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The latest news from the EU LIFE Programme

## Feature

### An EU vision for biodiversity protection beyond 2010



The European Commission has published a new Communication to start the debate on a renewed vision and target for combating biodiversity loss beyond 2010. This comes as the EU acknowledges that, despite some areas of progress - helped by initiatives such as LIFE and the 2006 EU Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) - it has not achieved the objective outlined in 2001 of halting the loss of biodiversity in the EU by 2010.

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## Project results

### Boosting Baltic biodiversity



Endangered European species have received a beneficial boost from LIFE project funding for Latvian flood plain management works that resulted in improvements to the favourable conservation status of important EU wildlife and habitats.

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### Noise problems in European ports



Port areas are major nodes in the logistic chain and important economic centres in their own right. EU Port Authorities show an increasingly proactive approach to sustainable port development and LIFE Environment funds have been used to develop new noise management tools for Port Authorities.

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### Building Turkey's capacity to manage hazardous waste



National inventories for tracking waste types by location represent crucial environmental management tools and LIFE TCY support has helped develop a new web-based system for cataloguing and classifying Turkey's growing volumes of hazardous waste.

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## Coordinators corner:

### Personnel perspectives from LIFE BaltCoast project



Managing an international multi-partner project has some advantages, but I'm sure I wasn't aware of all these when I applied for the job. For me it was the continuation of an international working background. After 5.5 years of following up on other manager's reports in the external LIFE-Monitoring Team, it was interesting to change roles and become

a project manager myself.

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## Announcements

- 03 February: European Waste Reduction Awards + call for 2010 actions
- 09 February: BurrenLIFE "blueprint" receives government backing
- 16 February: LIFE project actions defended in landmark case against illegal poisoning
- 18 February: "Science for Environment Policy" features LIFE projects that bridge research-policy gap
- 20 February: New LIFE project focuses on reducing CO2 emissions in industrial areas
- 23 February: LIFE ES-WAMAR reports 'promising' early results
- 24 February: LIFE climate change projects meet in Helsinki

## Forthcoming events

- 15 March: European Waste Reduction Awards
- 05-06 May: Sustainable quarrying in perspective of biodiversity

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