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of Environmental Law

Nature Protection in permitting and inspection of industrial installations – implementation of Art. 6 (3) of the Habitats Directive:

Inspection of quarries and open cast mining in Natura 2000 sites and planning tool for risk assessment for inspection of Natura 2000 sites (2017)



In 2017 the IMPEL Nature Protection Expert Team continued to contribute to the Habitats Directive knowledge by sharing experiences on the inspection of quarries and open cast mining facilities within or close to Natura 2000 sites. In a second part of the 2017 project, the group will begin to develop a roadmap for the development of a planning tool, risk assessment based, for Natura 2000 sites.

Background

In 2013 IMPEL identified the need for more information concerning the implementation of the Habitats Directive (HD), the cornerstone of Europe's nature conservation policy, namely on the application of Article 6, Part. 3. The project is entitled "Nature protection in permitting and inspection", and over the course of several years, has focused on Article 6(3) in a number of regulated industries.

Article 6(3) states that any plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a site of Community importance but likely to have a significant effect thereon, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, shall be subject to appropriate assessment. It also states that such plan or project can be approved only after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned.

TARGET GROUP

- Operators Public Authorities
- Other interested parties on the implementation of Nature Protection Legislation

EU LEGISLATION

- [Habitats Directive](#)
- [Birds Directive](#)

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During the period 2014-2017 there have been four projects running under Nature protection in permitting and inspection of industrial installations - implementation of Art. 6(3) of the Habitats Directive:

1. Nature protection in permitting and inspection of industrial installations - implementation of Art. 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (2014-2015),
2. Wind energy and Pig & Poultry farms and Natura 2000 (2015-2017),
3. Non-energy extractive industry (quarries and open cast mining) and Natura 2000 (2016-2017).

Key Points

The project aims to construct a guidance on inspections to quarries and open cast mining located inside or near Natura 2000 sites, by share and compare practices and experiences, define common understandings, raise the competences of the experts involved and contribute towards further knowledge in this thematic area.

This project also integrates a [roadmap](#) for the construction of a risk assessment tool to select targets for inspections at Natura 2000 sites. The final report will be available for all interested parties through the IMPEL website.



LINKS

- [IMPEL Project Page](#)

KEY WORDS

- Nature protection
- Permitting
- Inspection;
- Quarries and open cast mining
- Risk assessment