

Environment, Water and Climate Change

Mr. Pat Martin,  
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Custom House  
Dublin, Ireland

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Dear Pat

South Dublin County Council (Ireland) intends to apply for an EU LIFE Funded project to address the problem of urban water pollution primarily from domestic misconnection sources. The project will address water pollution by way of source removal (housing inspection process), end-of-pipe removal (construction of Integrated Constructed Wetlands) and forward planning prevention (through a zoning process for future development lands). The project will also optimise ways to identify existing misconnections and in doing so reduce source removal inspection costs.

Traditionally, LIFE project requirements include the dissemination of the project outcomes as the project take hold, however, South Dublin County Council is taking the innovative step of seeking interested local/district/regional authorities to commit to becoming '*embedded interested partners*' in the project. Authorities that commit to involvement will only have to send a representative to Ireland on two occasions over the four year duration of the project to participate in practical workshops. A two day workshop will be held in Ireland at the end of year 1 (June 2019) of the project and a second workshop in year 3. Participants will be provided with a full view of the project, from behind the scenes LIFE Fund application process and management, to planning and building integrated constructed wetlands, managing housing inspections on a large scale (15,000+ houses), working on policy issues relating to pollution control in future development zones and all the engagement activities that surround a LIFE project.

Those that commit to becoming embedded interested parties will also receive frequent updates on project progress (and setbacks), can ask questions of the project team in order to help them progress ideas to reduce water pollution in their areas, and have an opportunity to contribute to the success of South Dublin County Council's LIFE project.

The cost involved for those interested will be limited to that of travel, accommodation and subsistence of their representative(s) that they send to South Dublin County, Ireland to attend the workshops. The purpose of this invitation is to grow and promote water pollution reduction in urban areas and those interested will **not** have to fund South Dublin County Council's LIFE Fund costs in any way.

In conclusion, I would appreciate it if you could forward this communication to your European contacts and ask them to forward to city/local/district/ regional councils who have charge over water quality or drainage and are likely to be interested in participating. They can contact me directly at the details below. The closing date for declaration of interest and responses is 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

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