



LIFE - SEMINAR 2 SEPTEMBER 2014 HAUS DER EU, WIPPLINGERSTRASSE 35, 1010 WIEN

LIFE is the EU's financial instrument supporting environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout the EU. Its budget for the next funding period (2014 –2020) is 3.4 billion €. The first call was launched in June 2014. The objective of this seminar is twofold: to inform about the programme, its relationship with other EU-programmes, its objectives and modalities and to assist Austrian and Slovak applicants to submit successful proposals by 16 October 2014. For the latter, participants are invited to join the available experts, mostly National Contact Points, according to the area for which they want to apply. Questions of general interest will be discussed in the wrap-up.

PROGRAMME

9.30 Registration

10.00 Welcome

Georg Pfeifer, Head of the Information Office of the European Parliament and **Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler**, Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

10.15 - 11.30 The LIFE-Programme and the 2014 Call, including Questions and Answers

Christian Strasser, European Commission, Deputy Head of Unit, LIFE-ENV Unit

11.30 - 12.00 Environment and Climate Action in Horizon 2020, including Questions and Answers

Michalis Tzatzanis, Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 14.30 Break-Out Groups according to Specific Interests

Austrian National Contact Points in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management: **Dieter Beisteiner** (Climate Action), **Gerhard Schwach** (Nature & Biodiversity), **Margareta Stubenrauch** (Environment & Information); Slovak National Contact Point in the Ministry of Environment: **Karin Očenášová**; European Commission: **Christian Strasser** (all groups)

14.30 - 16.00 Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks

All speakers

Please register by **29 August 2014** at the latest with daniela.leisch@bmlfuw.gv.at.