



**Scottish Forum on  
Natural Capital**

# Natural Capital: Getting from A to B

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# Financing natural capital projects

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# LIFE – The EU programme for the environment and climate action

- EU funding programme supporting **environment, climate and nature conservation** projects
- **LIFE is a catalyst:** a platform for development and exchange of best practices and knowledge and for accelerating change
- The ideal instrument to show regional/national authorities the benefits of investing in the environment and incentivising them to develop **strategic frameworks for spending**
- LIFE as a tool to improve **implementation** and **integration** of environment and climate into other policies



## LIFE programme

(3,456.7 mn €)

### Environment (75%)

- Environment & Resource Efficiency
- Nature & Biodiversity
- Environmental Governance & Information

### Climate (25%)

- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Climate Change Governance & Information

# Natural Capital Financing Facility

## Why

- Financing BES is a prerequisite for achieving EU's 2020 biodiversity goals
- Demonstrate to private investors the attractiveness of natural capital projects
- Tackle market failures: perceived high risk, lack of track record, commercially unviable

## What

- Debt (loans) and equity instruments (10 years)
- For bankable projects that are revenue-generating or cost-saving
- Projects at an advanced stage of development, with replication potential

## For what

- Green infrastructure
- Payment for ecosystem services
- Biodiversity offsets / compensation beyond legal requirements
- Pro-biodiversity and adaptation businesses

## How

- Fund managed by the European Investment Bank
- Projects financed directly by EIB or indirectly via intermediaries (banks etc)
- Equity financing done via investment funds

## When

- Pilot phase 2014-2017 for testing approaches
- Operational/roll out phase 2017-2020

## How much

- 100 million € for 9-12 projects during pilot phase
- 10 million € for technical assistance
- Target project size 5-15 million €



## *A collaboration between Scotland Europa, members and partners*

### **Aim – to create a one-stop-shop for funding which will:**

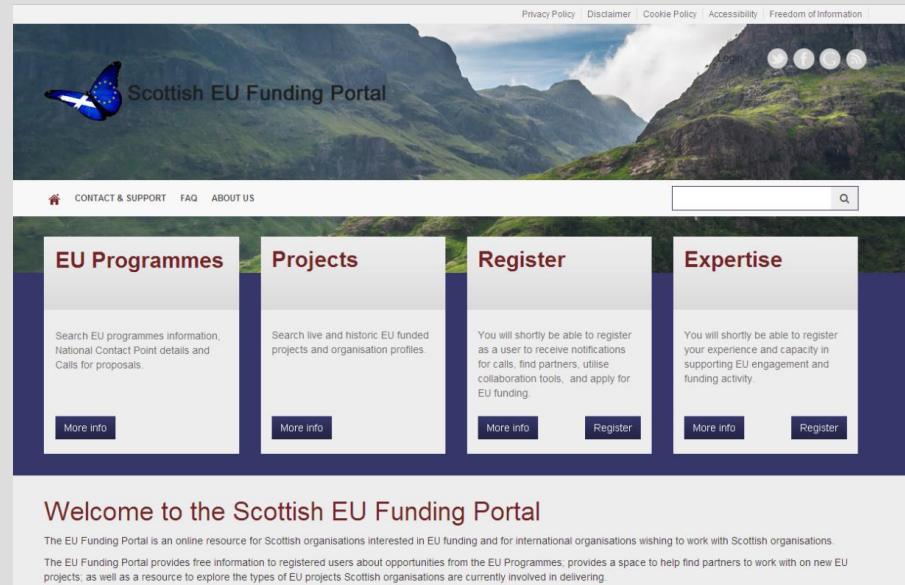
#### ■ **Phase I**

- Improve Scottish organisations' knowledge of available EU programmes and support mechanisms
- Optimise use of different funds through improved signposting
- Provide a facility to capture Scottish activity across funds

#### ■ **Phase II**

- Capture organisations' interests, create a referral system, and make connections to other projects
- Provide Scottish organisations with a platform to promote their experience
- Provide Scottish organisations with a platform to find project partners and list current interests
- Provide Scottish organisations with online project collaboration tools

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The EU Funding Portal is an online resource for Scottish organisations interested in EU funding and for international organisations wishing to work with Scottish organisations. The EU Funding Portal provides free information to registered users about opportunities from the EU Programmes, provides a space to help find partners to work with on new EU projects, as well as a resource to explore the types of EU projects Scottish organisations are currently involved in delivering.