



LIFE Platform Meeting: Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC) Challenges and Opportunities in Europe

Objectives and expected outcomes of the Platform Meeting



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(Cantabria, Spain)

The role of CINEA

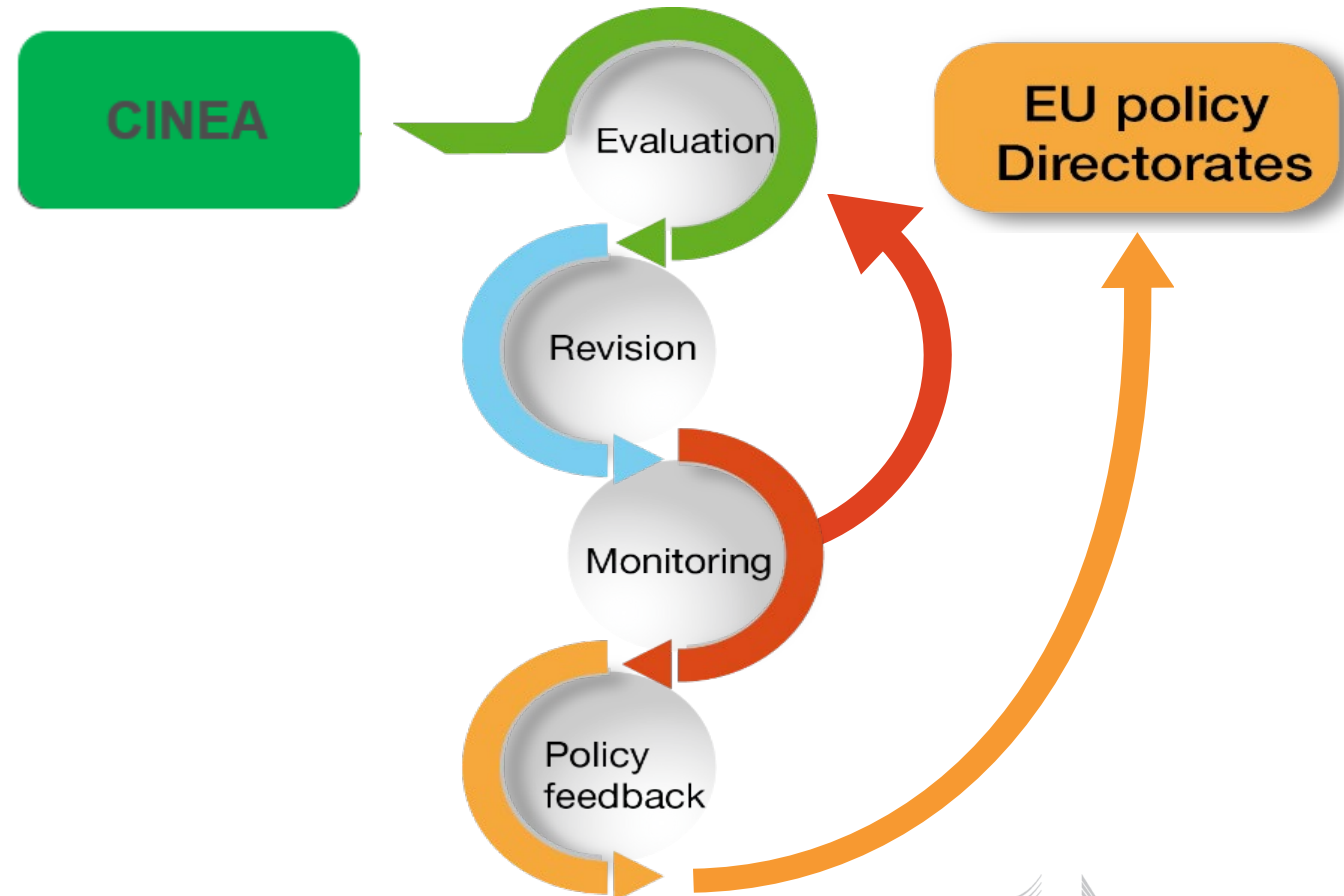
- CINEA is an Executive Agency established by the European Commission to implement parts of EU funding programmes for transport, energy, climate action, environment and maritime fisheries and aquaculture.
- The Agency has a key role in supporting the **European Green Deal** – one of the European Commission's main strategic priorities - through the efficient and effective implementation of its delegated programmes.
- Our aim is that CINEA will support our beneficiaries, establish strong partnerships, deliver high-quality programme and project management, foster effective knowledge sharing and create synergies between programmes - to support a sustainable, connected, and decarbonised Europe.



