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## THE LIFE PROGRAMME 2014-2020

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# LIFE's OVERALL OBJECTIVE



To contribute to:  
the implementation,  
update and development of  
the EU environmental and  
climate policy and legislation



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# LIFE 2014-2020 – OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Contributing towards a **resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy**; protecting and improving the **environment**; maintaining and improving **biodiversity**, ecosystems and, in particular, the **Natura 2000 network**
- ❖ Improving the development, implementation and enforcement of **Union environmental and climate policy and legislation**
- ❖ **Integrating and mainstreaming** of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies
- ❖ Improving environmental and climate **governance**
- ❖ Implementing the **7<sup>th</sup> Environment Action Programme**

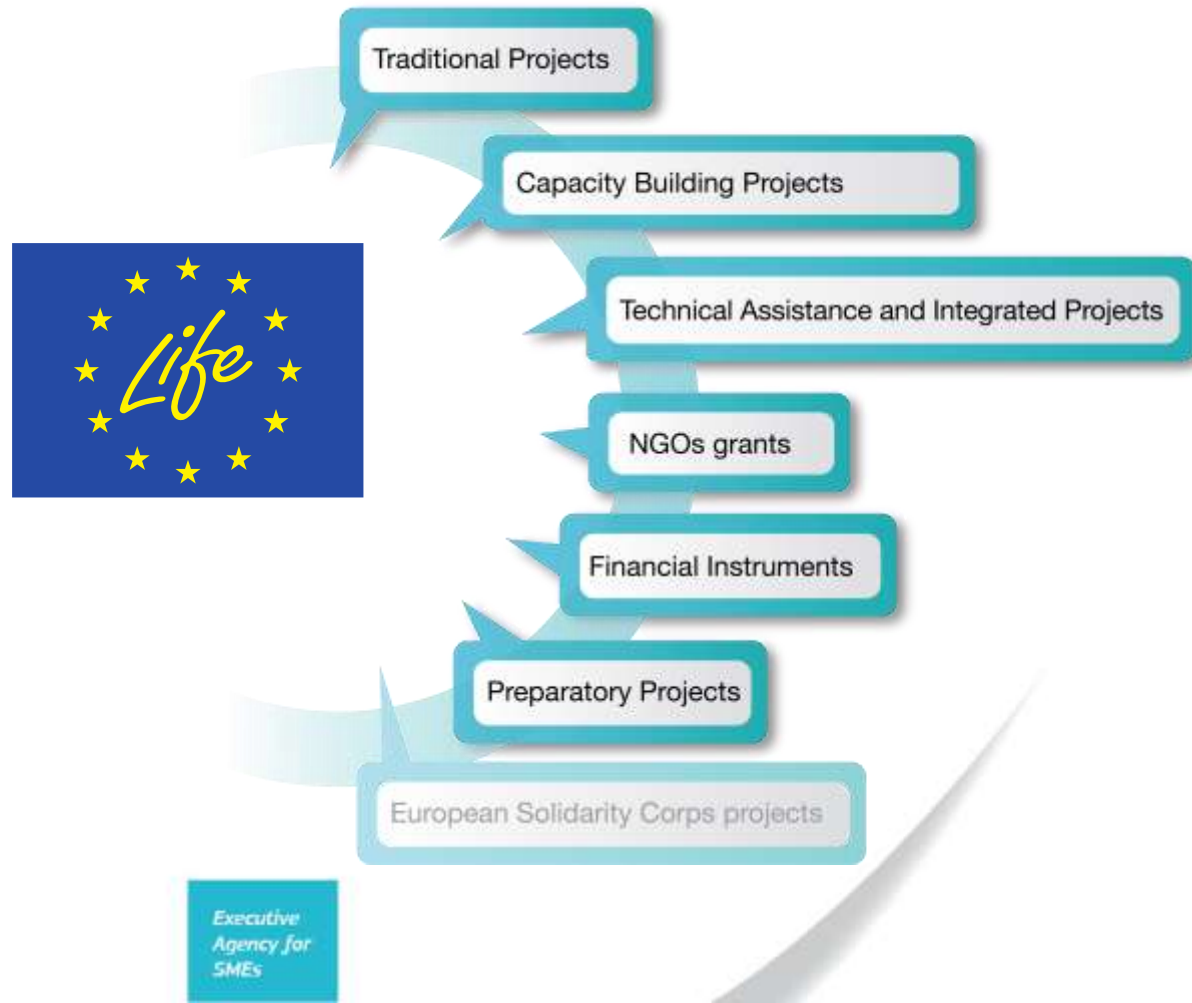


# LIFE – THEN AND NOW

- ❖ **LIFE 1992-2013:** more than 4700 projects in the fields of
  - ❖ **Nature & biodiversity**
  - ❖ Other **environmental sectors and governance**
  - ❖ **Environmental information**
- ❖ **LIFE 2014 to 2020,** two sub-programmes for:
  - ❖ **Environment**
  - ❖ **Climate action**



# WHAT IS LIFE FINANCING?



# LIFE 2014-2020 – STRANDS

## ❖ Environment sub-programme

- ❖ Environment & Resource Efficiency (ENV)
- ❖ Nature & Biodiversity (NAT, BIO)
- ❖ Environmental Governance & Information (GIE)



LIFE10 ENV/PL/000661



LIFE12 INF/BE/000459



LIFE05 NAT/FIN/000105



LIFE10 ENV/RO/000729



LIFE05 NAT/FIN/000104



# LIFE 2014-2020 – STRANDS

## ❖ Climate Action sub-programme

- ❖ Climate Change Mitigation (CCM)
- ❖ Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
- ❖ Climate Change Governance & Information (GIC)



