

The 'LIFE+' programme is the European Union's only funding scheme that targets just the environment. LIFE+ closely supports the priorities of the 6th Environment Action Programme and has been designed to contribute to the development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and communication of EU environment policy. The Commission has created three strands:

## Nature & Biodiversity

LIFE+ Nature funds the implementation of the objectives of the EU Birds directive and the EU Habitats directive, including the Natura 2000 network of sites.

LIFE+ Biodiversity funds the implementation of the EU communication 'Halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010 - and beyond'.

## Environment Policy & Governance

This area develops innovative policy approaches, technologies, methods and instruments with the aim to consolidate the knowledge for environment policy and legislation. It focuses on the areas: climate change, water, air, soil, chemicals, noise, urban environment, environment and health, waste and natural resources, forests, innovation and strategic approaches.

## Information & Communication

Implementing communication and awareness raising campaigns on environmental, nature protection or biodiversity conservation issues is funded under this strand. It focuses on effective information flow for policy decisions on the environment, and to provide accessible information to European citizens on the state and trends of the environment.

# National Contact Point Service



Beta Technology offers a **free and confidential** National Contact Point service for the LIFE+ Programme on behalf of Defra.

This service is available to organisations that would like to find out more information or participate in the scheme.

## The National Contact Point services available are:

- Helpline open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
- Advice and support for the preparation of proposals including feedback on your application in-line with programme and proposal requirements
- Regular information bulletins sent via e-mail
- Presentations at events and meetings



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