What is the EU LIFE Programme



- Created in 1992 LIFE, is the key European fund for nature conservation
- The only EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action.
- Today, LIFE programme as a whole constitutes a 100% contribution to the objectives and targets of the **European Green Deal**.
- For the period 2021-2027, a budget of 5.43 billion €.



LIFE programme 2021-2027

Amphibian- Reptile conservation



€ 2.150 bln



NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

€ 1.350 bln



CIRCULAR ECONOMY
AND QUALITY OF LIFE

4

sub-programmes



CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION
AND ADAPTATION

€ 0.950 bln



CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

€ 1 bln



LIFE calls 2024



- Published on 18 April
- Deadline for submission of proposals:
 - ✓ **Standard Action Projects (SAPs) - Nature & Biodiversity:** 19 September 2024
 - ✓ **SAPs – Climate Change:** 17 September 2024
 - ✓ **Strategic Projects - Nature (SNaPs) & ENV, Clima (SIPs):**
 - Concept note: 5 September 2024. Full proposal: 6 March 2025
 - ✓ **Technical Assistance** (TA-PP: support to the preparation of SNaPs and SIPs), TA-R: replication of successful projects): **19 September 2024**



More info - CINEA website: [LIFE Calls for proposals 2024 - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/life/)

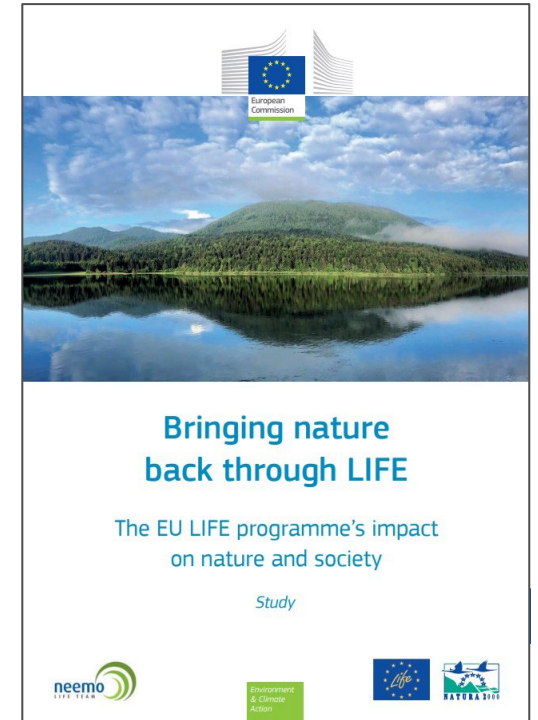
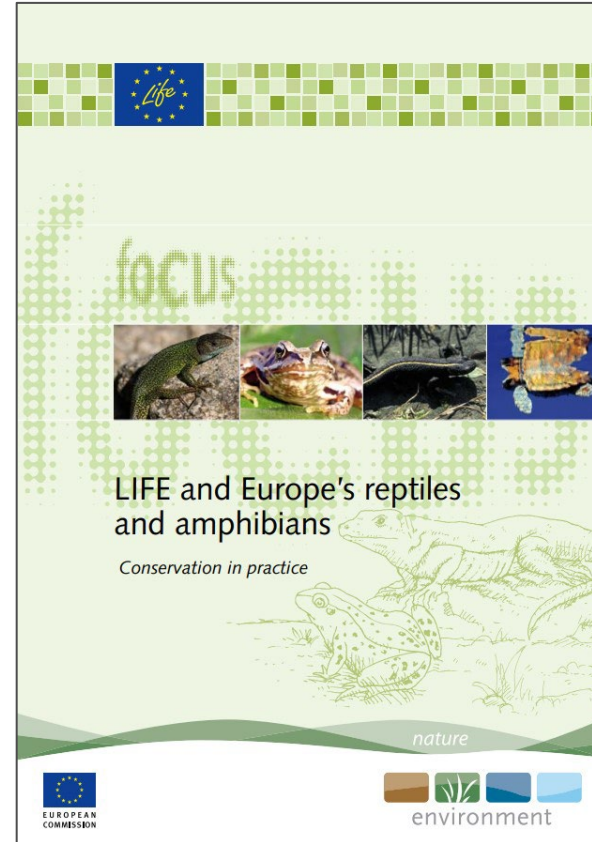


