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LIFE Programme in Latvia

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for environment and climate action. It has been running since 1992 and has co-financed more than 6 000 projects across the EU and in neighbouring countries. LIFE has contributed almost €8 billion to these projects, amounting to around two-thirds of the projects' overall budget of €12 billion. The LIFE Programme contributes directly to the objectives and targets of the European Green Deal.

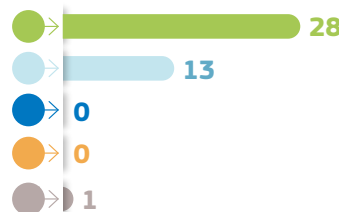
The LIFE Programme includes the following sub-programmes:

-  NATURE & BIODIVERSITY
-  CIRCULAR ECONOMY & QUALITY OF LIFE
-  CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION
-  CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

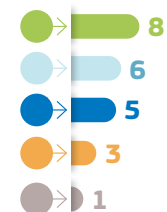
 BUDGET 2021-2027
→ **€5.4 billion**

 **65 LIFE projects¹**

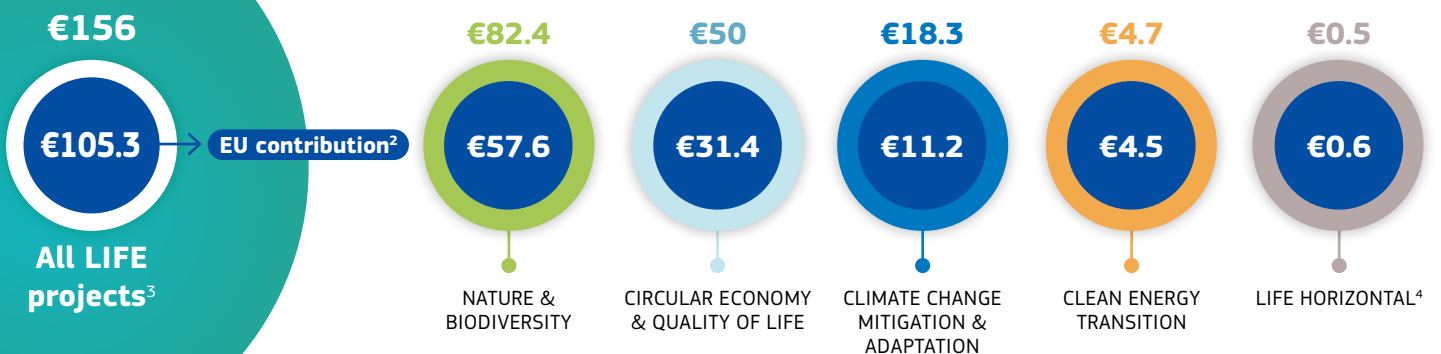
42 LIFE Projects
as coordinator (1992-2013)



23 LIFE Projects
as coordinator (since 2014)



Total investment in LIFE projects since 1992 (€ million)



1 Total number of project figures refer to projects coordinated by an organisation in the country in question since 1992. LIFE projects financed since 2014 are publicly available on [QlikSense](#).
 2 Covers EU contribution to both project coordinators and project participants to multi-country projects.
 3 Total investment = Eligible cost + Land purchase.
 4 LIFE HORIZONTAL includes NGO operating grants and Capacity Building (CB) projects. The Technical Assistance (TA) and Preparatory (PRE) projects are included under the relevant sub-programmes.





FOCUS ON 2023-2024

LIFE NATURE & BIODIVERSITY

The Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme aims to protect and restore Europe's nature and to halt and reverse biodiversity loss. The subprogramme contributes to the implementation of the EU Birds and Habitats directives, the development and management of the Natura 2000 network, the Invasive Alien Species Regulation, and supports the achievement of the objectives of the EU Biodiversity strategy for 2030 and the newly adopted EU Nature Restoration Regulation.

> [More information on this sub-programme](#)

TOTAL INVESTMENT
2023-2024

EU contribution
€15 million **€11 million**



PARTICIPANT
in **3 ONGOING**
PROJECTS

Latvian partners are also participating in 3 projects under the LIFE Nature & Biodiversity sub-programme in 2 other EU Member States.

