



30 years of bringing green ideas to LIFE

LIFE & River Connectivity

CONNECTED RIVERS

International seminar on scaling up
dam removal as a river restoration tool
in Europe

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What LIFE is and does

L'Instrument Financier pour l'Environnement since 1992; so far, more than 5 500 projects financed

The LIFE programme as a whole constitutes a 100% contribution to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal

The only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action with four sub-programmes:

- Nature and biodiversity
- Circular economy and quality of life
- Climate mitigation and adaptation
- Clean energy transition

Total budget of EUR 5.43 billion for 2021-2024

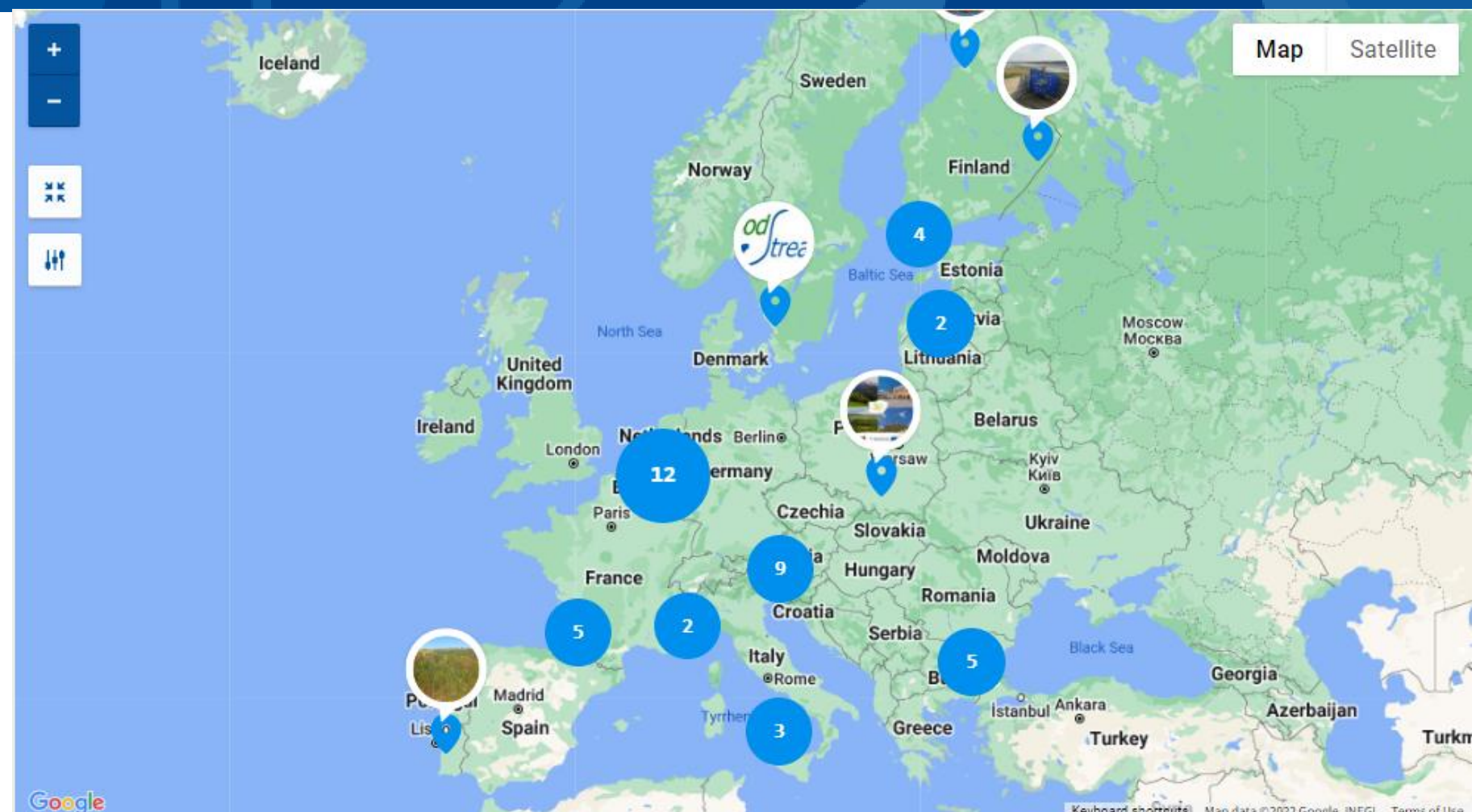
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LIFE 30th anniversary



