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To those who signed the petition

“Stop plans to cut EU LIFE funding for environmental organisations”

Subject: Response to the Petition “Stop plans to cut EU LIFE funding for environmental organisations”

Dear petitioners,

I would like to express our appreciation for your commitment to the interests of civil society and the environment.

The Commission is committed to ensuring a healthy and vibrant civil society through the promotion of a pluralistic and inclusive democracy, which is a cornerstone of the European Union's values. In that context, LIFE financing to NGOs is designed to broaden the involvement of stakeholders in the areas of environment and climate action.

In line with the LIFE Regulation and the LIFE Multiannual Work Programme 2025-2027, the Commission will continue to provide operating grants to environment and climate NGOs in order to support their contribution to environmental policymaking. The LIFE programme will continue to be financed in the current Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF) in accordance with the annual budget allocations decided by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union within the Multi-Annual Framework 2021-2027.

LIFE activities have also been embedded in both pillars of the new proposals presented by the Commission on 16 July 2025 for the MFF 2028-2034. The Commission proposed that current LIFE activities will be integrated in the different components of the next MFF, supporting projects aiming to contribute to protect, restore and improve the quality of the environment, including water, coast, sea and soil, to reduce pollution, to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and tackle the degradation of terrestrial and marine ecosystems, while enhancing climate and water resilience. Furthermore, LIFE activities aiming to support projects at regional and national level or covering transboundary areas, to strengthen environmental governance and to support the participation of civil society in policy dialogue, have been included in the proposal for an EU Facility within the National and Regional Partnership Plans.

The proposal of the Commission has now entered the interinstitutional process that will involve the Member States in the Council, as well as the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

e-signed
Eric MAMER