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LIFE publications

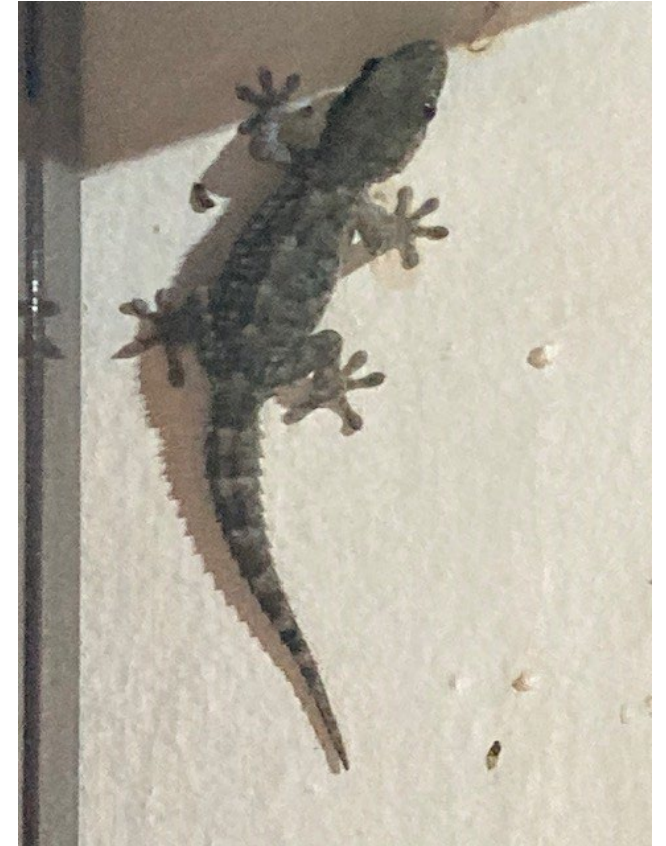
→ Only one single publication devoted to reptiles and amphibians (2006)

→ Other surveys/ reports/ brochures generally presenting the status of reptiles and amphibians in the EU



Why to undertake a Platform Meeting on amphibians & reptiles?

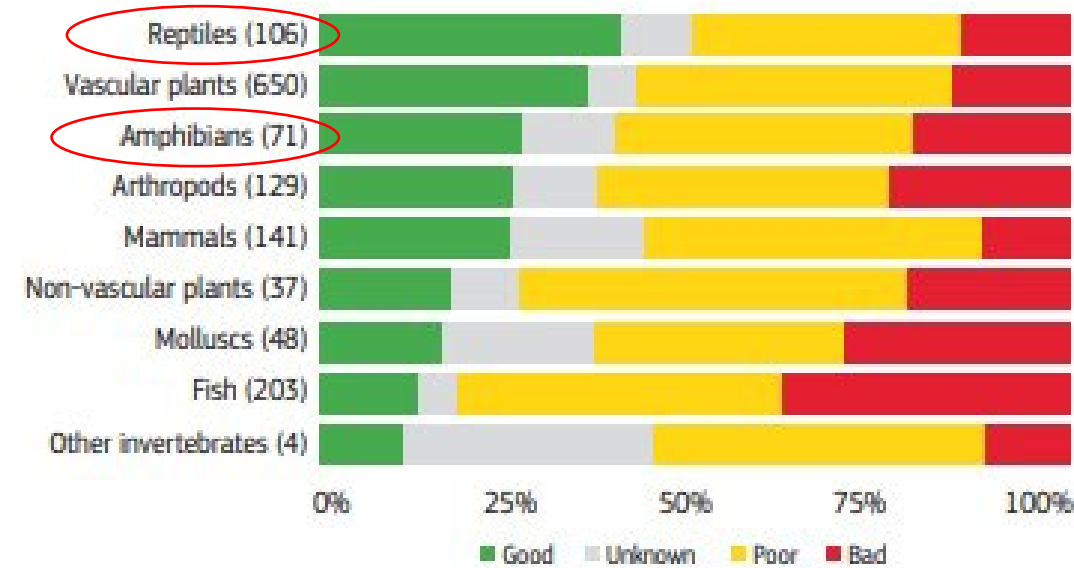
- Unfavourable conservation status and declining trend of numerous species in these fauna groups
- A way to drawing attention to overlooked species and to stress main threats affecting them
- Bringing together experts and practitioners from different sectors to provide updated information on what is being currently done all around Europe



