movement and dispersion; river restoration and ecological improvement, reducing flood risk; wetland recovery; and farmer training to promote efficient water use and reduce diffuse pollution.

TOP 3+

Main outputs

- Over 60% of the irrigated area is now organized into GWUAs
- 70 km of embankments removed
- 200 ha of wetlands restored

01.01.2018

31.12.2026



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LIFE16 IPE/ES/00019





To recovery **our rivers...**

- Temporal rivers
- High risk of flooding
- Flood of the river Zapardiel on the 19 th of January 2024, after the river restoration works

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To recovery **our wetlands...**

The studies carried out indicate that the surface of wetlands with an area >0.5 Ha has decreased by 95% in the project area between 1956 and 2024 as a consequence of the increase in land use, the expansion of the surface cultivated, and in particular, the intensification of groundwater extractions.

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Construye2030plus

Training and certification in micro-skills for the green transition of the construction sector.

LIFE23-CET-Construye2030plus

'Construye 2030plus' is the fifth project led by FLC within the framework of BUILD UP Skills, an initiative created by the European Commission in 2011 focused on ensuring that **construction professionals obtain the necessary qualifications** for the sector to contribute effectively to the climate objectives committed to by the European Union.

The objective is to **align the VET training scheme with key European policies** and objectives, including the EU Green Deal, the Renovation Wave, the Long-term Decarbonisation Strategy 2030, the Decarbonisation Strategy 2050 and the REPower EU Plan.

TOP 3+

Main outputs

- Design and development of didactic resources in **thermal insulation, window installation and heat pumps installation.**
- Web for **skills self-assessment**
- **Training tour** with a stop at rehabilitation works

01.10.2024

01.03.2027



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- The bus will visit **10 cities** on Sep - Nov 2026
- Aimed at operators, installers, and site managers
- Information and trainings in thermal insulation, window installation, and heat pump installation



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LIFE SCRUBSNET

Revitalizing semi-arid
extensive farming habitats
through the sustainable
management of their
associated scrubs areas



LIFE20 NAT/ES/000978

Context and problem:

Dehesa/Montado: a key system in
Southwestern Europe

- +3 million hectares (Spain and Portugal)
- Silvopastoral system based on Quercus species

Main problem

- Historical removal of scrub/shrub layer
- Habitat simplification
- Aging tree population and lack of regeneration
- Increased vulnerability to diseases (e.g. oak decline)

Underlying causes

- Intensive or poorly managed grazing
- Misaligned agricultural policies
- Lack of recognition of the role of shrubs

TOP 3+ Main Needs

- Restore ecological complexity in dehesas by reintroducing the shrub layer.
- Ensure regeneration of Quercus species
- Align management, policies, and stakeholders with sustainable dehesa practices.

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SOLUTION

Objective

Restore dehesas by integrating shrub management as a key element

What we do (main actions)

- Creation of shrub biodiversity islands
- Quercus regeneration (protection, seeding, mycorrhization)
- Naturalization of livestock ponds
- Soil improvement & control of Phytophthora
- Integration of shrubs in livestock management
- Biodiversity enhancement (fauna support measures)
- + workshops with authorities and key actors

TOP 3+ Main Solutions

- Shrub-based management approach (mosaic model, biodiversity islands, nurse shrubs).
- Integrated practices combining soil health, water management, livestock, and biodiversity.
- Multi-actor collaboration (farmers, scientists, authorities) with practical guidelines.

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Implementation and Key Lessons

Where and who

- Pilot farms in Spain and Portugal
- Consortium: companies, universities, public authorities, NGOs

How we work

- Multidisciplinary approach (working groups)
- Integration of ecological, economic, and social aspects
- Close collaboration with land managers and policymakers

Key lessons learned

- Human factor and communication are critical
- Political context matters
- Weather constrains
- Observation, Flexibility and promote communication

TOP 3+

Main Outputs

- Shrub Mosaic Management Guide as a practical tool for land managers.
- Demonstrated benefits of shrubs for regeneration, biodiversity, and system resilience.
- Active collaboration with public authorities to improve policies and governance for shrub management in dehesas/montados



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Regeneration and improvement of dehesas through the appropriate management of scrubland/shrub areas.

Obrigado



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