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Answer given by Ms Roswall
on behalf of the European Commission
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Oros Voras (Site code: GR1240008) is a special protection area designated under the Birds Directive¹. According to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive², any plan or project likely to have a significant negative effect on a Natura 2000 site, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, must be subject to an appropriate assessment of its implications for the site in view of the site's conservation objectives and can only be approved if it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site concerned. Exceptions to this obligation may be accepted under the conditions established in Article 6(4). Without prejudice to the Commission's role as guardian of the Treaties, it is primarily the responsibility of the Greek authorities to ensure compliance with EU environmental law.

In June 2025, the Commission sent a letter of formal notice under Article 260 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU to Greece³ for failing to comply with the judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU of 17 December 2020⁴ in relation to nature conservation, as Greece had yet to establish the necessary conservation measures for 239 Natura 2000 sites.

EU imports of electricity from North Macedonia are subject to the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) to prevent the risk of carbon leakage by ensuring that the carbon costs of imported electricity are equivalent to the carbon costs of electricity produced in the EU. The methodology used under CBAM to determine embedded emissions and the CBAM obligation reflects the emission intensity of electricity produced in a third country (e.g. if it is largely based on lignite), while providing the possibility to report actual emissions for renewable electricity when the respective conditions are met.

¹ Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (Codified version). OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, pp. 7–25.

² 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.

³ INFR(2014)2260, [https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR\(2014\)2260&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate](https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR(2014)2260&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate).

⁴ C-849/19, https://infocuria.curia.europa.eu/tabs/affair?lang=en&sort=AFF_NUM-DESC&searchTerm=%22C-849%2F19%22&publishedId=C-849%2F19.