



## **JASPERS Networking Platform Webinar on Habitats Directive**

### **Site Specific Conservation Objectives and Project Preparation**

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**Date:** 18 March 2021, 9.30am

**Location:** Virtual meeting - WebEx Events

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#### **Description of the Webinar**

This webinar is part of a series of trainings on the Habitats Directive and project preparation. The first training was delivered with the format of a workshop in December 2019, and two subsequent webinars were organised in [June](#) and [September](#) 2020. The webinar is organised in cooperation with DG REGIO and DG ENVIRONMENT whose representatives will make key contributions.

The purpose of this 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 address challenges frequently encountered in project preparation and will recommend possible ways forward.

The workshop will be held in English and participants will have the chance to join the Q&A discussions.

In this respects, participants are encouraged to indicate their questions on the topics that will be addressed in the workshop when filling the pre-event questionnaire included in the online registration form, as a proposal for debate during the Q&A sessions and final round table.

The deadline for the registration is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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).

## DRAFT AGENDA

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09:30 – 09:40	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Massimo Marra, Capacity Building Coordinator, JASPERS
09:40 – 09:50	<b>Opening remarks</b> Sabine Bourdy, Head of Unit, DG ENVIRONMENT Sabine Vandermotten, Deputy Head of Unit F1, DG REGIO
09:50 – 10:20	<b>Major Projects and application of the Directive 92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive): past versus present - assessment of effects on Natura 2000 sites</b> Camelia Kovacs, DG REGIO, F1
10:20 – 10:30	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Importance of Site-specific Conservation Objectives for the application of Article 6(3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recent developments (deadline under Art 4(4), letters to MS reminding obligations)</li><li>• 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)</li><li>• Consideration of SSCOs under Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive</li></ul> Przemyslaw Oginski, DG ENVIRONMENT Katarzyna Charzynska, DG ENVIRONMENT (including 15 minutes poll and Q&A)
11:30 – 11:40	<b>Break</b>
11:40 – 12:30	<b>Case study: Meeting the requirements of site specific conservation objectives in Romanian major projects – from interruption to approval</b> Romanian Ministry of Investments and European Projects and EPC National Company for Road Administration Infrastructure JASPERS
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Challenges during project preparation and Closing Remarks</b> Round table followed by Q&A DG ENVIRONMENT, DG REGIO, JASPERS, PARTICIPANTS

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### 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](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](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/commission_note/commission_note2_EN.pdf)

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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](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.