



# Ημερίδα για τα νέα έγγραφα κατευθύνσεων σχετικά με τις περιοχές Natura 2000

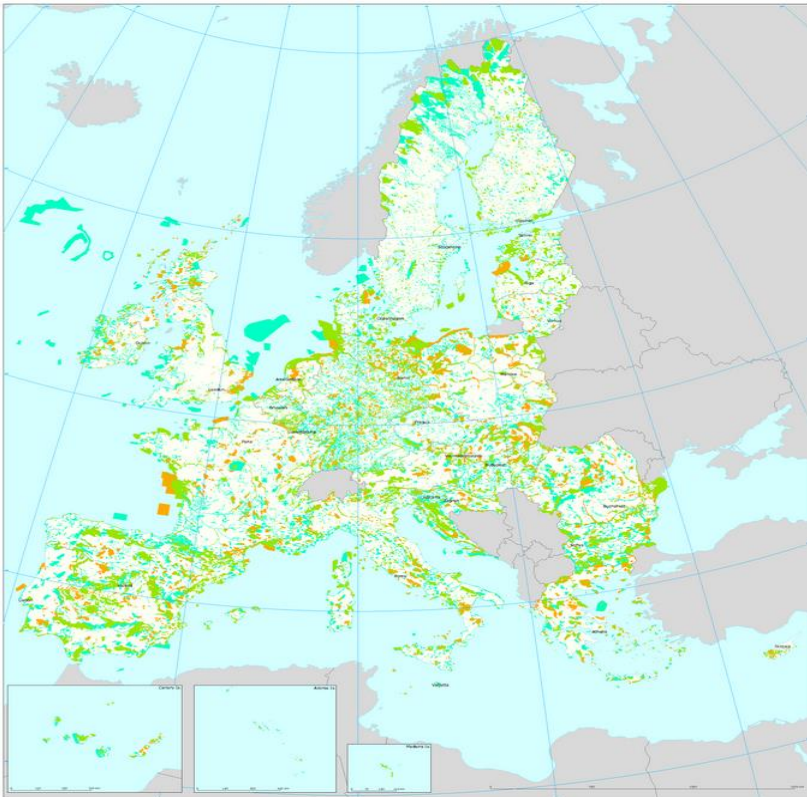
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## **Natura 2000 – backbone of EU biodiversity policy**



- ❑ **Based on Birds and Habitats Directives**
- ❑ **27 863 sites**
- ❑ **1.3 million km<sup>2</sup>**
- ❑ **18 % EU land**
- ❑ **10 % EU seas and expanding**
- ❑ **Globally largest co-ordinated network of Protected Areas**



# **Context of the development of European Commission guidance on Natura 2000**

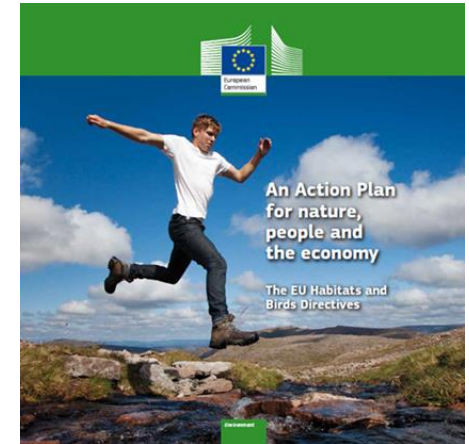
Fitness check of the European nature legislation  
(Habitats and Birds Directives)

→ Conclusions in December 2016:

The Nature Directives are fit for purpose...  
...but improvement is needed in their implementation.

# Action Plan for Nature, People and the Economy

- Response of the Commission to the Fitness check of nature legislation
- Adopted 27 April 2017
- 4 priority areas and 15 concrete actions



**A: Improving guidance and knowledge and ensuring better coherence with broader socio-economic objectives**

B: Building political ownership and strengthening compliance

C: Strengthening investment in N2000 and improving synergies with EU funding instruments

D: Better communication and outreach, engaging citizens, stakeholders and communities

