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Habitats Directive:

Mitigation measures

Origin of the concept: 2002 Oxford guidelines

- stems from the UK approach: part of each assessment is proposal for mitigation
- EC adopted this concept
- depending on national legislation & culture, it can be very useful

Mitigation measures

The concept:

Assessed project has significant impact→
mitigation measures necessary to reduce
impact below threshold of significance

Non-significant impacts: even they can be
mitigated (depends on national customs)

Mitigation measures

Difference between mitigation and compensation

Relatively easy to differentiate:

- mitigation of project impact (=change in project)
- compensation of affected habitats/species (change in N2K site)

need for clear terminology: Slovenian confusion
thanks to “mitigation by land compensation”

Mitigation measures

most typical mitigation measures:

- change in timing of project implementation
- relocation of project location
- reduction of project size
- change in technology
- reduction of size/impact of preparatory and ancillary installations

Mitigation measures

Prerequisites for application of MM:

- to assess them as to the impacts
- to make them binding

How ?

- include them into the re-done project
- include them into the final decision
- supervise their implementation

Mitigation measures

Is it wise to mitigate also the non-significant impacts?

It depends: sometimes yes...

Why to mitigate non-significant impacts?

- 100 x non-significant = significant
- to maintain the *conservation status* of habitat type/species unaltered

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What is not mitigation measures?

- measures which follow from other pieces of law and are obligatory
- measures which do not relate to target features