

# Natural Capital Finance Facility (NCFF)



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# The European Investment Bank (EIB)



- EIB is the **EU's long-term lending bank** set up in 1958 by the Treaty of Rome, headquartered in Luxembourg
- Financing is in **support for EU priority objectives**: climate change, sustainable infrastructure, energy, urban and regional development, RDI, SMEs...
- EIB **shareholders are the 28 EU Member States**
- Largest multilateral lender and borrower in the world
- Around **400 projects annually** in more than 160 countries

# What is the NCFF & Objectives

- A financial instrument blending EIB finance with EC funding under the LIFE programme (*the EU's funding programme for the environment and climate action*)
- **Loans & grant-based technical assistance component**
- Overall size: EUR 100-125 million
- Target: 9 -12 or more operations
- Pilot phase: 2015 – 2019

# Objective

Support of **objectives of LIFE regulation/programme** by financing projects inside the EU that:

1. Are likely to have a positive impact on **biodiversity** and/or
2. Apply **nature-based solutions for adaptation** to climate change

# NCFF Set-Up

- Generate revenues or save costs
- Typical operation size: EUR 2-15 million
  - Loan (direct or intermediated)
  - Fund (participation)
  - Tenor 15 years and possibly longer, 3 years grace period
- Up to 75% of project costs
- Private (commercial, NGO) entities
- Support Facility (TA): EUR up to EUR 1 million per project



# Support Facility



- Technical & environmental
  - feasibility studies, e.g. how to incorporate
  - biodiversity specifications in tender,
  - climate change impacts, risk analysis, data collection, development of optimal adaptation solutions
- Financial & legal
  - Improve and refine business plan/model
  - Identify adequate legal structure
  - Advise on interpretation of EU/national regulation
- Monitoring & evaluation
  - Biodiversity baseline studies
  - Monitoring
  - Assess success of adaptation activities

# What type of projects can the NCFF finance?

1. Green/blue infrastructure
2. Payment for ecosystem services
3. Biodiversity offsets (compensation beyond legal requirements)
4. Pro-biodiversity and adaptation businesses



# Green walls, green roofs, roof gardens





# Sustainable urban drainage systems





# River re-naturalization





# Urban gardening, pro-biodiversity businesses





# Eco-tourism & natural products



# How to get started



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## Products

### Lending

### Blending

Structured finance

Guarantees

Project bonds

InnovFin – EU

Finance for innovators

Transport infrastructure

JEREMIE: Flexible SME funding

ESIF Financial Instruments

Supporting urban development (JESSICA)

Mutual Reliance Initiative

Private Finance for Energy Efficiency (PF4EE)

Natural Capital Financing Facility

Risk Capital Facility for the Southern Neighbourhood

### Advising

## Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCFF)

The Natural Capital Financing Facility (NCFF) is a financial instrument that combines EIB financing and European Commission funding under the LIFE Programme, the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action.

The NCFF will contribute to meeting the objectives set out by LIFE, in particular:

- ▶ nature and biodiversity
- ▶ climate change adaptation

The Facility will be managed by the EIB. Applications for funding under the NCFF will follow the EIB's standard process as outlined in the section [Applying for a Loan](#). For all funding requests, please contact the EIB directly by sending an email to [NCF\\_Instrument@eib.org](mailto:NCF_Instrument@eib.org).

### What does the NCFF do?

The NCFF will support projects that are focused on **biodiversity and ecosystem services (BES)**.

Projects supported by NCFF will promote the conservation, restoration, management and enhancement of natural capital which can benefit biodiversity and climate adaptation. This includes ecosystem-based solutions to challenges related to land, soil, forestry, agriculture, water and waste.

Project examples include:

- ▶ Green infrastructure (e.g. green roofs, green walls, ecosystem-based rainwater collection/water reuse systems, flood protection and erosion control).
- ▶ Payment for ecosystem services (e.g. programmes to protect and enhance forestry, biodiversity, to reduce water or soil pollution).
- ▶ Biodiversity offsets / compensation beyond legal requirements (e.g. compensation pools for on-site and off-site compensation projects).
- ▶ Pro-biodiversity and adaptation businesses (e.g. sustainable forestry, agriculture, aquaculture, eco-tourism).

### Projects under consideration

- ▶ Rewilding Europe (NCFF)
- ▶ Irish Sustainable Forest Fund (NCFF)

## Calendar

- 15** NCFF Information Webinar  
Sep 15 Online webinar
- 08** NCFF Information event  
May 15 Brussels



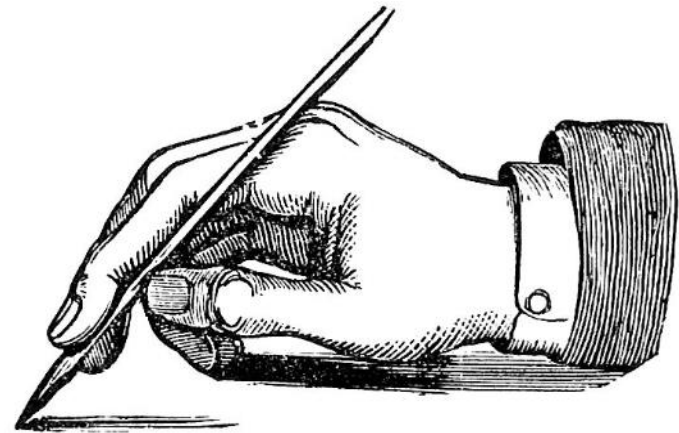
NCFF eligibility

NCFF contact form

FAQ on support facility

# Get in touch

- [NCFF contact form](#)



- E-mail: [NCF\\_Instrument@eib.org](mailto:NCF_Instrument@eib.org) to set up a call





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# Thank you!

