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# Future-Proofing Europe's Agri-Food Sector: Innovation, Resilience, Sustainability, and Competitiveness brought forward by the LIFE Programme

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# LIFE programme and CAP environmental and climate priorities

- ❑ The opportunities for integration between the LIFE Programme and the environmental and climate priorities of the CAP are manifest in the 2023-2027 programming period, too.
- ❑ This action of integration is carried out through the implementation of a diversified mix of interventions that includes, among others, agri-climatic-environmental interventions (eco-schemes and SRA interventions of rural development) and those aimed at encouraging investments and innovations "for sustainability".
- ❑ Alongside these interventions, a key role in promoting the ecological transition of the primary sector is also assigned to all the interventions that contribute to the AKIS (training, information, advisory services, cooperation, demonstration actions, support for the Operational Groups of the EIP AGRI = European Partnership for Innovation in Agriculture) which, especially on sustainability issues, are called upon to coordinate and seek synergy with the actions promoted by other European funds such as the LIFE.



# The contribution of the LIFE Programme to the environmental and climate priorities of the CAP

- ❑ The LIFE Programme represents a valuable source of interventions from which the implementation of the CAP can draw to effectively achieve the Union's environmental and climate objectives.
- ❑ Precisely because of its direct focus on projects capable of developing, demonstrating, promoting and stimulating the scale up innovative techniques, methods and approaches useful for achieving the Union's objectives in the fields of nature and biodiversity, environment, climate and energy transition, as well as on projects that contribute to the enlargement of knowledge base and to the application of best practices.



# The contribution of the LIFE Programme to the environmental and climate priorities of the CAP 2023/2027

- ❑ Since the 2014-2022 programming, the National Rural Network (NRN) programme has promoted the integration, complementarity and development of synergies between Rural Development Policy and the LIFE Programme, as part of the common objective of ensuring efficient management of natural resources and contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- ❑ This line of activity – still conducted, under the current NRN 2023-2027, by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry and CREA, in synergy with the LIFE National Contact Point of the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security – has the aim of making available to rural development actors the capital of good practices developed by LIFE projects in Italy on issues of most direct interest to the agricultural world.



# The contribution of the LIFE Programme to the environmental and climate priorities of the CAP 2023/2027

- ❑ “Future-Proofing Europe’s Agri-Food Sector: Innovation, Resilience, Sustainability, and Competitiveness brought forward by the LIFE Programme” is highly relevant to current EU priorities under the Green Deal, Farm to Fork Strategy and to the “Vision for Agriculture and Food”.
- ❑ We do think that this Platform meeting will show us the way how LIFE projects can promote the sharing of concrete solutions to existential threats to the EU agricultural and food sector, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, soil degradation, economic viability and fairness, resource efficiency and food security.
- ❑ **Therefore, we all hope that LIFE will be restored as a stand-alone programme within the next EU multiannual financial framework!**





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