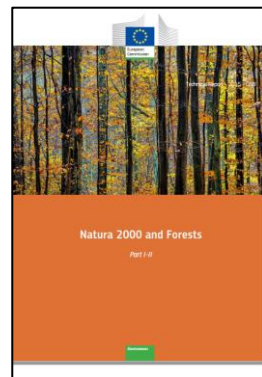
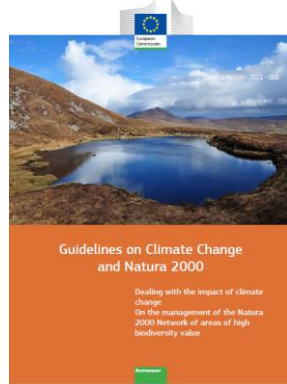
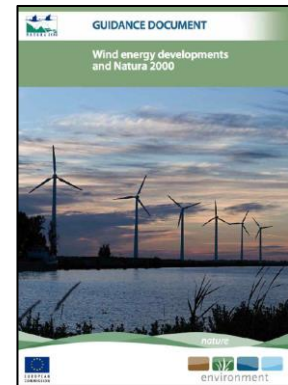
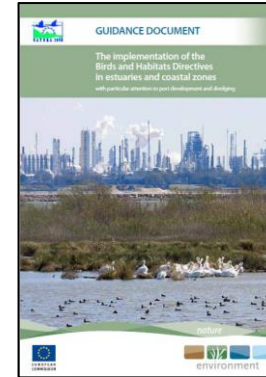
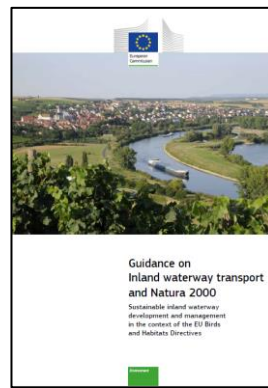
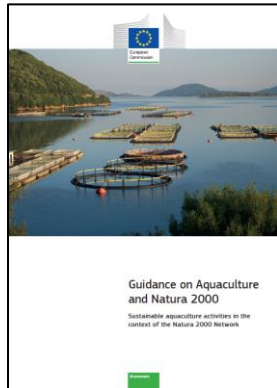
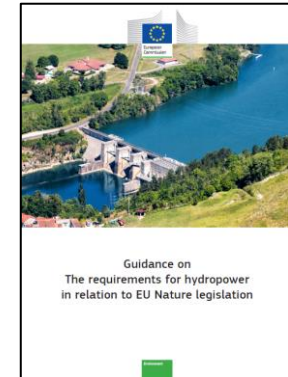
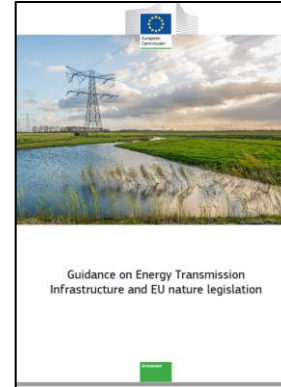
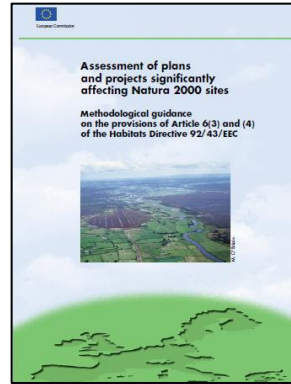
# Action Plan for Nature, People and the Economy

**A: Improving guidance and knowledge and ensuring better coherence with broader socio-economic objectives**

**Action 1: Update, develop and actively promote, in all EU languages, guidance on:**

**(a) site permitting procedures, species protection and management as well as sector-specific guidance**

# Guidance documents (translated)

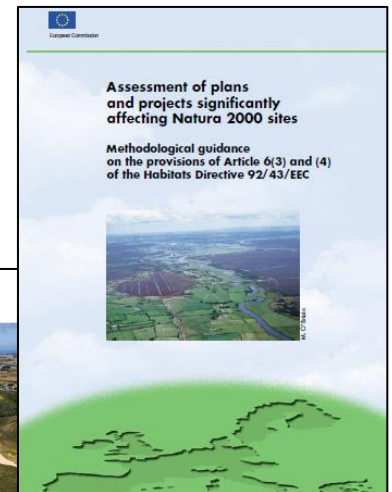


[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/index\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/index_en.htm)

# A) Methodological guide on appropriate assessment and autorisation of plans and projects under Art. 6(3)-(4)

Update of methodological guide of 2001

Based on updated (2018) interpretative guide « Managing N2000 » sites



## **B) Specific project:**

### ***Reviewing and mitigating the impacts of renewable energy developments on habitats and species protected under the Birds and Habitats Directives***

- European Parliament funds
- 2 years (Dec 2017 – Dec 2019)
- Aim: understand better the impacts of renewable energy on protected species and habitats (mainly birds, bats, marine mammals)
- Covers all forms of renewable energy (excepted hydropower and transmission infrastructure)
- Contractors: Arcadis (IEEP, NIRAS, Ecosystems Ltd, Birdlife Europe, Stella consulting, Expert on marine mammals)



# Aims of the project

- Provide guidance to Member States and stakeholders for the specific sector/sub-sectors
- Update the 2011 guidance on wind energy and Natura 2000
- Help Member States in overcoming obstacles related to permitting procedures



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**A fruitful seminar!**