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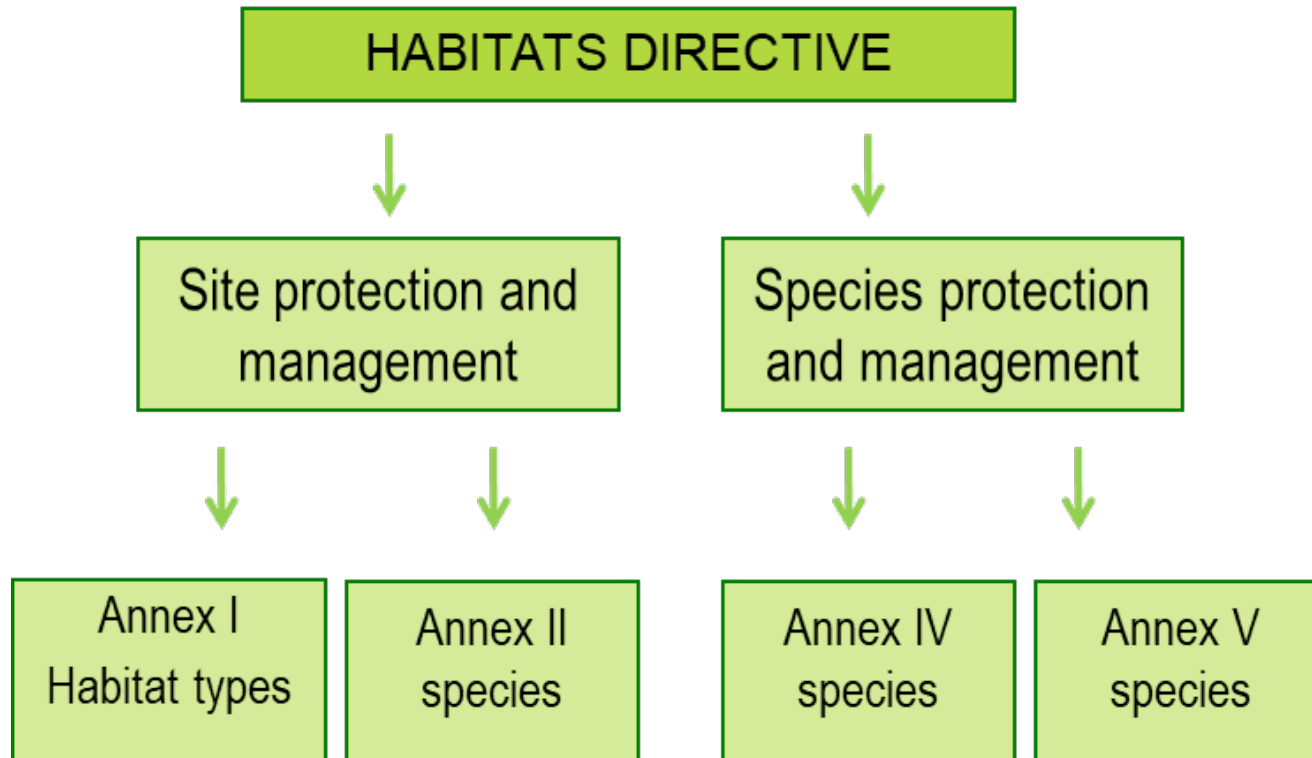
Update on EU policy for coexistence with large carnivores

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Protected Areas are concerned by both « pillars »

Implications (and role of PA)

- ***Bear, Lynx, Wolves: Species of Community Interest***
- ***Commitment to ensure Favourable Conservation Status***
- ***Annex II: designation of sites; conservation objectives + measures; appropriate assessments...***
- ***Annex IV: strict protection***
- ***Annex V: exploitation compatible with FCS***
- ***Implementation under the responsibility of Member States***
- ***Monitoring and reporting***
- ***Commission supporting implementation***
- ***Commission ensuring respect of the EU legislation***



Conservation status of large carnivores (latest report under art 17)

<https://nature-art17.eionet.europa.eu/article17/>

Wolf

Overall C.S. assessments (at nat. biog. reg. level):

