LIFE

The funding instrument for the environment
LIFE III programme

– This programme has been used to fund capacity building projects in both Turkey and Croatia

– Today there are:
  – 12 open projects in Croatia
  – 8 open projects in Turkey
LIFE+ programme

- For the period 2007-2013 LIFE III will be succeeded by LIFE+
- This programme will have three components:
  - Nature and biodiversity
  - Environmental policy and governance
  - Information and communication
- The bulk of the programme will be implemented by delegated management
Participation of candidate countries

- The draft Regulation allows the participation of candidate countries
- However only if “supplementary appropriations are received”
Next steps

– Bilateral meetings with Member States’ authorities
– Contact with NGOs
– Multi-lateral meeting in June
– Common position in the Council
– Second reading in Parliament