- 1 ESTONIA**
[urbanLIFEcircles](#)
[WOODMEADOWLIFE](#)
- 2 LITHUANIA**
[LIFE OSMO BALTIC](#)



Restoring EU priority grassland habitats and building a new narrative for their management



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> [Project summary](#)

The GrassLIFE2 project, led by the Latvian Fund for Nature, builds on the foundations established by the previous GrassLIFE project and addresses the urgent need to restore Latvia's semi-natural grasslands, which now cover only 0.9% of the country. This initiative aims to restore 1 260 hectares of vital habitats across 11 Natura 2000 sites, establish a community of semi-natural grassland farmers, promote grassland seed production and develop a mobile grazing unit for sustainable land management. By collaborating with farmers and researchers, GrassLIFE2 seeks to educate landowners and foster community involvement in habitat restoration. The initiative will enhance biodiversity, provide essential ecosystem services and promote the use of native plant genetics, ensuring the long-term conservation of Latvia's natural heritage.

COORDINATOR
of **5 ONGOING**
PROJECTS

There are 5 ongoing projects in Europe focused on protecting and restoring biodiversity. **GrassLIFE2** builds upon the groundwork laid by **GrassLIFE**, which promoted sustainable farming practices in grasslands, particularly in Natura 2000 sites. **LIFE MarshMeadows** targets the restoration of marsh and meadow habitats across Latvia and neighbouring countries, helping to support rare plant species while encouraging traditional farming practices that benefit local wildlife. The **LIFE-IP LatViaNature** project adopts a broader approach to nature conservation, bringing together stakeholders from various sectors to manage Natura 2000 sites effectively and ensure their long-term protection. **LIFE FOR SPECIES** focuses on the protection of threatened species, such as the European eel and common otter by enhancing their habitats and addressing the challenges they face. Lastly, **LIFE REEF** is dedicated to safeguarding marine environments, particularly in Baltic Sea countries, by improving monitoring of marine habitats, managing invasive species, and promoting sustainable fishing practices that benefit both local communities and marine life.



CIRCULAR ECONOMY & QUALITY OF LIFE

The Circular Economy and Quality of LIFE sub-programme aims to facilitate the transition toward a sustainable, circular, toxic-free, energy-efficient and climate-resilient economy and to protect, restore and improve the quality of the environment. The sub-programme mainly supports implementing innovative and best practice solutions, in particular with regard to the circular economy, including recovery of resources from waste, water, air, noise, soil and chemical management as well as environmental governance and the and the new European Bauhaus. Priority is given to solutions that are ready to be implemented in close-to-market conditions, at industrial or commercial scale.

> [More information on this sub-programme](#)

TOTAL INVESTMENT
2023-2024

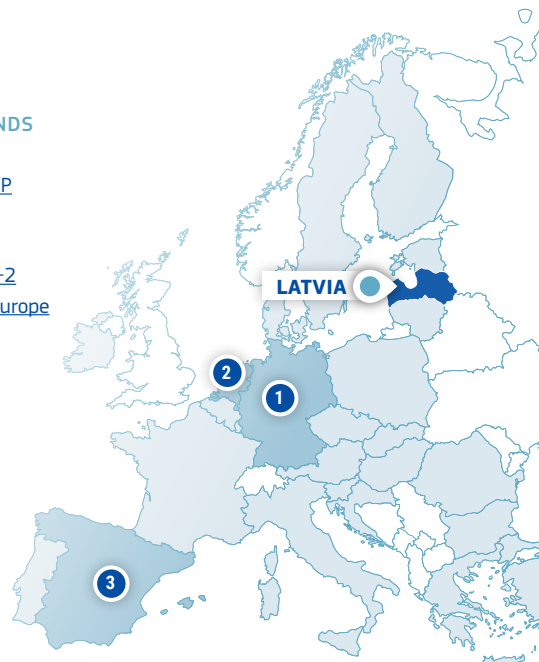
EU contribution
€9 million **€5.4 million**



PARTICIPANT in 5 ONGOING PROJECTS

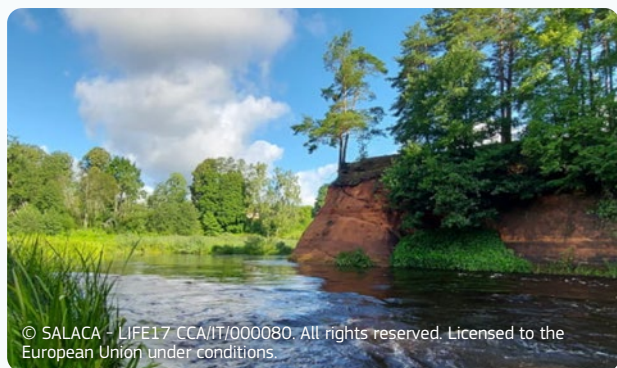
Latvian partners are participating in 5 ongoing LIFE Circular Economy & Quality of Life projects in 4 other EU Member States.

