

# National and EU financial mechanisms for the environment and climate action. Focusing on the Greek islands

Zero Waste Islands. Transforming island communities: going  
zero waste, growing sustainably

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# Who is Who

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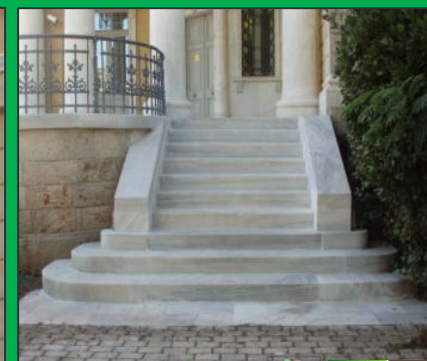
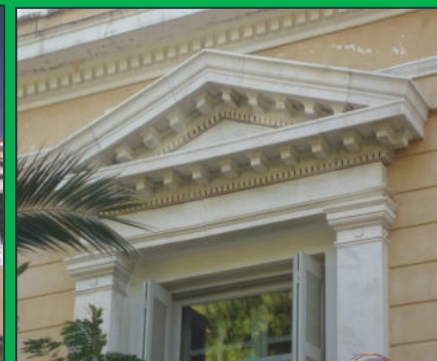
## □ Green Fund



Environment Officer of Greek LIFE Task Force plus



## Green Fund is located at Villa Kazouli



# Green Fund | Intro

- ❑ Established in 2010
- ❑ Reports to the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy
- ❑ Continuation of Special Fund for the Implementation of Regulatory and Urban Plans

# Green Fund | Scope

- ❑ To enhance development through environmental protection,
- ❑ To support the country's environmental and energy policy
- ❑ To serve public and social interests through the management of **Green Resources**

# Green Fund | Responsibilities

- ❑ To create environment-oriented Programmes
- ❑ To assess, select and monitor funding proposals
- ❑ To put into place the procedures necessary to select individual implementing organizations to be funded.

# Green Fund | Beneficiaries

Two types of beneficiaries:

- ❑ Public bodies and
- ❑ Private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs) with environment related scope.



115.98 mil Euros

# Green Fund | Funding Programmes (1/6)

- Priority Pillars

- Measures

- Actions

and define:

- the Beneficiaries

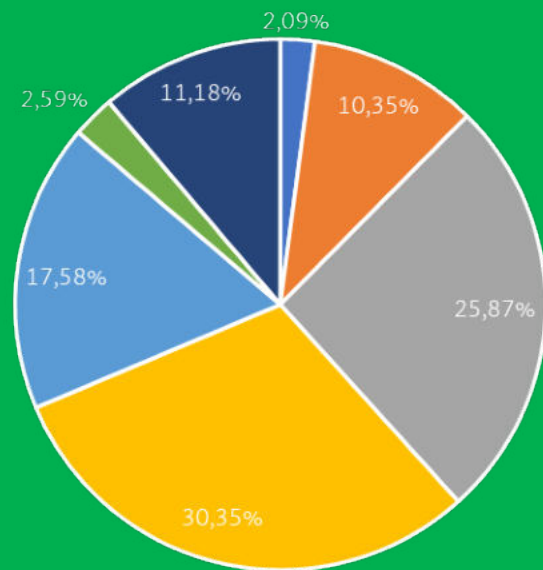
- the Funding Amount and the Eligibility Criteria

# Green Fund | 2023 Funding programmes (2/6)

2023 Funding programmes	Budget in Euros
Protection of the Marine Environment & Prevention of the Marine Pollution (Blue Fund)	2.425.055,80
Forest Protection & Restoration	12.000.000,00
Natural Environment & Innovative Actions	30.000.000,00
Environmental Balance Actions	35.195.199,88
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Auction Revenues' Programme	20.390.204,32
EU LIFE Programme	3.000.000,00
Operating costs	12.969.540,00

\*Funding programmes in relation to blue economy

# Green Fund | 2023 Funding programmes (3/6)



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- EU LIFE Programme
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# Green Fund | 2023 Funding programmes (4/6)

## 2023 Funding programmes

### Natural Environment & Innovative Actions

Priority pillar: *Innovative Actions developed by citizens (open call)*

- Beneficiaries: NGOs, Social Cooperative Enterprises, etc.
- Budget: 50.000,00 EUR.

- Adapt a beach
- Alliance for Symbiosis II

# Green Fund | 2023 Funding programmes (5/6)

## 2023 Funding programmes

### Natural Environment & Innovative Actions

Priority pillar: *Research and Applications (closed call)*

Beneficiaries: Universities, Research institutions, etc.

Budget: 200.000,00 EUR.

- Innovative practices of circular economy in plastic Aquaculture nets for the protection of marine Ecosystems (INTRICATE)

# Green Fund | 2023 Funding programmes (6/6)

## 2023 Funding programmes

### EU LIFE Programme

The EU LIFE Funding Programme covers two objectives:

- The co-financing of LIFE projects in which Green Fund participates as a beneficiary or co-beneficiary
  - The coverage of a percentage of the self-financing rate of the beneficiaries or other bodies in LIFE projects.
- LIFE DEBAG (LIFE14 GIE/ GR/ 001127)
  - LIFE EUROTURTLES (LIFE15 NAT/ HR/ 000997)

# Role of Green Fund in LIFE Projects

## COORDINATOR IN 2 PROJECTS:

- Greek LIFE Task Force (GR LTF) - Capacity Building Project
- LIFE EL-BIOS - Traditional Project

## ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY IN 3 INTEGRATED PROJECTS:

- LIFE-IP 4 NATURA
- LIFE-IP AdaptInGR
- LIFE-IP CEI-Greece



## ASSOCIATED BENEFICIARY IN 5 TRADITIONAL PROJECTS:

- LIFE RE-WEEE
- LIFE TERRACESCAPE
- LIFE GRECABAT
- LIFE PROWhIBIT
- LIFE PROFILE

PROVIDER OF STATE CO-FUNDING  
IN ONGOING APPROVED  
LIFE PROJECTS SINCE 2012



# What is LIFE?

□ EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action.

□ Strong emphasis on:

- Long-term sustainability
- Replicability and transferability
- Impact (quantified 'impact indicators')

# LIFE 2021–2027 (subprogrammes)

Nature and biodiversity



Circular economy and quality of life



Climate change mitigation and adaptation



Clean energy transition



# Call 2023

- Standard Action Projects (ex traditional ones)  
(expected call to open 18/4/2023)
- Co-financing rate of 60% maximum\*
- Maximum 10-year duration

# Call 2023

- ❑ **Other action Grants** (expected call to open 1-3/6/2023)
- ❑ Coordination and Support Actions for the transition to renewable energy & increased energy efficiency.
- ❑ Action grants benefitting the organisations mentioned in Annex I of the LIFE Regulation
- ❑ Projects to support specific policy and legislation requirements.
- ❑ Co-financing rate of 95% maximum



# Call 2023

- ❑ Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) (expected call to open 18/4/2023)
- ❑ Co-financing rate of 60% maximum
- ❑ Maximum 14-year duration

# Life 2023 Call



**Submit now**

More details will be presented  
in the  
**LIFE info day**



# Thank you!

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