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**NEW INTERPRETATION GUIDELINES IN RELATION TO CERTAIN  
ACTIVITIES AFFECTING NATURA 2000-SITES**

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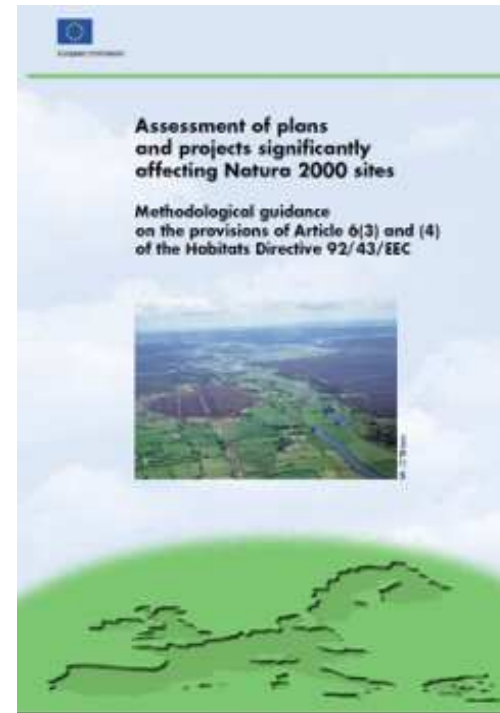
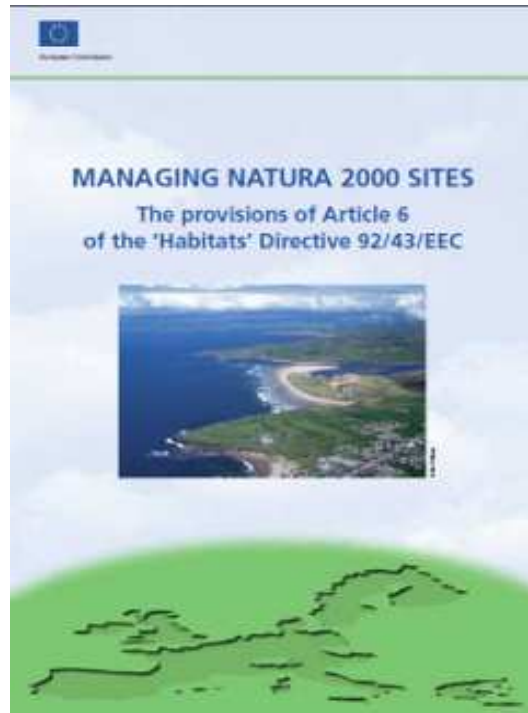
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# Background to new guidelines

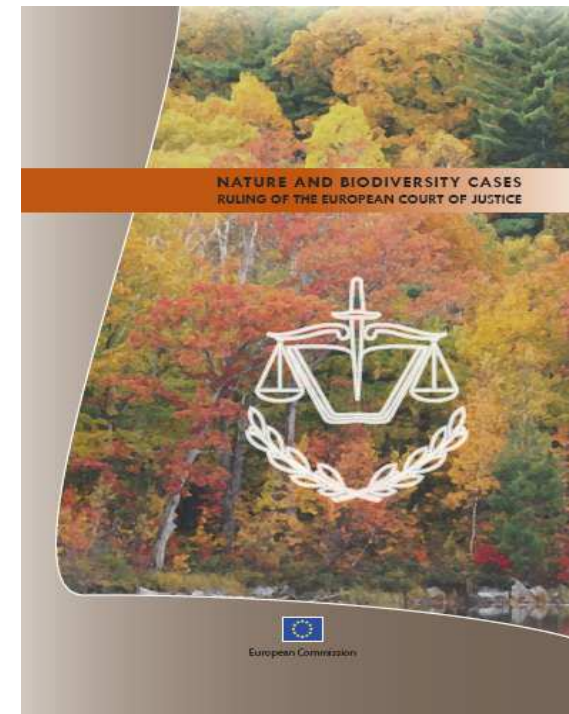
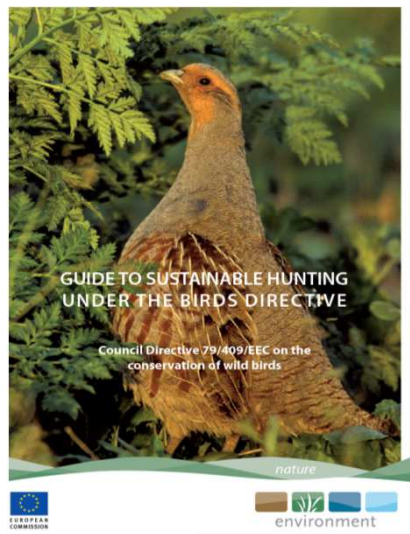
- **Reconciling certain types of projects and nature protection**
- **Guiding national Courts, competent authorities, project developers, etc.**
- **Bringing together all relevant requirements from different pieces of EU legislation in one place**
- **Promoting compliance with EU legislation**