- 1 GERMANY
[LIFE nutriCLOUD](#)
- 2 NETHERLANDS
[LIFE ENPLC](#)
[LIFE GoodWater IP](#)
- 3 SPAIN
[LIFE FitforREACH-2](#)
[LIFE BauhausingEurope](#)



HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT

Adaptation of Water Framework Directive and Habitats Directive harmonization and integrated actions for freshwater quality improvement in Salaca river sub catchment (LIFE IS SALACA)



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> [Project summary](#)

The Latvian consortium will develop a sophisticated approach to plan and implement future river restoration projects in Latvia, increasing their efficiency and positive effect. The management activities are carried out in accordance with the objectives of the Habitats Directive as well as the EU Biodiversity Strategy. The main objectives proposed by the project team will include sequestering nutrients and nitrogen and reducing eutrophication.

COORDINATOR of 2 ONGOING PROJECTS

There are currently 2 ongoing projects focused on Circular Economy and Quality of LIFE. **LIFE Waste To Resources IP** spans across Belgium, Estonia and Lithuania, promoting a circular economy by advancing resources recovery techniques and reducing waste, aligned with EU environmental goals. Lastly, **LIFE IS SALACA** targets the biodiversity of the Salaca River basin, a Natura 2000 site, restoring habitats and enhancing land-use practices to support aquatic species, particularly migratory fish.



LIFE CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

The LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme supports actions that support the implementation of the 2030 energy and climate policy framework and meet the European Union’s commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Projects under this strand contribute to the shift towards a sustainable, energy-efficient, renewable-energy-based, climate-neutral and climate-resilient economy.

> [More information on this sub-programme](#)



Peatland restoration for greenhouse gas emission reduction and carbon sequestration in the Baltic Sea region (LIFE PeatCarbon)



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> [Project summary](#)

Peatland ecosystems are immensely important for climate change mitigation, as they store large quantities of carbon. However, peatlands are among the most threatened ecosystems in Europe, with agriculture, horticulture and thermal insulation in buildings being the main uses of extracted peat. LIFE PeatCarbon is implementing climate change mitigation measures in the Baltic Sea region across restoration sites, including measuring greenhouse gas emissions, reducing carbon emissions and protecting habitats. The consortium includes Finland, Latvia and Denmark.

PARTICIPANT
in **1 ONGOING PROJECT**

Latvia is contributing as participant in the [LIFE LATESTadapt](#) project, coordinated by Estonia.

Developing and demonstrating portfolio of nature based and smart solutions for improving urban climate resilience in Latvia and Estonia.

The LIFE LATESTadapt project focuses on improving urban climate resilience in Latvia and Estonia by developing nature-based and smart solutions. This transnational initiative involves 16 partners working together to address extreme weather events, particularly pluvial flooding caused by heavy rainfall. The project will test solutions at 8 urban sites, using green infrastructure, digital tools and community engagement to strengthen local government capacity in urban planning. The results will be shared across the Baltic region and other EU Member States, promoting wider adoption of climate-resilient practices.

COORDINATOR
of **2 ONGOING PROJECTS**

Currently, 2 ongoing projects focus on the LIFE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme. **LIFE PeatCarbon** restores degraded peatlands in Latvia and Finland, implementing climate-smart management strategies across 5 414 hectares to improve carbon sequestration. **LIFE UpcyclingGrass** develops a sustainable bio-economy model by utilising grassland biomass to replace high-emission products.



LIFE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

The LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-programme supports the delivery of EU policies in the field of sustainable energy, in particular, the European Green Deal, the Energy Union (2030 energy and climate targets) and the European Union's 2050 long-term decarbonisation strategy. It aims to facilitate the transition towards an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and -resilient economy by funding actions of high EU added-value, which are targeted at breaking market barriers that hamper the transition to sustainable energy.

> [More information on this sub-programme](#)



Neighbourhood RenewALL Financed with Energy Performance Contracting

> [Project summary](#)

RenewALL aims to refurbish multi-family buildings (MFB) in Riga through deep renovation, which currently significant face challenges due to high costs and difficult decision-making process. By adopting a "neighbourhood approach," the consortium aims to combine the deep renovation of the targeted buildings with improvement in their entire neighborhood (e.g. upgrade infrastructure, including streets, bicycle paths, and public amenities), creating a more vibrant and sustainable living environment for residents. The project expect to mobilise 22.3m€ energy investment in MFB renovation - which represents a leverage factor of 1:15. Only the energy investment related to the multi-family buildings renovation are eligible for the leverage factor calculation (not the other type of construction works for the broader neighbourhood urban renewal). The project will mobilize long-term energy performance contracts as well as financial engineering to further support sector development and for upscaling long-term financial instruments.



