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Ori Geraneia is a special area of conservation (SAC) designated under the Habitats Directive[1] (Site code GR2530005)[2]. Article 6(2) of the Habitats Directive requires Member States to take appropriate steps to prevent the deterioration of habitats, including from foreseeable natural disasters such as fires[3] and if appropriate, to bring the negative impact to an end by stopping the activity and, if necessary, by taking restoration measures.

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive, the Greek competent authorities need to ensure that plans and projects, including wind farms, do not adversely affect the integrity of Natura 2000 sites, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects. The assessment of the project's implications for the site must take into account the site's conservation objectives, as well as the current status of protected species and habitats, including post-fire impacts. The Commission has issued guidance on the application of these provisions[4], on wind energy and EU nature legislation[5] and on Natura 2000 and climate change[6], where post-fire recovery is mentioned.

In addition, the Nature Restoration Regulation[7] requires Member States to put in place measures to restore degraded forest habitats and to enhance biodiversity of forest ecosystems.

Without prejudice to the Commission's role as guardian of the Treaties, it is primarily the responsibility of the Greek authorities to ensure that wind farm projects are developed in full compliance with EU environmental legislation.

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[1] Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7-50.
[2] https://natura2000.eea.europa.eu/Natura2000/sdf/#/sdf?site=GR2530005&release=62.
[3] Managing Natura 2000 sites — The provisions of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC (OJ C, C/33, 25.01.2019, CELEX: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019XC0125(07)), page 18.
[4] Commission notice Assessment of plans and projects in relation to Natura 2000 sites – Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC 2021/C 437/01, OJ C, C/437, 28.10.2021.
[5] European Commission: Directorate-General for Environment, Guidance document on wind energy developments and EU nature legislation, Publications Office of the European Union, 2020, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2779/095188.
[6] Commission Notice – Guidance on Natura 2000 and climate change, C/2026/4597, OJ C, C/2026/3567
[7] Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869, OJ L, 2024/1991, 29.7.2024.