Working with ongoing LIFE projects: A Member State's perspective

Spyridoula Ntemiri
Climate Change Expert
Greek LIFE Task Force – Green Fund
19 October 2017

Introduction – National Contact Points

- Each EU MS has a LIFE National Contact Point (NCP) that is **responsible** for the LIFE programme **at national level**

  Note: In some MSs, they are **more than one** (thematic/ regional CPs)

- Quite often NCPs work in the MS's **MINENV**
- Their role includes: (i) supporting **potential** applicants (guidance, information events), (ii) supporting **implementation** of ongoing projects, (iii) **inform** about LIFE programme

Setting the background..

- GR has 2 NCPs
  - One for Environment (GRFU)
  - One for Climate Action (MINENV)
- Since 2016 a CAP project runs in the country
  - Recruitment of 5 project officers
  - Dedicated activities (promotion of best practices, networking, training on ongoing etc.)
- 28 on-going projects with Greek coordinator

Sub-Programme	Number of projects	Total budget
ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY	9	18,204,918
NATURE/BIODIVERSITY	8	14,841,740
CLIMATE ACTION	5	5,999,502
INFORMATION AND GOVERNANCE	5	10,447,464
CAPACITY BUILDING	1	1,304,708
TOTAL	**28**	**50,798,332**

How can the NCPs support you in practice?

1. **Dissemination** of good practices/results to a wider public
2. Support the **uptake** of your results, help you highlight their relevance and make the links with the EU/national policy authorities
3. **Networking** with other projects and national/ sectoral authorities
4. Provision of **support** (usually on request)

Exhibitions, Info-days, Seminars



LIFE Birthday – Athens 18.05.2017

Exhibition of 36 ongoing/recent projects to 130 participants



LIFE Regional Infodays & Writer's Seminars, March – June 2017

Invited speakers presented their experiences and provided advice

GREEK TASK FORCE

ΠΡΑΣΙΝΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ

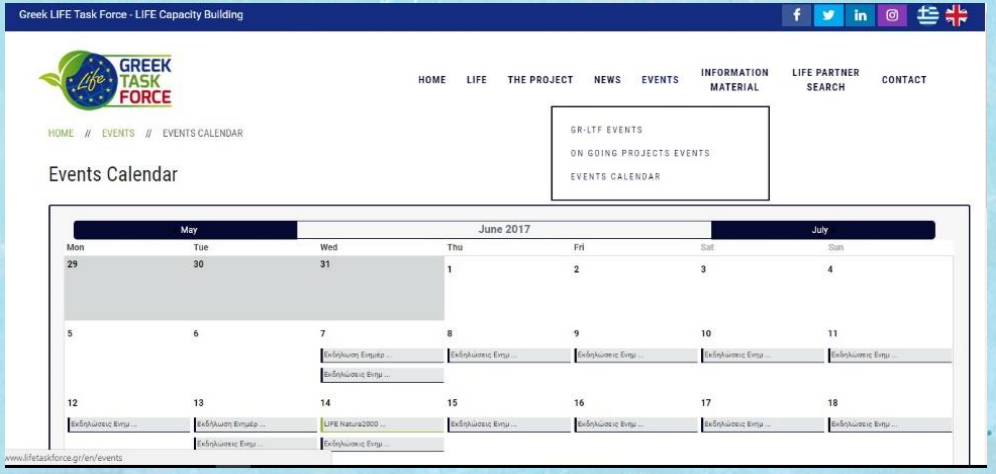
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ & ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑΣ

NATURA 2000

Sharing information on your project's actions

- ✓ Online calendar of project's events
- ✓ Promotion in social media, newsletter, etc.
- ✓ Hosting the 'LIFE project of the month'





GREEK TASK FORCE

ΠΡΑΣΙΝΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ & ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑΣ

NATURA 2000

Supporting the uptake of your project's results

- ✓ NCPs promote **best practices** i.e. production of special publications and relevant material (videos, press conferences)

