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Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Matters arising from the work of United Nations bodies or other organizations

Information on funding opportunities for “greening” TDG – details on LIFE sub-programme for environment**Transmitted by the European Commission***Summary*

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| Executive summary: | The document contains information for EU Member States and relevant organisations concerning funding available for projects meant to “green” the IWW transport of dangerous goods sector in the European Union |
| Action to be taken: | The EU Member States and the relevant organisations are invited to take action by sending the Commission proposals of future projects |
| Related documents: | Informal document INF.11 of the thirty-sixth session (para. 3) |

Introduction

1. Taking into account the efforts of EU Member’s States/ADN contracting parties to protect the environment and to ensure safe and secure transport of dangerous goods, the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution as well as the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, the Commission is hereby wishing to inform the Member States and the relevant governmental and non-governmental international organisations on some financing possibilities at EU level.
2. As mentioned in para. 3 of Informal document INF.11 – Report of the informal working group on Degassing/Operating emissions, the Commission is seeking to define actions to be financed in order to meet its commitment to improve air quality in Europe, which could also include projects in relation to inland waterway transport of dangerous goods.
3. The LIFE sub-programme for environment (there is also one for climate) provides grants for traditional projects, integrated projects, preparatory and capacity building projects as well as for technical assistance projects.
4. Any public or private organisation (commercial or non-commercial) registered in the EU can apply.
5. The 2020 call process opens on 2 April 2020.
6. Generally, LIFE projects take place in the territory of the European Union Member States. In exceptional cases, the LIFE programme can also finance activities outside the EU

and in overseas countries and territories, but only if the project leader (“coordinating beneficiary”) is based in the EU and the applicants can prove that the activities carried out outside the EU are necessary to achieve EU environmental or climate objectives.

7. Interested candidates are invited to attend an information day which will be organized at the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) in Brussels on 30 April 2020: <https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/save-date-eu-life-information-and-networking-day>.

8. More information is available at <https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/life>.