- 18 Favourable status (out of 39 reported assessments)
- 19 Unfavourable status

Overall **trend** in C.S.:

- 21 Improving
- 1 Deteriorating
- the rest stable (or unknown)



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Bear

Overall C.S. assessments (at nat. biog. reg. level):

- 12 Favourable status (out of 25 reported assessments)
- 13 Unfavourable status

Overall **trend** in C.S.:

- 14 Improving
- 3 Deteriorating
- the rest stable

Conservation status of large carnivores (latest report under art 17)

<https://nature-art17.eionet.europa.eu/article17/>

Lynx

Overall C.S. assessments (at nat. biog. reg. level):

- 7 Favourable status (out of 31 reported assessments)
- 19 Unfavourable status

Overall **trend** in C.S.:

- 6 Improving
- 3 Deteriorating
- the rest stable or unknown



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Commission guidance on both pillars

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EU Biodiversity Policy

EU Nature Legislation

Natura 2000 Network

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Wilderness

Natura 2000 Award

Natura 2000 Barometer

Natura 2000 Access to Data

Natura 2000 databases and GIS

Natura 2000 seminars

Natura 2000 Communication Platform

Sites - Birds Directive

Sites - Habitats Directive

Marine Environment

Site Protection & Management

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Guidance

Best Practice

Management of Natura 2000 sites

Article 6 - Managing and protecting Natura 2000 sites

Article 6 is one of the most important articles in the Habitats Directive as it defines how Natura 2000 sites are managed and protected.

Paragraphs 6(1) and 6(2) require that, within Natura 2000, Member States:

- Take appropriate conservation measures to maintain and restore the habitats and species for which the site has been designated to a favourable conservation status;
- Avoid damaging activities that could significantly disturb these species or deteriorate the habitats of the protected species or habitat types.

Paragraphs 6(3) and 6(4) lay down the procedure to be followed when planning new developments that might affect a Natura 2000 site. Thus:

Assessment of plans and projects in relation to Natura 2000 sites

Methodological guidance on the provisions of **Article 6 (3) and (4)** of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC

- **NEW** Revised methodological guidance on Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC
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Guidance on articles 12-16

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Species protection ▼

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Wild Birds ▶

Species under Habitats Directive ▼

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EU Species Red Lists

EU species action plans

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Large Carnivores ▶

Green Infrastructure

Invasive Alien Species

Farming for biodiversity ▶

Global biodiversity

Wildlife Trade

EC guidance on species protection

Guidance on Articles 12 & 16 of the Habitats Directive

Articles 12 and 16 of the Habitats Directive aim to establish and implement a strict protection regime for the animal species listed in Annex IV(a) of the Habitats Directive, within the whole territory of Member States.

In October 2021, the Commission adopted the legal provisions under articles 12 and 16 of the Habitats Directive, as interpreted by the Court of Justice of the European Union and the Council of Ministers in 2007. The process of updating this guidance involved consultations with Member States and stakeholders' organisations.

In addition to legal interpretation and clarification, the guidance provides practical advice and good practices to national authorities on the strict protection of species and human activities, including in relation to land-use planning and control, within the legal framework of the Directive.

Annex III of the guidance concerns the wolf, which is not covered by the above-mentioned rules, recalling the existing guidance on the wolf and measures to support coexistence with human activities.



Guidance document

The strict protection of animal species of Community interest under the Habitats Directive