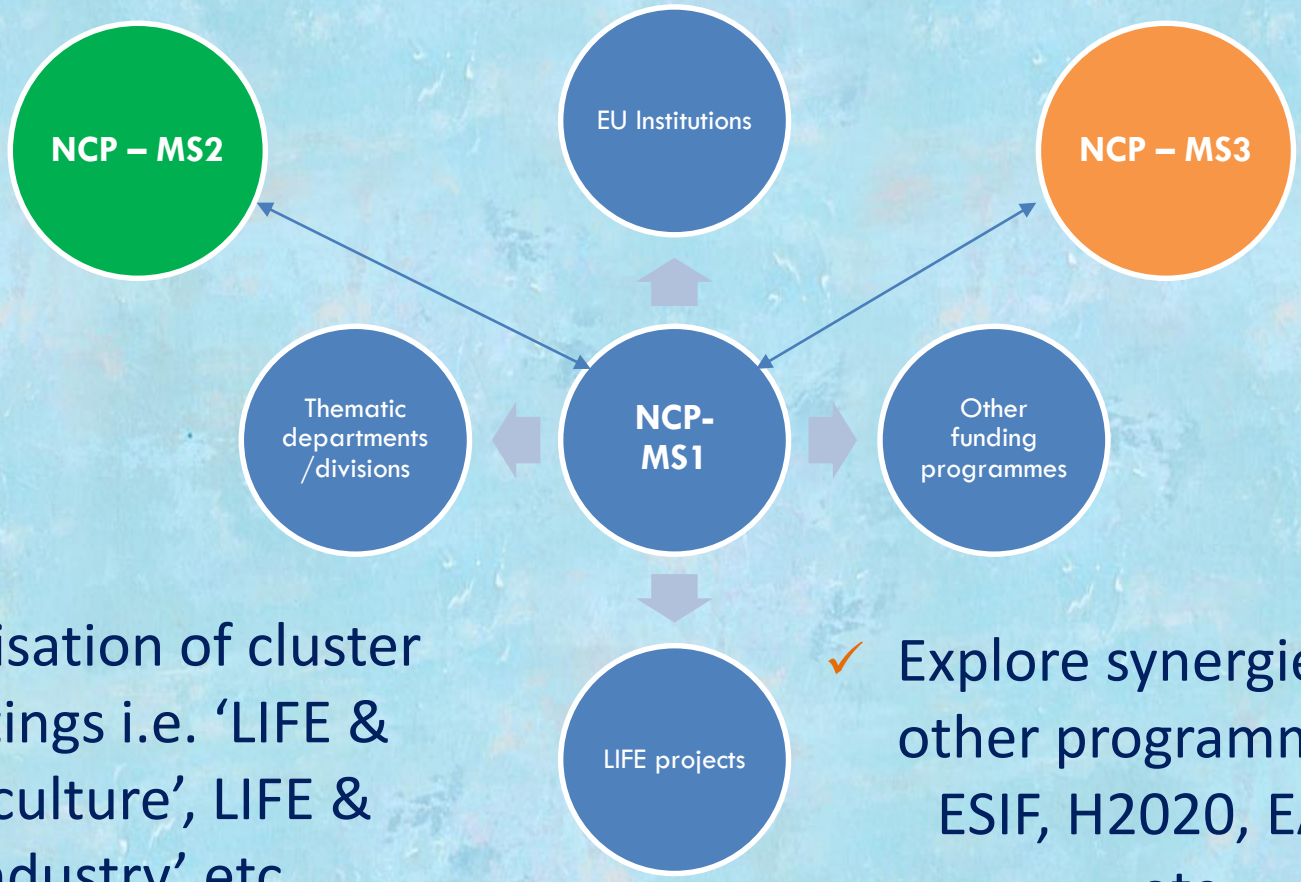
- ✓ Your NCP can **link** you with the relevant policy authorities in your MS, in other MSs & in the EU
  - ✓ *At an early state this can ensure the outcome of your project **remains relevant***
  - ✓ *At a later state this can help the **replication and transfer** of your project, create **synergies** with other funding and **explore ways** to support the long-term sustainability of your project's results*

GREEK TASK FORCE

ΠΡΑΣΙΝΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ & ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑΣ

