

**Question for written answer E-004237/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Application of EU rules on habitats and environmental assessment in the ski area of the Val d'Agri Lagonegrese Lucanian Apennines National Park (Italy)

The project to redevelop the Sellata-Pierfaone ski resort in the Lucanian Apennines National Park is made up of eight interventions, including a new chairlift, an artificial ski slope, car parks and hydrogeological works. It is located on the margins of the 'Faggeta di Monte Pierfaone' special area of conservation (IT9210115), which includes priority habitats under Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive)¹.

The Basilicata Region completed the impact assessment at the screening stage, excluding negative effects on flora and impacts on fauna. However, even though the screening form indicated there would be no cutting down of plant species, more than 800 beech trees were subsequently felled, including in areas under special protection. The screening also includes 'mitigation' measures.

In light of the judgment in Case C-127/02, *Waddenzee*², and the judgment in Case C-323/17, *People Over Wind*³, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is this screening in line with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, given the cumulative effects and the felling carried out?
2. Is the use of mitigation measures already at the screening stage compatible with Article 6(3)?
3. Do the eight interventions have to be screened according to Directive 2011/92/EU⁴ – the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive – given the cumulative effects and environmental sensitivity of the area?

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¹ Directive 92/43/EEC ('the Habitats Directive'), <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/1992/43/2025-07-14>.

² Judgment C-127/02, *Waddenzee*, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A62002CJ0127&utm_source.

³ C-323/17, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A62017CJ0323&utm_source.

⁴ EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2011/92/2014-05-15>.