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Webinar on Habitats Directive

Challenges encountered during project preparation
and availability of key documents

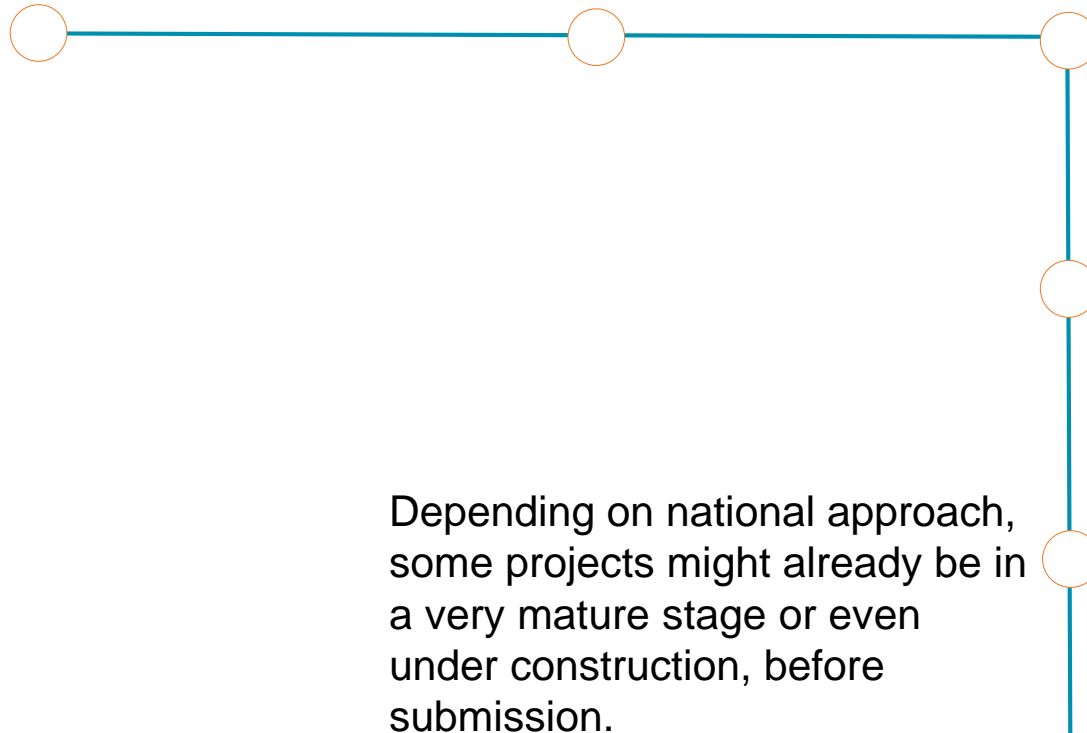


Challenges

Different levels of understanding of the connection between projects and SSCO

Various parties involved in the process, different expectations / priorities and complementary responsibilities

Once an issue is identified (i.e. lack of conservation objectives), the time required for resolving such issues can take from months to years

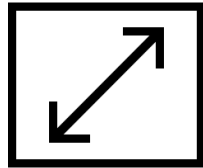


Difficulties in sorting out at project level when the issue is not project – caused, project – driven or project – specific

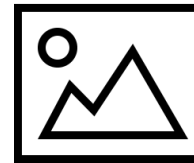
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- Natura 2000 sites in the project zone of influence : names, references, distance, species and habitats subject to protection on the site concerned, their site-specific conservation objectives

Projects might take **5 to 10 years** to mature... in the mean time the Network evolves



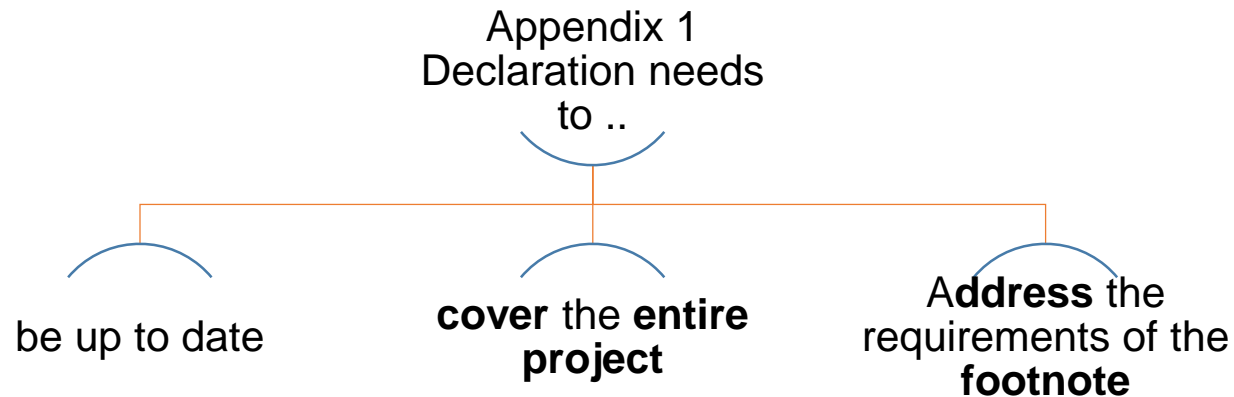
Sites and site boundaries might change



SSCO might be set

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- When and where an Appropriate Assessment was not necessary an Appendix 1 Declaration needs to be available



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When and where an Appropriate Assessment was necessary

Appropriate Assessment Report or Annex and the Decision of the competent authority where one should be able to find:

● ———
the **baseline**
situation



the **site-specific**
conservation
objectives
considered



expected impacts
in the light of the
site-specific
conservation
objectives, data
sources and
methodology used in
the assessment



mitigation measures,
their effectiveness
and monitoring

Missing elements can put in question the conclusion of the assessment

Thank you!

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