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on behalf of the European Commission
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As the Commission stated in its reply to written questions E-003312/2025, E-003313/2025 and E-003315/2025 and as mentioned by the Honourable Member, the Commission is handling an infringement procedure against Spain¹ on account of the incomplete designation of sites of Community importance (SCIs) as special areas of conservation (SACs) and the establishment of specific conservation objectives and measures for SACs.

The Commission recalls that the horizontal infringement procedure against Spain concerns several Autonomous Communities and Cities. Galicia has completed the designation process for all its 59 SCIs. However, following an analysis of Decree 37/2014 of 27 March 2014, declaring the SCIs of Galicia as SACs and approving the Galician Natura 2000 network master plan, the Commission considers that Galicia has not set adequate site-specific conservation objectives and conservation measures in all its SACs.

Spain has provided updates on the designation of SACs (in the regions where the process is not finished) and, in 2024, has adopted new guidelines for the Natura 2000 network in which general conditions are defined to set site-specific conservation objectives and measures in Natura 2000 sites. The Commission is assessing the information provided by Spain prior to deciding the most appropriate way forward.

¹ INFR 2015/2003 : [https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate&refId=INFR\(2015\)2003](https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate&refId=INFR(2015)2003).