

## AA licensed experts in the Czech Republic



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## The authorization in the Czech Republic

- Licence issued by the MoE of the Czech Republic
- Also administration, supervision
- Legal base for the authorization – Act on the Nature and Landscape Protection
- Required education, contents of the examination, and reasons for withdrawal of the authorization – legal regulation
- Granted for the period of 5 years, can be extended by further 5 years repeatedly

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## Who can be an AA expert?

- APPROPRIATELY university educated – MSc. (Ph.D.) degree in natural science
- Specialization: biology, ecology, applied ecology, nature protection, conservation biology or environment protection.



- Clean record
- Passing the exam

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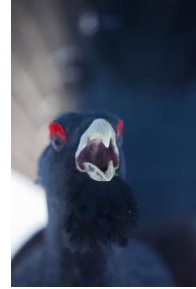
## What s/he needs to be familiar with?

- The act on nature and landscape protection in general and related regulations, in particular Czech and EU environmental EIA (SEA) law
- AA processing and its requirements, EIA and SEA process and its partial steps and methods
- The knowledge in general ecology, landscape ecology, wild flora and fauna ecology and biology, particularly of those of Habitats Directive interest
- The effects of human activities on the habitats and ecological characteristics and biotopes of fauna and flora species, particularly of those of Habitats Directive interest

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## What about EIA authorization?

- EIA authorization – ANY University education required (*inter alia*)
  - more tech-oriented
  - incl. public health, urban planning etc.
- AA as an independent part of the EIA document
- AA Expert – cooperation with the EIA expert
- AA Methodology issued by MoE
  - AA principles
  - AA framework
  - recommended scale of impact significance



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## Who assesses the assessors?

- Pre-authorization: an exam & pilot project study
- Post-authorization:
  - AAs in the EIA and SEA processes (Information System)
  - nature protection authorities participation in the EIA / SEA
  - RE-EXAMINATION



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## Examination & re-examination

- A commission / board
  - MoE
  - Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic
  - Czech Environmental Inspectorate
- Expert knowledge
- Knowledge of the legal system
- A pilot study
- AA analysis



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## Thus, authorization is not granted for ever...

- The authorization can be both taken away and not extended
- Authorized expert „*seriously or repeatedly breaks the law related to area of its activity or does not carry out the AA in accordance with the Act on the Nature and Landscape Protection*“
- Reexamination: The expert is not able to prove the required knowledge
- Anyone can propose the authorization removal to MoE

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## It is great to be an AA expert in CZ!

- Authorization is an „exclusive“ status
- MoE provides support and methodological supervision
- AA experts have a good reputation in the EU



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