LIFE07 INF/E/000852



LIFE09 ENV/IT/000186

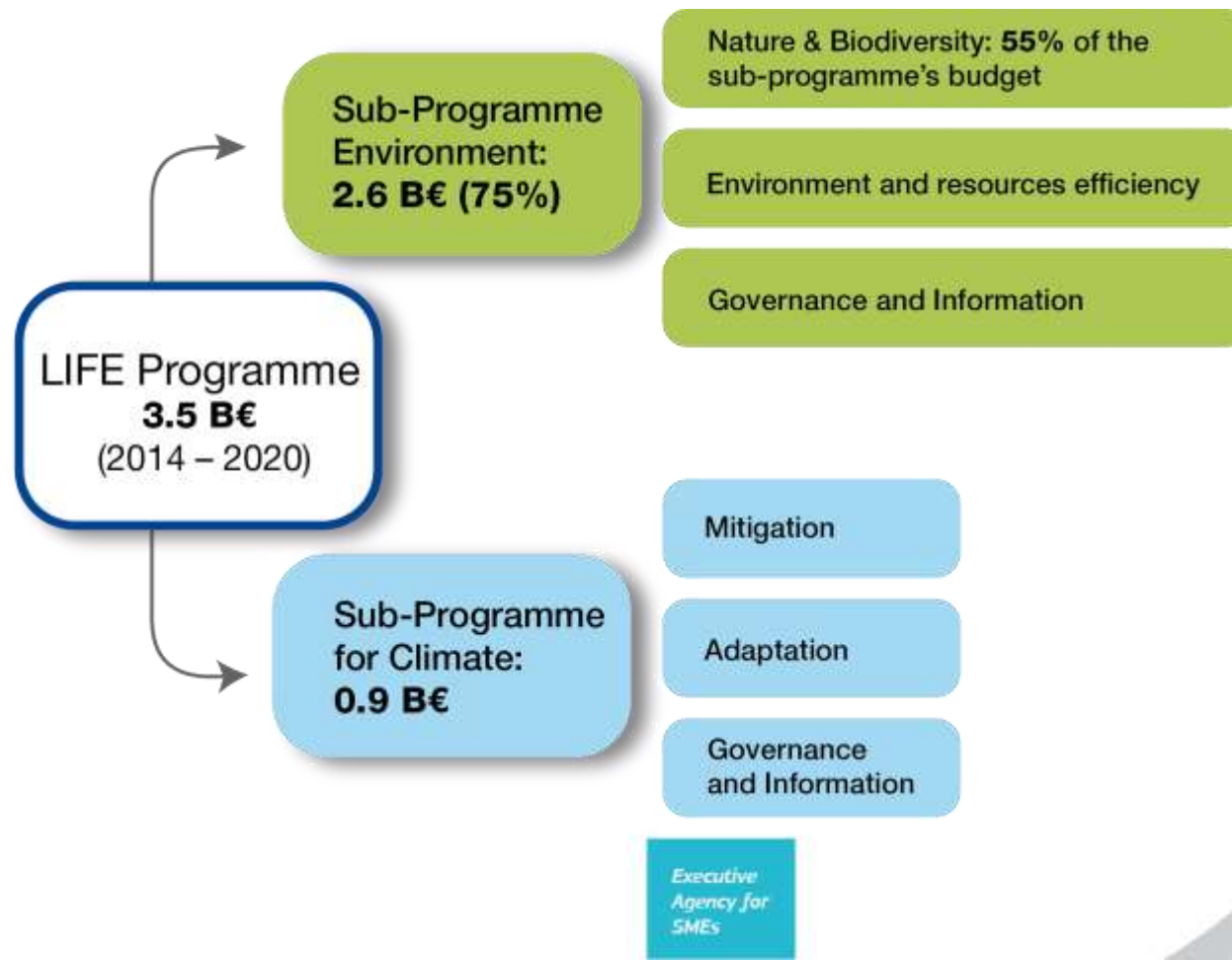


LIFE07 ENV/S/000908



LIFE10 ENV/ES/000456

# LIFE 2014-2020 : PRIORITY AREAS & BUDGET





# LIFE 2018-2020 MAWP– REMAINING BUDGET

- ❖ Remaining allocation for MAWP2: **€1.66 billion**
  - ❖ **€1,24 billion** for ENV Sub-programme (mean: €413 million/year)
  - ❖ **€0,41 billion** for CLIMA Sub-programme (mean: €137 million/year)



LIFE08 NAT/BG/000279



LIFE09 ENV/AT/000226



LIFE08 NAT/RO/000500



LIFE07 ENV/ES/000829



LIFE08 ENV/E/000135

# LIFE 2014-2020 – GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

## PRINCIPLE:

Applicable where the Treaty on European Union applies

## PARTICIPATION:

- ❖ Certain Third Countries may participate on the basis of and in line with the conditions of a cooperation agreement
- ❖ Cooperation with International Organisations is possible when necessary to reach LIFE objectives

# ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE EU

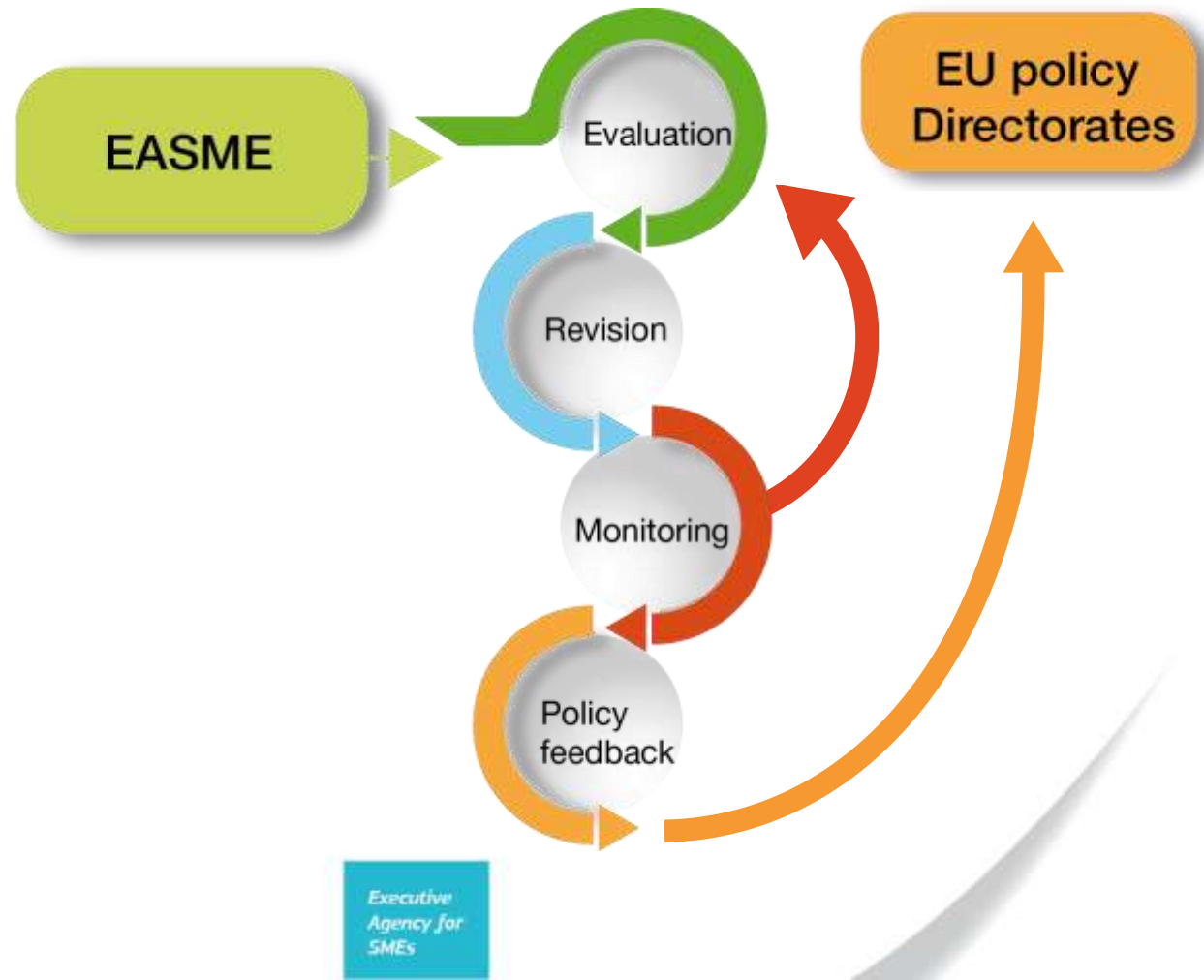
## May be included if:

- ❖ Necessary to achieve Union environmental or climate objectives
- ❖ Necessary to ensure the effectiveness of interventions carried out in the Member States' territories to which the Treaties apply
- ❖ The Coordinating Beneficiary is established in the EU

# LIFE - GENERAL FEATURES

- ❖ Applicants - Companies, research institutes, NGOs, public administrations active in the field of environment and climate protection ; **all legal persons registered in the EU**
- ❖ Emphasis on **replicability/transferability, long-term sustainability, and an EU added value** of the project results
- ❖ **Not** focused on **research** (⇔ H2020)
- ❖ No large infrastructure; **not** focused on **rural or regional development** (⇔ agricultural, structural funds)
- ❖ Support and monitoring: from Contracting Authority (EASME or European Commission) and external monitoring team

# WHO DOES WHAT IN LIFE?



# LIFE GENERAL FEATURES

- ❖ **Funding types:** *Action grants, Operating grants, Innovative financial instruments (NCFF, PF4EE)*
- ❖ **Project types:** traditional, integrated, technical assistance, capacity building, preparatory projects
- ❖ **Project topics:** only for traditional projects under the sub-programme for environment
- ❖ **Work areas:** only for traditional projects under the sub-programme for climate action



# LIFE GENERAL FEATURES

- ❖ ***Funding rate:*** in general, 55% of eligible costs in the MAWP 2018-2020;
- ❖ ***Actors:*** EASME for all grants except preparatory projects, and; EIB/intermediary banks for **financial instruments**; intervention of NCPs only if desired
- ❖ ***National allocations:*** do not apply in MAWP 2018-2020.

