



# JASPERS Networking Platform

## Webinar on Habitats Directive Site Specific Conservation Objectives and Project Preparation

- Challenges encountered when projects are submitted to EC

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# Implications of infringements on EU Funded projects

- Projects co-financed by EU Funds must be compliant with EU acquis
- Horizontal infringements affect projects
- **Timely transposition and implementation of EU directives is a key**
- A case-by-case approach to a major project to ensure that it complies with EU directives on its own merits

# What is the issue for major projects?

- Assessment of effects on Natura 2000 site must be carried out **in view of site's conservation objectives**
- Therefore, the **lack or poor quality of site-specific conservation objectives (SSCO)** have direct effect on quality of assessment carried out under Article 6 of Habitats Directive

# What is the solution to bring major project compliance?

- **Setting up** site-specific conservation objectives if they are missing, and/or
- **Improving** site-specific conservation objectives to bring them in line with guidance
- **Review of assessment** under Article 6 of Habitats Directive in the light of site-specific conservation objectives

# How to avoid interruption of procedure for major project approval?

- Start working already now, regardless of when project will be submitted to Commission so precious time is not wasted
- Involve all stakeholders, in particular environmental authorities
- Identify gaps in environmental assessments and address them (Annex I declaration or appropriate assessment)
- Consider that a revision of conclusions of assessments maybe be required

# More Information

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