



Supporting information tool for the Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects (IAIA)

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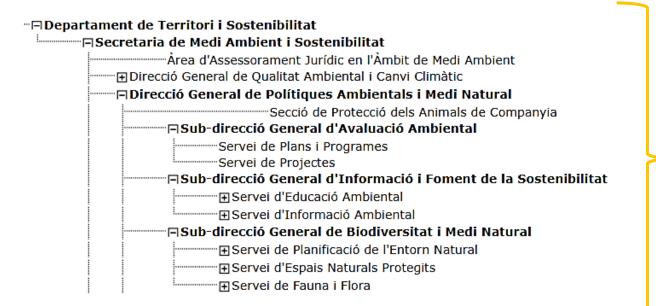
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INITIAL CONTEXT





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Servei de Plans i Programes

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Servei de Planificació de l'Entorn Natural

Servei d'Espais Naturals Protegits



MANDATE:

Take care of Catalan Biodiversity (fauna & flora)

- Distribution
- Phenology
- Pressures
- Trend
- •Conservation Status



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Mandate → Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Spanish law 21/2013 of Environmental Impact Assessment



► EIA Directive



⇒ Habitats Directive (Art. 6)



Basic information required to assess a project



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IAIA, THE SUPPORTING TOOL TO INFORM EIA

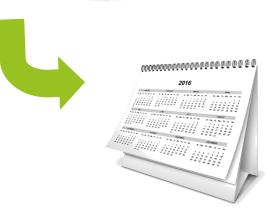
Creating the tool IAIA







- Expression of information needs by EIA Agency
- Match available information of Biodiversity Agency with the needs
- 3. Improve data flows through the tool of supporting Information for EIA (IAIA)





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INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT TO ASSESS (PROVIDED BY THE PROJECT'S PROMOTER)

WHERE?



WHAT?

Tipus de projecte

Law 21/2013

HOW?

Actuacions i Elements

Pressures and threats

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WHERE? WHAT? HOW? Tipus de projecte Actuacions i Elements PROJECTE PROJECTE WHAT? Actuacions i Elements Pressures and threats

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

- Is there any Natura 2000 site affected by the project?
- Is there any protected habitat or species affected by the project? Which? How?
- -How can be the impact prevented or minimized?

Available information to answer... ... WHERE ARE?



Natura 2000 sites



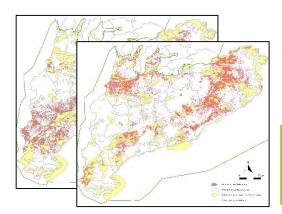
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Cartography of HABITATS of Community interest

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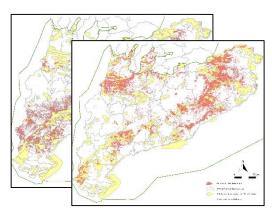
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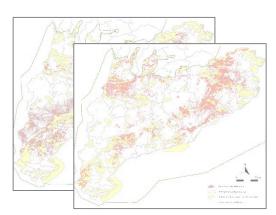
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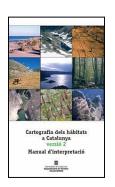
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Available information to answer... BID-REX Interreg Europe In

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Database about Member States' Reports about Natura 2000



Available information to answer... ...WHICH PRESSURES AND THREATS AFFECT THEM?



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IAIA's information about measures to minimize the impact





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The IAIA tool: functioning scheme

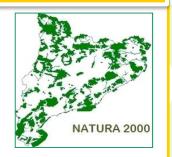






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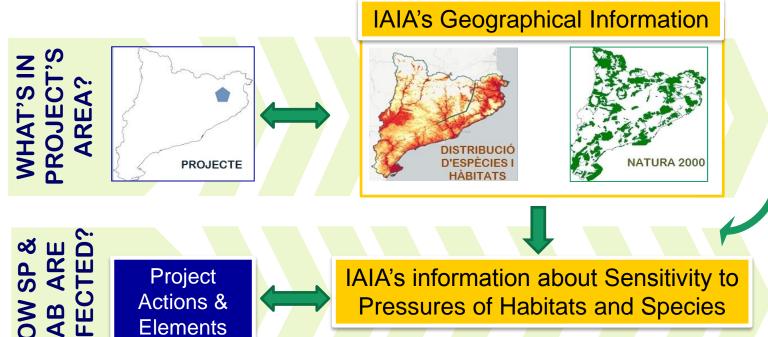


Natura 2000 sites affected

Species & Habitats occurence

The IAIA tool: functioning scheme





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Actions that affect them

PROJECT INFORMATION

INFORMATION INTEGRATED INTO THE IAIA TOOL

RESULTING INFORMATION

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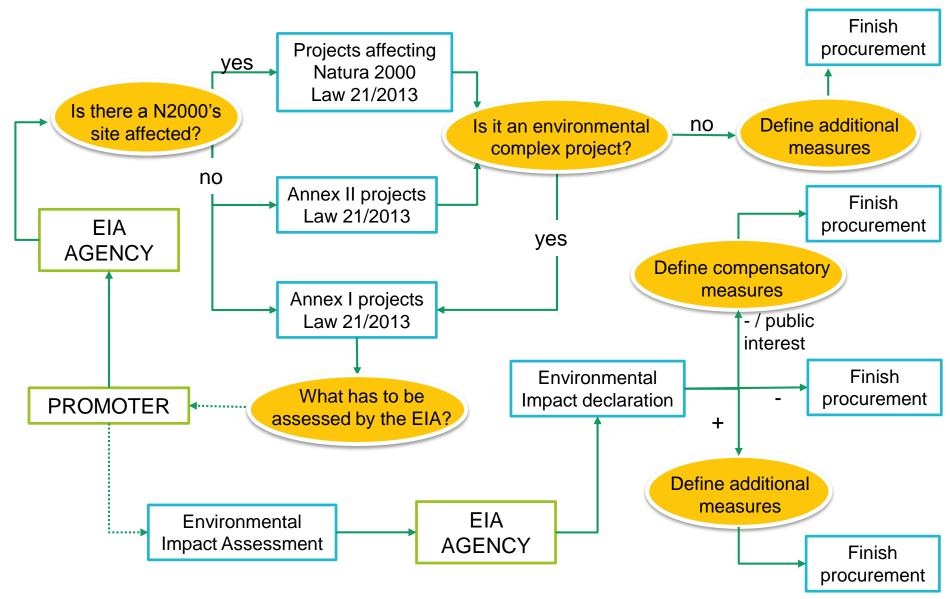
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IMPACT OF IAIA INFORMATION ON EIA'S DECISION PROCESS

Environmental Impact Assessment decision process









Thank you!

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