<https://www.lifeis30.eu/>



#Lifeis30

Life
AWARDS 22

Ceremony

MONDAY 30 MAY 2022
16.00H-17.45H CET
SQUARE BRUSSELS MEETING CENTRE

Do not forget to confirm if you will join the cocktail after the Ceremony



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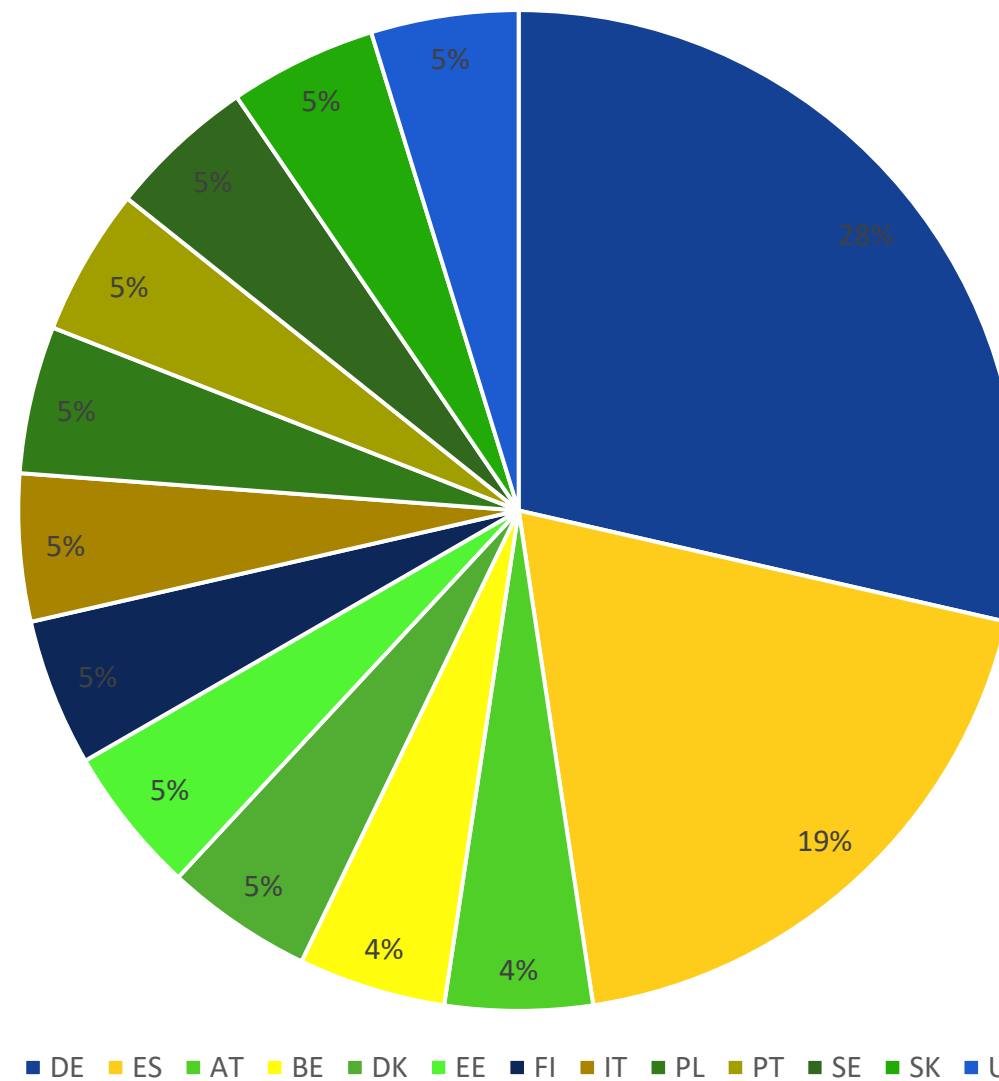
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- In the period 2014-2020, more than 20 projects focusing on river restoration and dam/barrier removal
- Mainly in Germany and Spain and under the NAT & BIO sub-programme:

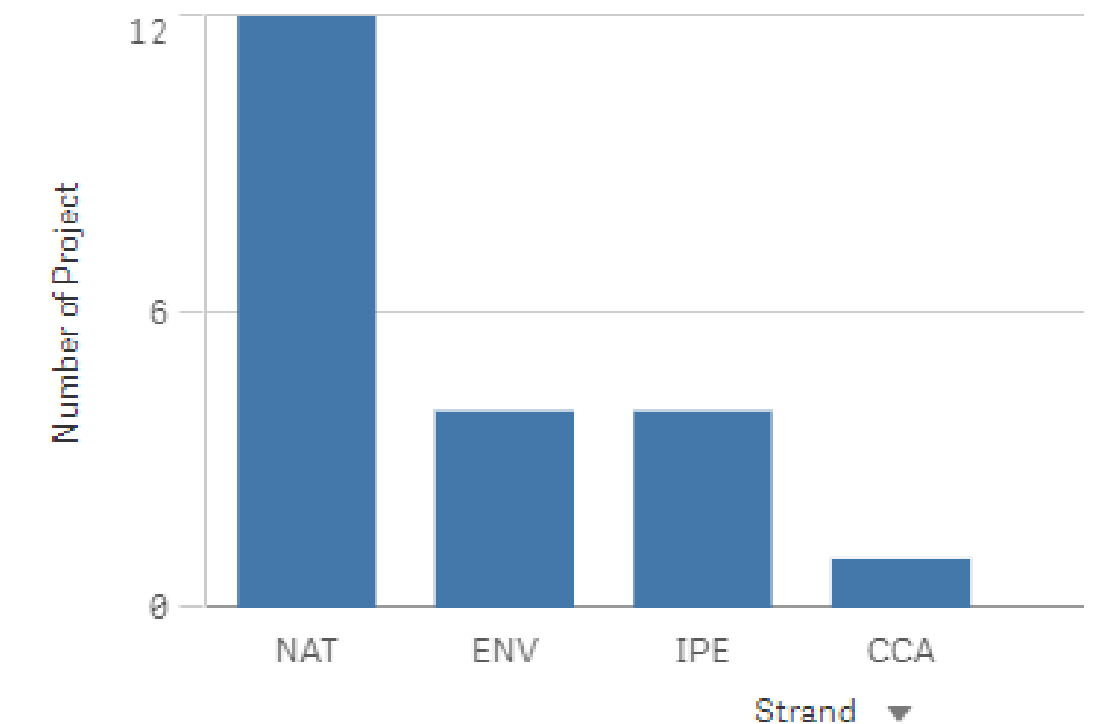
LIFE and river connectivity

River connectivity projects per country



Nr of Projects by Strand and Country.

Select dimension on X axis





Importance of river continuity

River continuity is beneficial for....

- Migratory fish
- Species depending on migratory fish
- Free movement of water and sediment
- Tackle fragmentation of freshwater habitats
- Ensure good functioning of ecosystems and their processes

River continuity is key to achieving good status of European waters under the Water Framework Directive.

The EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 also aims to restore **at least 25 000 km of free-flowing rivers by 2030** by removing barriers and restoring floodplains and wetlands.



**River
connectivity
in a LIFE
project**

LIFE call 2022

SAP | Standard Action Projects ('traditional LIFE projects')

In case of NAT&BIO - SMART outcome-based implementation of EU nature legislation or targets of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Topic budget: EUR 132 739 347

Funding rate: 60%-67%-75%

Two areas of intervention:

- Space for nature
- Safeguarding our species



SAP NAT&BIO | Prioritisation

EU Habitats Directive - habitats or species in unfavourable and declining conservation status

Further prioritisation of the proposals will be based on the policy priorities:

Birds and Habitats Directives

IAS Regulation

EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy > implementing EU Nature Restoration targets: Deploying Green & Blue infrastructure as well as other nature-based solutions that would prevent/reduce impact of natural disasters, including river restoration projects

N. B. Synergies with other LIFE sub-programmes are highly encouraged and considered under AW5 (promotion of exceptional synergies and co-benefits between LIFE sub-programmes)



SNAP/SIP | Strategic Nature Projects/ Strategic Integrated Projects

Focused on the implementation of:

SNAPs:

- the Prioritised Action Frameworks pursuant to the - Habitats Directive
- other plans or strategies adopted at international, national, regional or multiregional level by nature and biodiversity authorities

SIPs:

- plans or strategies adopted at international, national, regional or multiregional level on the corresponding policy

Co-financing rate of 60% maximum

Maximum 14-year duration



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LIFE Call 2022

Calls published on 17 May 2022
under the [Funding & Tender Portal](#)

Details on [call in CINEA website](#)

LIFE - [Support for applicants](#)



#EULife22 Info Days



18, 19 and
20 May 2022

18, 19 and 20 May 2022

- Live virtual sessions on Call for proposals 2022
- Questions and answers sessions
- Networking opportunities among candidates
- Bilateral virtual meetings with National Contact Points and CINEA project advisors

Register here → life-eu-info-days-2022.b2match.io



Fish ladder/ Isola Serafini Dam – LIFE11 NAT/IT/00188 – CON.FLU.PO



Fish pass Altenwörth – LIFE18 NAT/AT/000915 – LIFE Network Danube Plus



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