



## LIFE Networking Meeting on **Innovative Funding Instruments for Nature**

5 & 6 February 2025

*Draft agenda*

Session	Participant & Role	Duration
<b>Introduction and scope of the meeting</b>	DG Environment /CINEA, European Commission	10.00 - 10.10
<b>Policy introduction – the need for innovative funding.</b>	DG Environment	10.10 – 10.20
<b>Available innovative financing mechanisms</b>	Speaker to be confirmed	10.20 - 10.30
<b>Innovative funding sources: the experience from selected LIFE projects</b>	Presentations by selected LIFE projects*	10.30 – 11.10
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		11.10 - 11.20
<b>Coffee break</b>		11.20 – 11.30
<b>An example of the private sector</b>	Private Sector Representative: Insights from a company actively supporting biodiversity initiatives	11.30 - 11.45
<b>Insights from the Banking Sector</b>	Stephen Hart*, Financial advisor European Investment Bank	11.45 - 12.00
<b>Q&amp;A</b>		12.00 - 12.10
<b>The role of Green Assist (Green Advisory Service for Sustainable Investment Support) in attracting private funds in nature conservation</b>	Presentation by DG Environment and CINEA	12.10 – 12.50
<b>Barriers and opportunities in attracting private funds into nature conservation or restoration</b>	Panel discussion between LIFE projects <i>Moderation by DG Environment</i>	12.50 - 13.20
<b>Q&amp;A</b>	DG ENV/CINEA	13.20 - 13.30

<b>Day 2</b>		
<b>Welcome and wrap-up of day 1</b>	DG ENV/CINEA	10.00 - 10.10
<b>Session A: Existing funding mechanisms for nature</b>  <i>Parallel session 1: Strategies for collecting and distributing funding</i>  <i>Parallel session 2: Payment for ecosystem services</i>	Room #1: Initial presentation by a LIFE project  Panel discussion among selected LIFE projects  Room #2 – Initial presentation by a LIFE project  Panel discussion among selected LIFE projects	10.10 - 11.10
<b>Coffee break</b>		11.10 - 11.20
<b>Session B: Integrating biodiversity into business</b>  <i>Parallel session 1: Business and biodiversity working together</i>  <i>Parallel session 2: Testing biodiversity credits</i>	Room #1 – Initial presentation by a selected firm  Panel discussion among selected projects  Room #2 - Initial presentation by a firm or foundation  Panel discussion among selected projects	11.20 – 12.20
<b>Plenary: main points from the break-out rooms &amp; closing remarks</b>	DG ENV/CINEA	12.20 – 12.45

(\* speakers/projects to be confirmed)