# Current guidelines on Natura 2000 site management



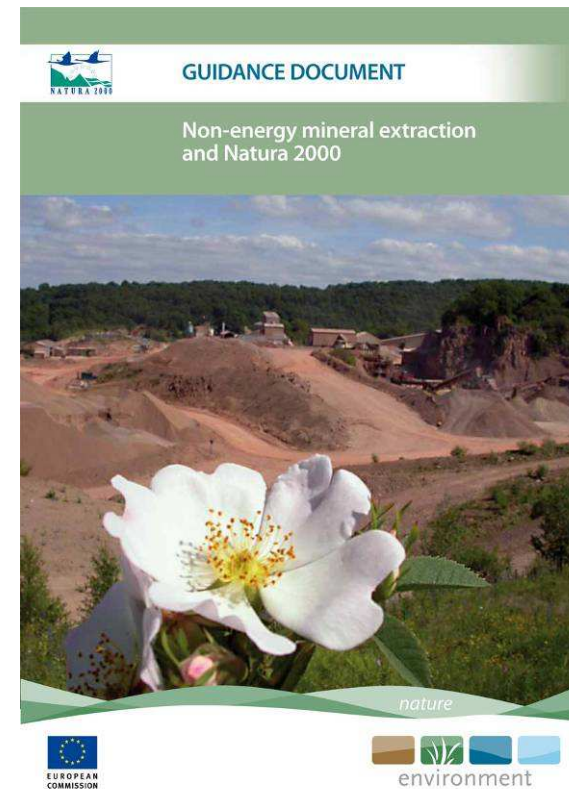
# Current guidelines on species protection + case-law

- **Guidance document on the strict protection of animal species of Community interest under the 'Habitats' Directive 92/43/EEC**



# RECENTLY PUBLISHED NEEI and Natura 2000

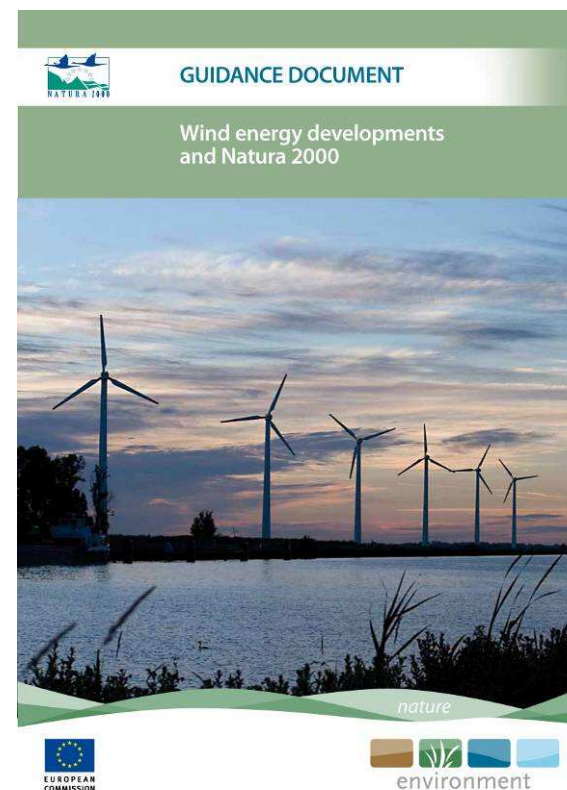
- Importance of NEEI in the EU
- Strategic planning
- Appropriate assessment of NEEI plans/projects according to Art. 6 of the Habitats Directive;
- mitigation; alternatives; compensation
- Positive contribution of NEEI to biodiversity
- Marine extraction



# IN THE PIPELINE in 2010

## Wind energy and Natura 2000

- Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources
- Strategic planning
- Appropriate location
- Measurement of significance of effects
- Potential impacts on different species and habitats
- Step by step procedure



## **IN THE PIPELINE in 2010**

### **Port developments, dredging and Natura 2000**

- **Commission communication + guidelines**
- **Importance of ports in Europe**
- **Ecosystems in dynamic environments**
- **Integrated spatial planning and management**
- **Assessments**
- **Capital and maintenance dredging=project**
- **Adaptive management**



## **IN THE PIPELINE in 2011**

### **FAQs on the links between the Water Framework and the Nature Directives**

- **Objectives of the WFD and the Nature Directives respectively?**
- **Relationship between ecological status/potential of the WFD and favourable conservation status of the Habitats Directive?**
- **Relationship between Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive and Article 4(7) of the WFD?**
- **Linking river basin management plans under the WFD and conservation measures/management plans under the Habitats Directive?**

# Planned guidelines

- **Inland waterways/rivers**
- **Aquaculture**
- **Update of the Article 6 guide**

***Thank you for your attention !***

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<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature>

