

# Annex 2

# Blank assessment forms





**Figure 1: Screening matrix**

Brief description of the project or plan

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Brief description of the Natura 2000 site

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*Assessment criteria*

Describe the individual elements of the project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) likely to give rise to impacts on the Natura 2000 site.

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Describe any likely direct, indirect or secondary impacts of the project (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects) on the Natura 2000 site by virtue of:

- size and scale;
  - land-take;
  - distance from the Natura 2000 site or key features of the site;
  - resource requirements (water abstraction etc.);
  - emissions (disposal to land, water or air);
  - excavation requirements;
  - transportation requirements;
  - duration of construction, operation, decommissioning, etc.;
  - other.
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Describe any likely changes to the site arising as a result of:

- reduction of habitat area;
  - disturbance to key species;
  - habitat or species fragmentation;
  - reduction in species density;
  - changes in key indicators of conservation value (water quality etc.);
  - climate change.
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Describe any likely impacts on the Natura 2000 site as a whole in terms of:

- interference with the key relationships that define the structure of the site;
  - interference with key relationships that define the function of the site.
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Provide indicators of significance as a result of the identification of effects set out above in terms of:

- loss;
  - fragmentation;
  - disruption;
  - disturbance;
  - change to key elements of the site (e.g. water quality etc.).
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Describe from the above those elements of the project or plan, or combination of elements, where the above impacts are likely to be significant or where the scale or magnitude of impacts is not known.

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**Figure 2: Finding of no significant effects report matrix**

Name of project or plan

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Name and location of Natura 2000 site

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Description of the project or plan

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Is the project or plan directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site (provide details)?

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Are there other projects or plans that together with the project or plan being assessed could affect the site (provide details)?

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*The assessment of significance of effects*

Describe how the project or plan (alone or in combination) is likely to affect the Natura 2000 site.

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Explain why these effects are not considered significant.

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List of agencies consulted: provide contact name and telephone or e-mail address.

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Response to consultation.

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*Data collected to carry out the assessment*

Who carried out the assessment?	Sources of data	Level of assessment completed	Where can the full results of the assessment be accessed and viewed?

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**Figure 3: Appropriate assessment: Mitigation measures**

List measures to be introduced.	Explain how the measures will avoid the adverse effects on the integrity of the site.	Explain how the measures will reduce the adverse effects on the integrity of the site.	Provide evidence of how they will be implemented and by whom.
(i)			
(ii)			
(iii)			
List mitigation measures (as above).	Provide evidence of the degree of confidence in their likely success.	Provide timescale, relative to the project or plan, when they will be implemented.	Explain the proposed monitoring scheme and how any mitigation failure will be addressed.
(i)			
(ii)			
(iii)			

**Figure 4: Appropriate assessment report**

*Assessment of the effects of the project or plan on the integrity of the site*

Describe the elements of the project or plan (alone or in combination with other projects or plans) that are likely to give rise to significant effects on the site (from screening assessment).

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Set out the conservation objectives of the site.

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Describe how the project or plan will affect key species and key habitats.

Acknowledge uncertainties and any gaps in information.

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Describe how the integrity of the site (determined by structure and function and conservation objectives) is likely to be affected by the project or plan (e.g. loss of habitat, disturbance, disruption, chemical changes, hydrological changes and geological changes, etc.).

Acknowledge uncertainties and any gaps in information.

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Describe what mitigation measures are to be introduced to avoid or reduce the adverse effects on the integrity of the site.

Acknowledge uncertainties and any gaps in information.

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*Results of consultation*

Name of agency(ies) or body(ies) consulted

Summary of response

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**Figure 5: Assessment of alternative solutions matrix**

*Assessment of alternative solutions*

The description and objectives of the project or plan      The 'do nothing' alternative

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Predicted adverse effects of the project or plan on the Natura 2000 site following the appropriate assessment

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*Comparison with chosen project or plan*

Possible alternative solutions	Evidence of how the alternative solutions were assessed	Describe the relative effects on the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 (greater or less adverse effects).
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*Alternative locations/routes*

**Alternative One**

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**Alternative Two**

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**Alternative Three**

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*Alternative size and scale*

**Alternative One**

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**Alternative Two**

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**Alternative Three**

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*Alternative means of meeting objectives (e.g. demand management)*

**Alternative One**

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**Alternative Two**

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**Alternative Three**

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**Figure 5: Assessment of alternative solutions matrix (continued)**

<i>Comparison with chosen project or plan</i>		
Possible alternative solutions	Evidence of how the alternative solutions were assessed	Describe the relative effects on the conservation objectives of Natura 2000 (greater or less adverse effects).

*Alternative methods of construction*

**Alternative One**

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**Alternative Two**

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**Alternative Three**

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*Alternative operational methods*

**Alternative One**

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**Alternative Two**

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**Alternative Three**

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*Alternative decommissioning methods*

**Alternative One**

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**Alternative Two**

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**Alternative Three**

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*Alternative timescales*

**Alternative One**

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**Alternative Two**

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**Alternative Three**

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*Conclusions on assessment of alternatives*

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**Figure 6: Alternative solutions assessment statement**

Describe the alternative solution that would avoid or minimise significant impacts on the Natura 2000 site.

Explain why the proposed project or plan is favoured over the other alternative solutions assessed.

Provide an overall statement to explain why it is considered that in this instance there are no alternative solutions that would avoid reducing the conservation value of the Natura 2000 site.

**Figure 7: Evidence of assessment matrix (alternative solutions)**

*Consultation on alternative solutions*

List of agencies consulted	Response to consultation	Impact of alternatives on the Natura 2000 site are considered adverse (explain)	Impact of alternatives on the Natura 2000 site are considered positive or neutral (explain)

*Data collected to carry out the assessment*

Who carried out the assessment

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Sources of data

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Level of assessment completed

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Where can the full results of the assessment be accessed and viewed?

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**Figure 8: Compensatory measures assessment matrix**

Name and brief description of the project or plan and how it will adversely affect the Natura 2000 site

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*Description of the compensatory measures*

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<b>Assessment questions</b>	<b>Response</b>
How were compensatory measures identified?	
What alternative measures were identified?	
How do these measures relate to the conservation objectives of the site?	
Do these measures address, in comparable proportions, the habitats and species negatively affected?	
How would the compensatory measures maintain or enhance the overall coherence of Natura 2000?	
Do these measures relate to the same biogeographical region in the same Member State?	
If the compensation measures require the use of land outside the affected Natura 2000 site, is that land under the long-term ownership and control of the project or plan proponent or relevant national or local authority?	
Do the same geological, hydrogeological, soil, climate and other local conditions exist on the compensation site as exist on the Natura 2000 site adversely affected by the project or plan?	
Do the compensatory measures provide functions comparable to those that had justified the selection criteria of the original site?	
What evidence exists to demonstrate that this form of compensation will be successful in the long term?	

**Figure 9: Evidence of assessment matrix (compensatory measures)**

*Consultation on compensatory measures*

List of agencies consulted	Response to consultation	Compensatory measures were considered acceptable	Compensatory measures were not considered acceptable

*Data collected to carry out the assessment*

Who carried out the assessment

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Sources of data

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Level of assessment

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Where can the full results of the assessment be accessed and viewed?

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