



LIFE15

Role of the External Monitoring Team

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Main Players in LIFE implementation

- ✓ **European Commission (EASME / DG ENV)**
- ✓ **The project Beneficiaries**
- ✓ **Policy Units (DG ENV, DG CLIMA, etc.)**
- ✓ **National Authorities: National Contact Points (NCPs), relevant ministries / agencies (on Nature / Environment / Climate Change)**
- ✓ **Other stakeholders (local authorities, civil society, financial institutions, other)**
- ✓ **Monitoring and advice: External contractors assisting the EC / "External Monitoring Team"**



The External Monitoring Team: Why ?

- The need for national / regional knowledge and physical presence
- LIFE projects cover a broad spectrum of themes, requiring diverse areas of expertise to evaluate performance (incl. financial monitoring) and output
- Limited human resources at the LIFE Units of DG ENV and EASME



The External Monitoring Team: Role?

- ✓ Acts as an '**interface**' between EC and projects
- ✓ **Provides advice to projects** on reporting, General Conditions and other issues
- ✓ **Spots problems** before they arise
- ✓ But ***not entitled to make decisions*** on the EC's behalf and not involved in the management of financial resources
- ✓ Bound by a **confidentiality and independence declaration**



Monitoring and Assessment

- ✓ Report/output **evaluations** (PR, MtR, FR,...)
- ✓ **Monthly reporting** to EASME on individual projects
- ✓ **Visits to projects** at least once a year - technical and on-site verification
- ✓ Verification of **General Conditions (GC) compliance**
- ✓ **Ex-post** monitoring missions (closed projects)



Communications support

- ✓ **Assists in liaising with other LIFE projects with similar objectives/themes
=> thematic networks**
- ✓ **Organises thematic platform meetings**
- ✓ **Liaises with the Communications Team for a wider dissemination of project information**
- ✓ **Provides input for LIFE thematic brochures**



Working with the Monitoring Team

- ✓ Always **keep your assigned monitor informed of major project developments**
- ✓ **Share draft reports for advice before finalization** – Note, though, that the monitor provides support but his/her approval does not mean acceptance by EASME!
- ✓ Always **send a copy of everything that you submit to EASME** to your monitor

Information about the Monitoring Team

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Thank you for your attention!