NATURA 2000



- ✓ Organisation of cluster meetings i.e. 'LIFE & Agriculture', LIFE & Industry' etc.
- ✓ Explore synergies with other programmes i.e. ESIF, H2020, EARDF etc.
- ✓ Common activities/events with other MSs' NCPs

Examples of Networking

LIFE Exchange meeting among the BU, HU and GR NCPs, May 2017

- ✓ 2 site visits and 1 dedicated event
- ✓ Participation of 16 projects in total
- ✓ Discussions among projects and NCPs on good practices, common issues and solutions
- ✓ Ideas to enhance collaboration





GREEK TASK FORCE

ΠΡΑΣΙΝΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ & ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑΣ

NATURA 2000

Providing support in specific cases

- ✓ Your NCP can support you in case of difficulties
  - ✓ Can help beneficiaries, especially of the public sector, in implementing the correct administrative procedures
  - ✓ Can explain how the LIFE programme works and facilitate the communication with other local/regional/national authorities and institutions
  - ✓ Can provide options and information about financial support and co-financing in case you are facing problems in covering the own-contribution
- ✓ It is quite probable that your NCP **knows a similar case** on the problem you are facing – **Do not miss the chance to use his/her experience!** ☺

GREEK TASK FORCE

ΠΡΑΣΙΝΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ & ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑΣ

NATURA 2000

NCPs collaborate with the EC&EASME

LIFE Regulation, Article 26:

'*The Commission shall, on a regular basis and* ***in collaboration with the LIFE national contact points****, organise seminars and workshops, publish lists of projects funded under the LIFE Programme or undertake other activities to facilitate exchanges of experience, knowledge and best practices on all projects and the replication and transfer of project results across the Union.*'

- ✓ NCPs participate in the EU Information and networking event, the annual kick off meetings, etc.
- ✓ The EC informs on NCPs' events (infodays, seminars)

How to work with your NCP?

a. Learn who they are http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/contact/nationalcontact/index.htm

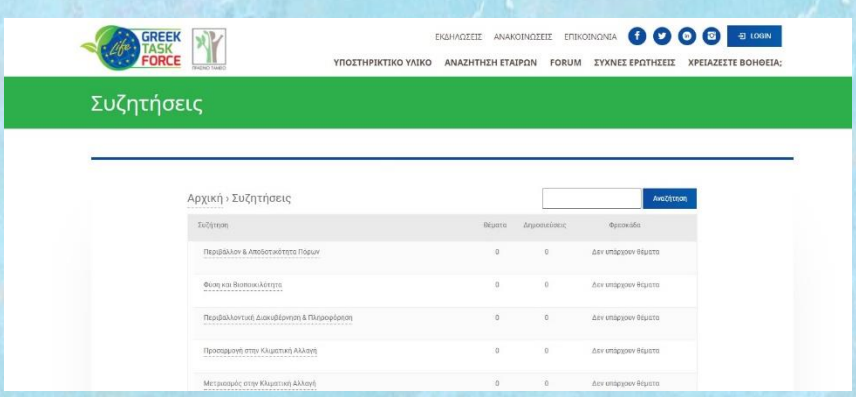
b. Check regularly the NCP's website - follow them in social media: some of their events can be useful for your dissemination activities

c. Present yourself to them, invite them in key meetings, inform them about your project and its progress: **keep a good contact**

In case relevant, request support for specific cases – You can reach them by phone, email, online platform, etc.)

Platform to Support LIFE projects

Operating since August 2017, includes Forum and Helpdesk for online support



GREEK TASK FORCE

ΠΡΑΣΙΝΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ & ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑΣ

NATURA 2000



Thank you for your attention!

Spyridoula Ntemiri, CA Officer GR LTF

Site: www.lifetaskforce.gr

Support Platform: http://support.lifetaskforce.gr/

E-mail: life@prasinotameio.gr,
sntemiri@prasinotameio.gr

Greek LIFE NCP - ENV

Protopapas Giorgos

GProtopapas@prasinotameio.gr

Greek LIFE NCP - CA

Niavis Dimitris

d.niavis@prv.ypeka.gr

GREEK TASK FORCE

ΠΡΑΣΙΝΟ ΤΑΜΕΙΟ

ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ & ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑΣ

NATURA 2000