Currently, there are 3 ongoing projects in the LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-programme. **LIFE RenewALL** aims to speed up the renovation of multifamily buildings in Riga by using long-term contracts and innovative financing to encourage homeowners to invest in energy-saving upgrades, targeting a total investment of €22.3 million. **LIFE OwnYourSECAP** helps municipalities take control of their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs), involving over 110 municipalities and 1,500 public officials to strengthen local governance and reach ambitious carbon neutrality goals. **LIFE KNOWnNEBs** seeks to improve energy audits by including the wider benefits of energy efficiency, such as better indoor comfort and product quality, encouraging businesses to invest in energy-saving measures through a new evaluation method that will be tested in the food and beverage sector.



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Participants under the LIFE Clean Energy Transition sub-programme

Latvian partners are participating in 17 ongoing LIFE Clean Energy Transition projects in 10 other EU Member States .

PARTICIPANT
in **17 ONGOING**
PROJECTS

1
BELGIUM
[EE4HORECA](#)
[EcoSMEnergy](#)

2
CZECHIA
[CETAC](#)
[RePower the Regions](#)

3
DENMARK
[CAEPBD6](#)

4
ESTONIA
[LOCAL-CEESEU-DIGIT](#)

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FRANCE
[LIFE EUCE](#)
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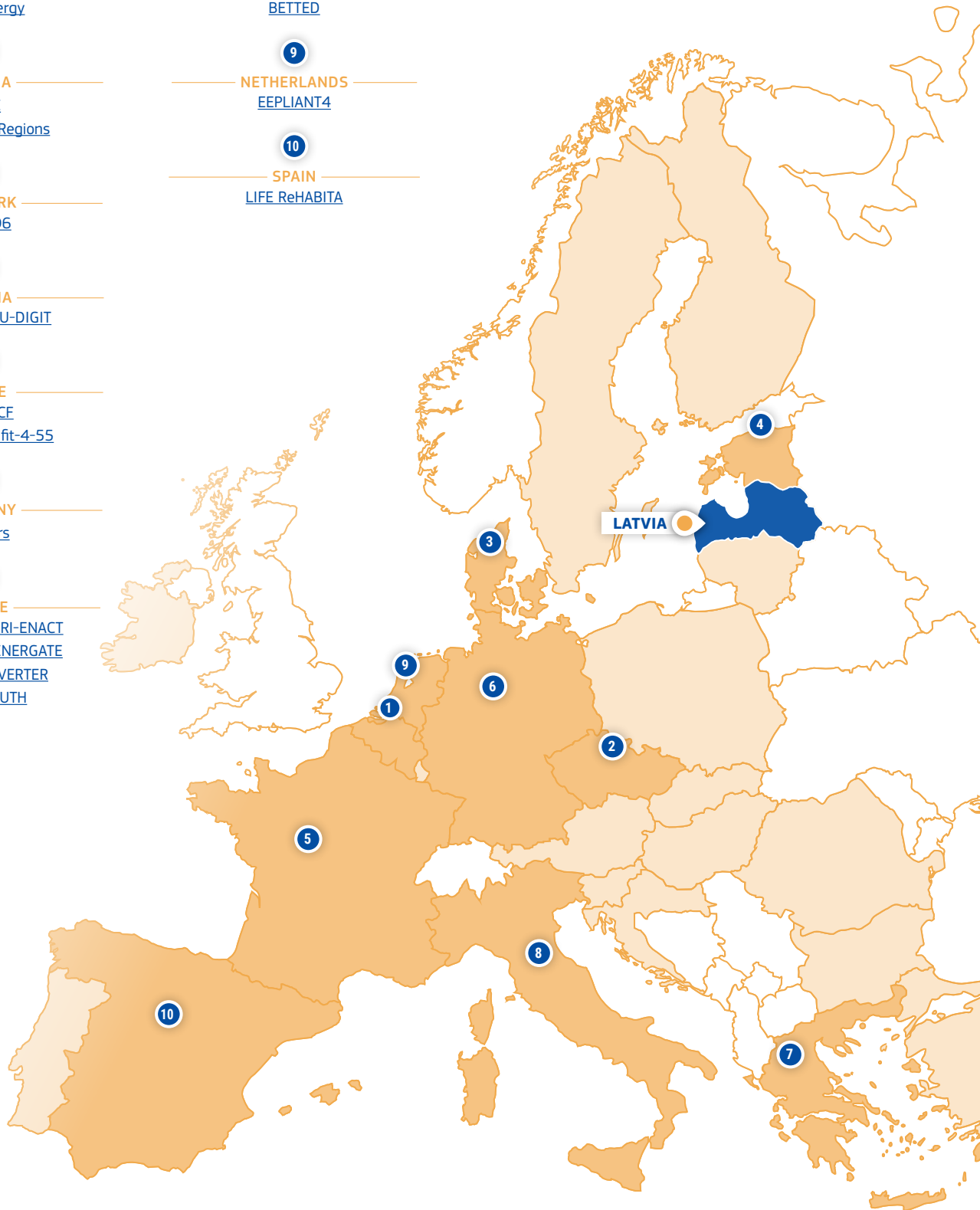
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GERMANY
[EU Peers](#)

