



HaBiDeS+

**the new EU tool for reporting derogations
under the EU Birds and Habitats Directives,
and the Bern Convention**

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Main features of HaBiDeS+

- a reporting tool developed by the EEA as part of "EIONET Web Questionnaires", **freely accessible** through the Internet; no login or password required; works with all main browsers
- derogation reports are **created on-line**, but must then be saved and **stored off-line** (as .xml files)
- reporting tool includes functionalities for **creating, editing, sorting, searching & deleting** individual derogation reports; as well as for **merging** several report files into one file.
- tool can be used by **local reporters** as well as by **regional/national reporters** for aggregation/quality checking
- national report submitted by the designated national reporter **via Reportnet** (no change)

Current status

1) The tool is now fully operational / Member States are invited to use it from now on:

<http://webforms.eionet.europa.eu/>

2) An XML schema has been published:

<http://dd.eionet.europa.eu/schemaset/habides-2.0/view>

3) Habides+ User guide on CircaBC

→ incl. specific guidance on how to report on particular types of derogations / keep reporting burden low

→ can be updated further on specific issues

Next steps

- Make **other language versions** of Habides+ available (< > Bern Convention requirements in terms of language EN/FR)
- Further update of “species groups” considered in the tool
- Development of an **EU-wide search tool** for the public to search and access information about derogations issued per species, regions, type of derogation, etc.