# WHAT IS A TRADITIONAL PROJECT ?

- ❖ **For whom?** Enterprises, associations, public administrations
- ❖ **Flexibility on the size of the consortium and budget**
- ❖ **Co-funding rate: 55% (ENV-RE & CA) - 60% (NAT/BIO);**
  - ❖ In case of NAT projects that devote more than 50% of their budget for concrete conservation actions to activities benefiting priority habitats or species: 75%

- ❖ **Types of projects**

- ❖ Pilot (1)
- ❖ Demonstration (2)
- ❖ Good Practice (3)
- ❖ Information/governance (4)

CCA	1/2/3
CCM	1/2/3
GIC, GIE	4
NAT/BIO	1/2/3
ENV – ress.	1/2

# INFORMATION SOURCES

- ❖ LIFE Web site – It contains everything you need:  
<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/life>
- ❖ Application Packages
- ❖ Guides for evaluation of LIFE project proposals
- ❖ General Conditions
- ❖ Eventually, specific information, administrative and financial guidelines
- ❖ LIFE Regulation – priority areas
- ❖ MAWP (Multi-annual work programme) – project topics



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## IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE LIFE CALL 2019

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# LIFE MAWP 2018-2020

## ❖ As in MAWP1, strong emphasis on:

- ❖ Long term sustainability of the project: continuation, replication and transfer
- ❖ EU added value
- ❖ Indicators

## ❖ New priority topics and evaluation criteria

## ❖ Consider findings of the Mid-Term evaluation:

- ❖ Simplification of the application & reporting processes
- ❖ Replication of project results
- ❖ Improving the communication strategy



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## INTRODUCTION TO THE 2-STAGES APPLICATION

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# RATIONALE FOR THE 2 STAGE APPLICATION

- ❖ Simplification of the application process and evaluation of LIFE traditional projects
- ❖ Easier procedure & faster feedback
- ❖ Need to address the decreasing number of applications for LIFE co-financing in recent years

# WHAT IS LIFE 2 STAGE APPLICATION APPROACH?

❖ New **simplified** two-stage approach



❖ **Only** for Environment sub-programme

❖ **Only** for traditional projects









**Be aware – at the evaluation stage the concept note must fulfil the same eligibility criteria than those of the full proposal**

**The concept note can be modified, validated and (re)submitted as many times as needed until 17/06/2019, 16:00 Brussels local time, for ENV/RE and 19/06/2019, 16:00 Brussels local time, for NAT/BIO and GIE.**

**Each subsequent submission overwrites the previously submitted version (earlier versions are not archived and are therefore not available anymore).**

# INDICATIVE TIMETABLE : APPLICATION ENVIRONMENT SUB-PROGRAMME



Timeline	Phases
17 June 2019	 Submission of concept note <i>Max 10 pages + high-level budget</i>
June-September 2019	 Evaluation of concept note
October 2019	 Invitation for full proposal
February 2020	 Submission of full e-proposal
July 2020	 Signature of grants



