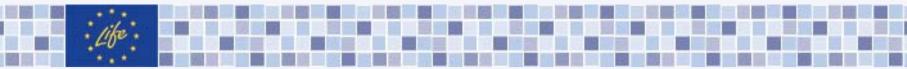


LIFE

The funding instrument for the environment



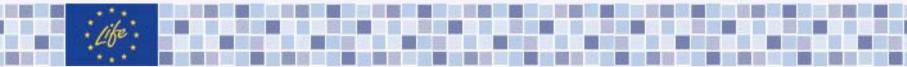
LIFE III programme

- This programme has been used to fund capacity building projects in both Turkey and Croatia
- Today there are:
 - 12 open projects in Croatia
 - 8 open projects in Turkey



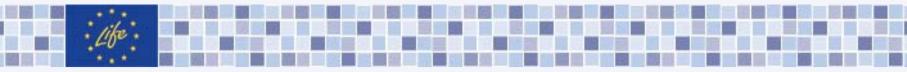
LIFE+ programme

- For the period 2007-2013 LIFE III will be succeeded by LIFE+
- This programme will have three components:
 - Nature and biodiversity
 - Environmental policy and governance
 - Information and communication
- The bulk of the programme will be implemented by delegated management



Participation of candidate countries

- The draft Regulation allows the participation of candidate countries
- However only if "supplementary appropriations are received"



Next steps

- Bilateral meetings with Member States' authorities
- Contact with NGOs
- Multi-lateral meeting in June
- Common position in the Council
- Second reading in Parliament