



JASPERS Networking Platform Webinar on Habitats Directive

Site Specific Conservation Objectives and Project Preparation

Date: 29 June 2020 at 13h50

Location: WebEx Events

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Description of the Webinar

The webinar comes as a targeted follow up to the workshop held for the Habitats Directive and projects in December 2019¹. It is organised in cooperation with DG REGIO and DG ENVIRONMENT whose representatives will make key contributions.

The purpose of the webinar is to raise awareness around key requirements of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC in the context of Major Projects preparation with a particular focus on the importance of Site-specific conservation objectives (SSCO) and topics such as: setting up of SSCO, undertaking Appropriate Assessment (AA) in view of the SSCO and last but not least the necessary completeness of the Major Project, Appendix 1 Declaration (aka Natura 2000 Declaration).

Speakers will also address challenges frequently encountered in project preparation and will recommend possible ways forward. The target audience are Managing Authorities in Member States, as well as relevant Environmental Authorities and Project Promoters.

The webinar will be held in English and participants will have the chance to join the Q&A discussions and participate at polls.

For the effective participation to this webinar, participants should have a basic knowledge of the main requirements of the Habitats Directive vis a vis projects (some recommended reading can be found at the end of this invitation).

¹ <http://www.jaspersnetwork.org/display/EVE/Workshop+on+the+Habitats+Directive>

FINAL AGENDA

13:50 – 14:00	Welcome and Technical introduction
14:00 – 14:10	Opening remarks Sabine Bourdy, Head of Unit, Mainstreaming and Environmental Assessments, DG ENVIRONMENT Ismini Kyriazopoulou, Head of NCC Division, JASPERS Witold Willak, Deputy Head of Unit, Better Implementation and Closure, DG REGIO
14:10 – 14:40	Major Projects and application of the Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive): assessment of effects on Natura 2000 sites - lessons learnt <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major Project Requirements and the Habitats Directive• Appendix 1 Declaration• Lessons Learnt in 2019-2020 Camelia Kovacs, DG REGIO, F1
14:40 – 14:50	Q&A
14:50 - 15:50	Importance of Site-specific Conservation Objectives for the application of Article 6(3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent developments (deadline under Art 4(4), letters to MS reminding obligations)• Site-specific Conservation Objectives (what is SSCO, what are the requirements for SSCO – the Commission’s note on setting conservation objectives for Natura 2000, etc)• Consideration of SSCOs under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive Przemyslaw Oginski, DG ENVIRONMENT (including 15 minutes poll and Q&A)
15:50 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 16:30	Challenges during project preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenges encountered during project preparation and availability of key documents (JASPERS)• Challenges encountered when projects are submitted to EC (quality of SSCO or their lack, timing, etc) (Katarzyna Charzynska, DG ENVIRONMENT, DG REGIO)
16:30 – 16:45	General Q&A
16:45 – 17:00	Closing remarks JASPERS, DG ENVIRONMENT, DG REGIO

Recommended Reading

Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31992L0043>

Article 6.3 & 6.4 of the Habitats Directive: a methodological guidance to Appropriate Assessments: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/guidance_en.htm#art6

Note on setting the conservation objectives:

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/commission_note/commission_note2_EN.pdf

For any further information this event and on the activities of the JASPERS Networking Platform please contact us at jaspersnetwork@eib.org or visit our website www.jaspersnetwork.org



Chapters 4-5 of the guidance on Art. 6 of the Habitats Directive:

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/art6/Provisions_Art_6_no_v_2018_en.pdf

Part F (environmental and climate change requirements) of a major project application form:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R0207&from=EN>

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/207 of 20 January 2015 laying down detailed rules implementing Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the models for the progress report, submission of the information on a major project, the joint action plan, the implementation reports for the Investment for growth and jobs goal, the management declaration, the audit strategy, the audit opinion and the annual control report and the methodology for carrying out the cost-benefit analysis and pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the model for the implementation reports for the European territorial cooperation goal.