A summary

New guidance on species protection



Brussels, 12.10.2021
C(2021) 7301 final

Commission notice

**Guidance document on the strict protection of animal species of Community interest
under the Habitats Directive**

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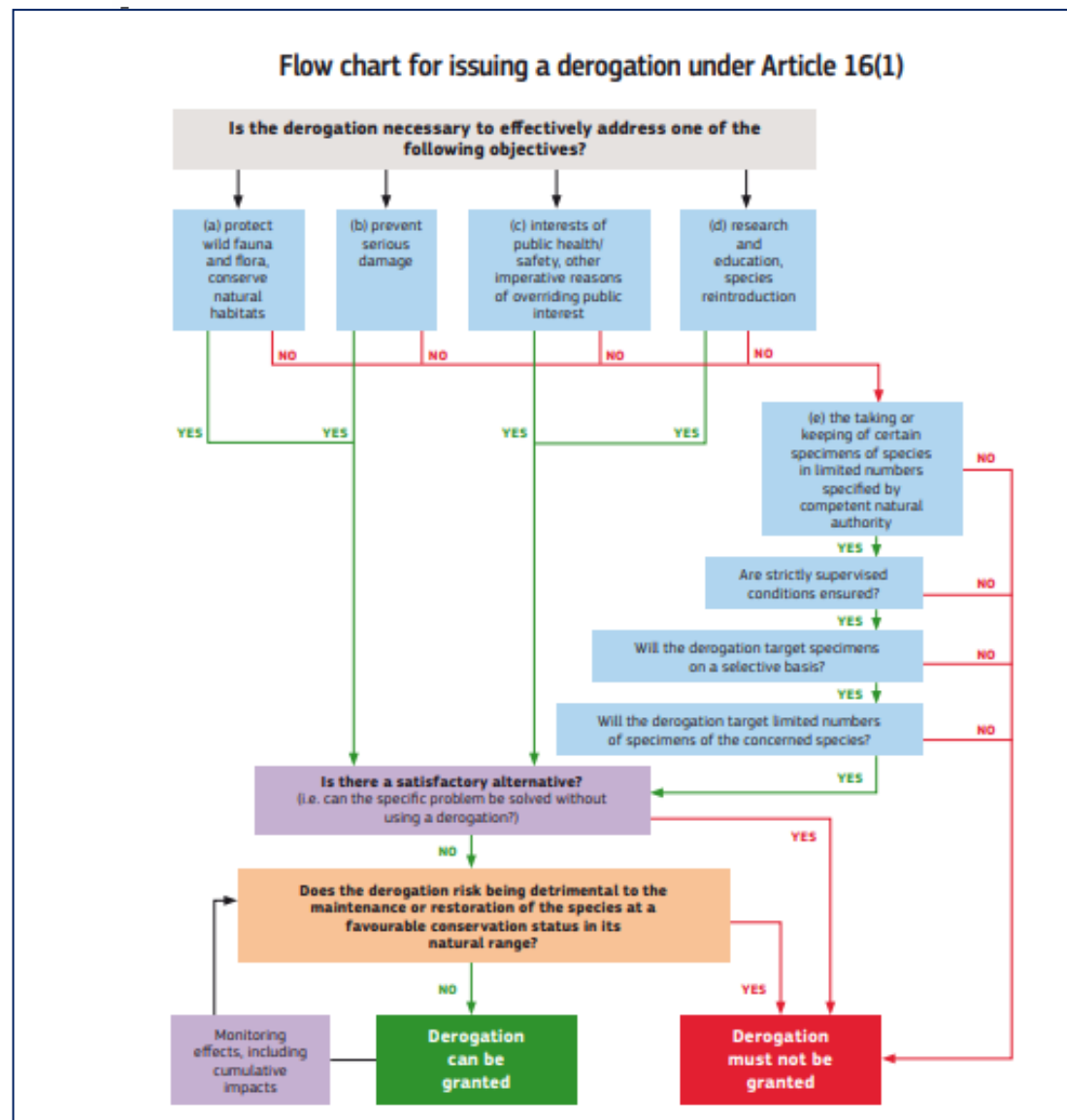
- **No new rules!**
- **Clarifications on the basis of recent case-law by CJEU**
- **Exemples of good coexistence practices for several species (cetaceans, sea turtles, bats, beavers...)**
- **Annex on wolf**

New guidance-Annex on wolf

- **Types of conflicts**
- **Measures for coexistence and good practices (prevention, compensation, information, stakeholders' involvement...)**
- **Funding of coexistence measures**
- **Exemples of derogations under art. 16**
- **Recommendations on hybrids**
- **Recommendations on « bold wolves »**
- **Role of comprehensive conservation and management species plans**
- **CJEU case-law**



Derogations: 3 conditions





The policy framework

EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030



Brussels, 20.5.2020
COM(2020) 380 final

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Bringing nature back into our lives

EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Nature restoration targets

- Member States to ensure no deterioration in conservation trends and status of all protected habitats and species by 2030
- Member States to ensure that at least 30% of species and habitats not currently in favourable status are in that category or show a strong positive trend.
- Guidance being prepared on these targets



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Support from LIFE

The screenshot shows the European Commission website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo, a 'Translate this page' button, and a search box. Below this is a blue header with the word 'Environment'. The main content area is titled 'LIFE Projects' and features a large image of a wolf. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with various topics under 'NATURE & BIODIVERSITY'. The main content area includes a paragraph of text and a grid of project cards, each with a title, a date range, and a representative image.

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Environment

Home > Nature & Biodiversity

LIFE Projects

This site gives an overview on ongoing LIFE projects with a focus on one or more Large Carnivore species of Europe:

- LIFE NATURA 2000 + BEAR** (2017 - 2020)
- LIFE Bear COUREL** (2017 - 2021)
- LIFE Lynx** (2017 - 2024)
- LIFE SAFE-CROSSING** (2018 - 2023)
- LIFE WolFlux** (2019 - 2023)
- LIFE BOREALWOLF** (2019 - 2025)
- LIFE ARCPROM** (2019 - 2024)
- LIFE WOLFALP S EU** (2019 - 2024)

Support from EAFRD

Investment costs: fences / surveillance equipment
Maintenance costs: fences / surveillance equipment

Investment costs: dogs
Maintenance costs: dogs

Staff costs: shepherding

Grazing premia

Agricultural advice
Technical support
Vulnerability analysis



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Support from EAFRD

EU PLATFORM ON COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES

Minimizing Conflict
Finding Solutions

Rural Development Programmes
Supporting coexistence between people and large carnivores

EU PLATFORM ON COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES

Minimizing Conflicts
Finding Solutions

Supporting good practice for coexistence – presentation of examples and analysis of support through the EAFRD

State Aid support for coexistence

EU PLATFORM ON COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PEOPLE & LARGE CARNIVORES

Minimizing
Conflicts

Finding
Solutions

Briefing note: Changes to State aid guidelines on European Union Member States financing for compensation and prevention measures

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/pdf/Briefing%20note%20state%20aid_EU%20Platform.pdf



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PAF to identify measures, priorities and financing needs



PRIORITISED ACTION FRAMEWORK (PAF)

FOR NATURA 2000 in [Name of the Member State or region(s)]

pursuant to Article 8 of Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the Habitats Directive)

for the *Multiannual Financial Framework* period 2021 – 2027

PAF section

E.3.2

E.3.2. Prevention, mitigation or compensation of damage caused by protected species

Current status in terms of prevention, mitigation and compensation for damages

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Measures needed

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Prioritization of measures to be implemented during the next MFF period

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List of prioritized measures to be carried out, and estimated costs for these measures

Name and short description of the measures	Type of measure*	Target (Unit & quantity)	Estimated cost in Euros (annualised)	Possible EU co-funding source
Measure 1				
Measure 2				
etc.				

* indicate whether the measure is recurring or one-off

Expected results for targeted species

provide text

Expected results: other benefits

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Joint letter 3 november 2021



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VIRGINIJUS SINKEVIČIUS
Commissioner for Environment
Oceans and Fisheries

JANUSZ WOJCIECHOWSKI
Commissioner for Agriculture

Brussels, 3 November 2021
Ref. Ares(2021) 6604718

EU Ministers for Environment and Agriculture

Dear Minister,

We are pleased to inform you that the Commission has recently adopted its updated guidance on the strict protection of animal species of EU interest under the Habitats Directive¹. The



Joint letter 3 november 2021

- **Sums up Commission policy line**
- **Addressed to national environment and agriculture authorities**
- **Recalls the new species guidance**
- **Lists available tools to support coexistence (LIFE, EAFRD, Platforms, State Aids)**
- **Invites Member States to make use of such tools (PAF programming; CAP Strategic Plans)**
- **Available at:**

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/carnivores/pdf/Letter_from_Commissioner_Sinkevicius_and_Commissioner_Wojciechowski.pdf