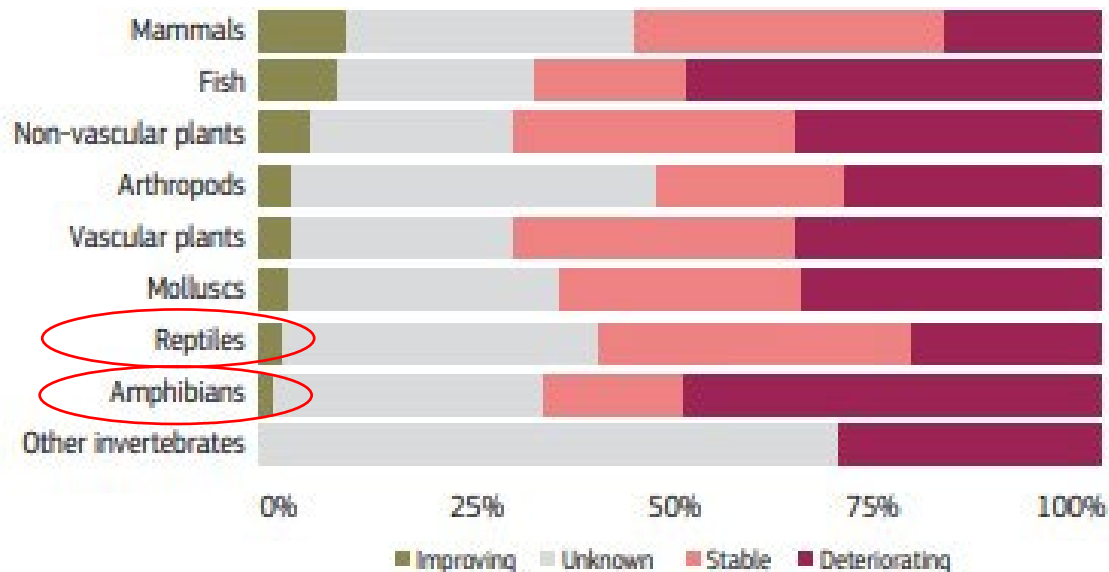
Amphibians & Reptiles – Conservation status



Conservation status per species group at EU level



Status trend per species group at EU level



- As for the 2013-2018 period, 27% of amphibians and 40% of reptiles across the EU showed a good conservation status
- Amphibians have the highest share of species with a deteriorating trend (49%)

What to expect of this LIFE Platform Meeting?

- **Highlight the good results** obtained by the projects currently running (or already concluded) on A&R
- Which are the **lessons learnt** of your projects? Main problems faced during the project implementation and how to overcome them.
- Enhance **networking** and exchange of experiences and ideas among experts/ stakeholders working in different EU countries, and to encourage **enriching discussions**
- On the basis of your experience, **identify main pressures** currently affecting amphibians and reptiles. **Are the efforts done sufficient enough** to improve their conservation status?
- **Provide feedback to policy makers:** Elaborate a list of conclusions and a set of prioritised actions to take, to be distributed to policy makers and other key stakeholders, with the purpose of improving amphibian & reptile status and bringing them to the forefront of the environmental concerns
- **Enhance the submission of more LIFE proposals** on amphibians and reptiles throughout Europe and get higher number of projects implemented





Thank you!

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