

The EU thematic programme for environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy

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The European Union launched the call for the *thematic programme for environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy*. The objective of the programme shall be to integrate environmental protection requirements into the Community's development. The Strategy addresses several problems which have a profound effect on social and economic development, particularly on the lives of poor people, including climate change, rapidly degrading ecosystems, poor global environmental governance and lack of access to and security of energy supply. It contributes to achieving all the MDGs, by promoting environmental

sustainability, protecting human health and boosting resilience to climate change, as well as creating conditions for sustainable food and energy security.

In particular the Priority 2 of the Programme concerns the development of protected areas (page 9). *"Protected areas are the cornerstone of the global strategy to protect nature and wildlife. They are often the epicentre for sustaining the very eco-system services on which mankind is dependent for its own survival. These include watershed protection and hydrology, disaster risk reduction, provision of food and fibre, genetic resources for research and subsequent applications in medicine and agriculture, their critical role in mitigating and adapting to climate change and ultimately the conservation of biological diversity. Properly managed protected areas are not just important for preserving biological diversity; they are also a great economic asset for developing countries"*.

Applying to this call, in particular focusing to the Priority 2 of the Programme concerning *Protected areas*, can be a strategic mean to valorize some of the innovative methodologies promoted in the framework of the IDEASS Programme. Countries eligible for funding are listed at page 16. The deadline for submitting the proposals is 25.09.2012.

To know more about the call

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