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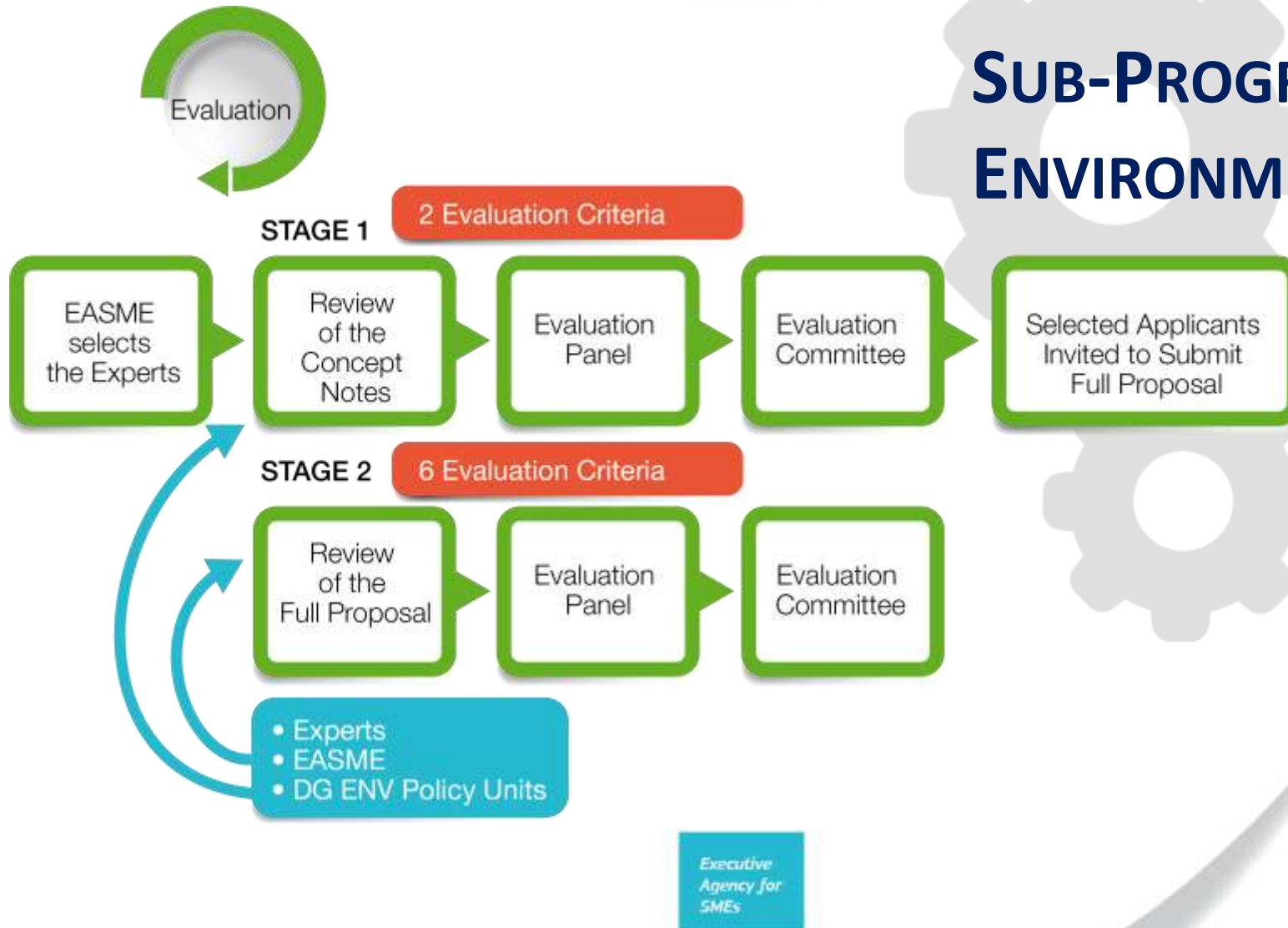
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## CALL 2019 EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

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CONCEPT NOTE AWARD CRITERIA	MINIMUM PASS SCORE*	MAXIMUM SCORE
1. Overall quality of the proposal	5	20
2. Overall EU added value	10	30
<b>OVERALL (PASS) SCORES</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>

# EVALUATION CRITERIA – STAGE 2: FULL PROPOSAL

	Award criteria	Minimum pass score (*)	Maximum score
Technical and Financial coherence and quality			
1	Technical coherence and quality	10	20
2	Financial coherence and quality (including value for money)	10	20
EU added value			
3	Extent and quality of the contribution to the specific objectives of the priority areas of the LIFE sub-programme for Environment	10	20
4	Sustainability (continuation, replication, transfer)	8	15
	Overall (pass) score	50 (*)	
Bonus			
5	Contribution to the project topics	—	0 or 5 or 10
6	• Synergies (including multipurpose and integration/ complementarity (max. 8 points), Green Public Procurement (max. 1 point), Ecolabel (max. 1 point), and uptake EU-research results (max. 1 point))	—	15
	• Transnational (max. 4 points)		
	<b>Maximum score</b>		<b>100</b>

❖ 6 criteria detailed in:

❖ the evaluation guidelines  
(*applicant's package*)

❖ The MAWP 2018-2020

❖ **criteria 5 & 6** are bonus points



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