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GREECE
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ONGOING LIFE NATURE & BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS COORDINATED BY LATVIAN BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT DURATION
Restoring EU priority grassland habitats and building a new narrative for their management	LIFE21-NAT-LV-GrassLIFE2	GrassLIFE2	01/07/2022 - 30/06/2027
Piloting integrated wetland restoration approaches in Latvia and Lithuania	LIFE20 NAT/LV/000273-LIFE MarshMeadows	LIFE MarshMeadows	01/10/2021 - 30/09/2027
Optimising the Governance and Management of the Natura 2000 Protected Areas Network in Latvia	LIFE19 IPE/LV/000010-LIFE-IP LatViaNature	LIFE-IP LatViaNature	01/08/2020 - 31/12/2028
Threatened species in Latvia: improved knowledge, capacity, data and awareness	LIFE19 GIE/LV/000857-LIFE FOR SPECIES	LIFE FOR SPECIES	01/10/2020 - 31/12/2025
Research of marine protected habitats in EEZ and determination of the necessary conservation status in Latvia	LIFE19 NAT/LV/000973-LIFE REEF	LIFE REEF	01/09/2020 - 31/08/2025

ONGOING LIFE CIRCULAR ECONOMY & QUALITY OF LIFE PROJECTS COORDINATED BY LATVIAN BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT DURATION
Adaptation of Water Framework Directive and Habitats Directive harmonization and integrated actions for freshwater quality improvement in Salaca river sub catchment.	LIFE22-ENV-LV-LIFE IS SALACA	LIFE IS SALACA	01/10/2023 - 30/09/2028
Waste To Resources Latvia - boosting regional sustainability and circularity	LIFE20 IPE/LV/000014-LIFE Waste To Resources IP	LIFE Waste To Resources IP	01/11/2021 - 31/12/2028

ONGOING LIFE CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION PROJECTS COORDINATED BY LATVIAN BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT DURATION
Piloting technological solutions for a sustainable and low emission bio-economy model for utilising biomass from grasslands	LIFE22-CCM-LV-LIFE UpcyclingGrass	LIFE UpcyclingGrass	01/09/2023 - 31/08/2028
Peatland restoration for greenhouse gas emission reduction and carbon sequestration in the Baltic Sea region	LIFE21-CCM-LV-LIFE Peat-Carbon	LIFE PeatCarbon	01/07/2022 - 30/06/2027

ONGOING CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION PROJECTS COORDINATED BY LATVIAN BENEFICIARIES

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT DURATION
Neighbourhood RenewALL Financed with Energy Performance Contracting	LIFE22-CET-RenewALL	RenewALL	01/09/2023 - 31/08/2026



ONGOING CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION PROJECTS COORDINATED BY LATVIAN BENEFICIARIES			
PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT REFERENCE	PROJECT SUMMARY	PROJECT DURATION
Bringing local and regional municipalities towards owning their SECAPs	LIFE21-CET-LOCAL-OwnYour-SECAP	OwnYourSECAP	01/09/2022 - 31/08/2025
Integration of non-energy benefits into energy audit practices to accelerate the uptake of recommended measures	LIFE21-CET-AUDITS-KNOWn-NEBs	KNOWnNEBs	01/11/2022 - 31/10/2025

Data extract: 13 September 2024

Source: LIFE on-line public dashboard [QlikSense](#)

Under 'Focus 2023-2024' section covering all sub-programmes, the EU contribution to both project coordinators and participants include projects started between the 1 January 2023 and 31 October 2024.

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