

# **ANNEX**

## **Form for submission of information to the European Commission according to Art. 6(4) of the Habitats Directive**

Member State:

Date:

**Information to the European Commission  
according to Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive  
(92/43/EEC)**

Documentation sent for:

information

opinion

Art. 6(4).1

Art. 6(4).2

Competent national authority:

Address:

Contact person:

Tel., fax, e-mail:

Is the notification containing sensitive information? If yes, please specify and justify

**1. PLAN OR PROJECT**

Name of the plan/project:

Promoted by:

Summary of the plan or project having an effect on the site:

Description and location of the elements and actions of the project having potential impacts and identification of the areas affected (include maps):

## 2. ASSESSMENT OF NEGATIVE EFFECTS<sup>1</sup>

Name and code of Natura 2000 site(s) affected:

This site is:

a SPA under the Birds directive

a SCI/SAC under the  
Habitats directive

hosting a priority habitat/species

priority habitats/species are affected

Site's conservation objectives and key features contributing to the site integrity:

Habitats and species that will be adversely affected (e.g. indicate their representativity, if applicable their conservation status according to Art.17 on national and biogeographic level and degree of isolation, their roles and functions in the site concerned).

Importance of the site for the habitats and species that will be affected (e.g. explain the role of the site within the national and biogeographical region and in the coherence of the Natura 2000 network).

Description of adverse effects expected (loss, deterioration, disturbance, direct and indirect effects, etc.); extent of the effects (habitat surface and species numbers or areas of occurrence affected by the project); importance and magnitude (e.g. considering the affected area or population in relation to the total area and population in the site, and possibly in the country) and location (include maps).

Potential cumulative impacts and other impacts likely to arise as a result of the combined action of the plan or project under assessment and other plans or projects.

Mitigation measures included in the project (indicate how these will be implemented and how they will avoid or reduce negative impacts on the site).

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<sup>1</sup> NB.: focus on the adverse effects expected on the habitats and species for which the site has been proposed for the Natura 2000 network. Include all the information that may be relevant in each case, depending on the impacts identified for the species and habitats affected.

### 3. ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Identification and description of possible alternative solutions, including the zero option (indicate how they were identified, procedure, methods)

Evaluation of alternatives considered and justification of the alternative chosen (reasons why the competent national authorities have concluded that there is absence of alternative solutions)

#### 4. IMPERATIVE REASONS OF OVERRIDING PUBLIC INTEREST

Reasons to carry out this plan or project in spite of its negative effects

- Imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature (in the absence of priority habitats/species)
- human health
- public safety
- beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment
- other imperative reasons of overriding public interest

Description and justification of the reasons and why they are overriding<sup>2</sup>:

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## 5. COMPENSATORY MEASURES<sup>3</sup>

Objectives, target features (habitats and species) and ecological processes/functions to be compensated (reasons, why this measures are suitable to compensate the negative effects)

Extent of the compensatory measures (surface areas, population numbers)

Identification and location of compensation areas (including maps)

Former status and conditions in the compensation areas (existing habitats and their status, type of land, existing land uses, etc.)

Expected results and explanation of how the proposed measures will compensate the adverse effects on the integrity of the site and will allow preserving the coherence of the Natura 2000 network

Time schedule for the implementation of the compensatory measures (including long-term implementation), indicating when the expected results will be achieved.

Methods and techniques proposed for the implementation of the compensatory measures, evaluation of their feasibility and possible effectiveness

Costs and financing of the proposed compensatory measures

Responsibilities for implementation of compensatory measures

Monitoring of the compensatory measures, where envisaged (e.g. if there are uncertainties concerning the effectiveness of the measures), assessment of results and follow-up

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