

Natura 2000 webinar for reporters



Mette Lund – 12 November 2025



Agenda





- Welcome
- Natura 2000 dataflows and the main steps for exporting and importing data
- SDF export functionality
- Questions from you regarding the Reportnet 3 platform functionalities
- Next steps

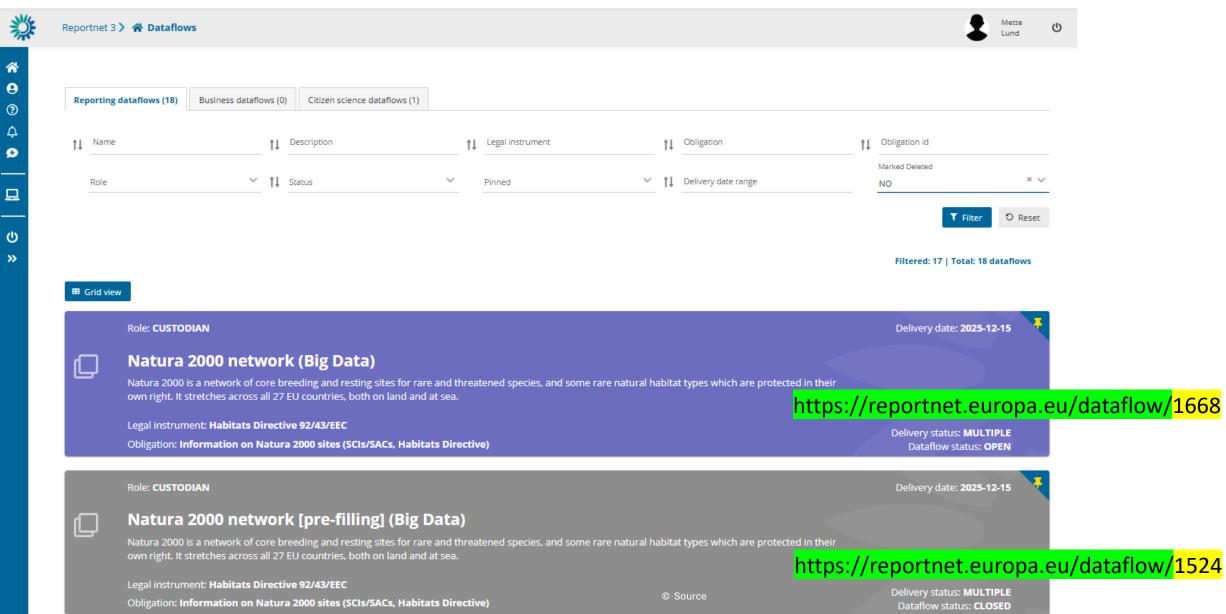
The reporting deadline is postponed to 30 January 2026

Reportnet 3 platform is closed 24-28 November

The meeting will be recorded and become available from the Natura 2000 Reference portal https://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/natura2000/

Two Natura 2000 dataflows





The [prefilling] dataflow



If you wish to use the prefilling option, please use https://reportnet.europa.eu/dataflow/1524



- Once you have prefilled with the most recent data, please export it. We advice revising the data off-line.
- In some tables, due to the new format, there were duplicated records. Duplicates are removed in the prefill.
- This dataflow cannot be used to submit your final database
- This dataflow has an incorrect implementation of the Administrative regions table and a few other issues related to the schema. Please move to the new dataflow when you are ready.

The prefilling dataset



The prefilling data for your country is either

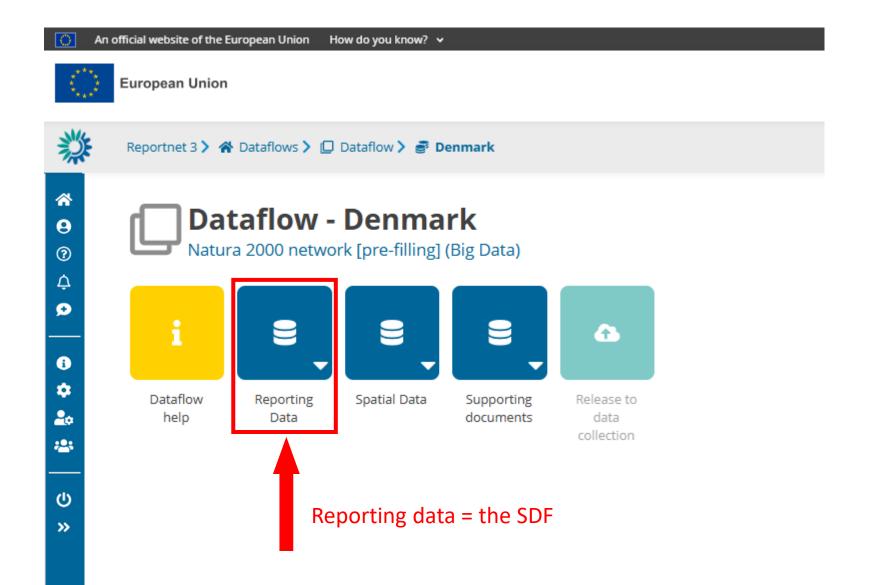
- 2024 data submission from CDR
- 2023* approved data if no 2024 submission is available

*2023 approved data is the Union Lists as voted in the Habitats Committee in November 2024 (the Macaronesian List was voted in January 2025)

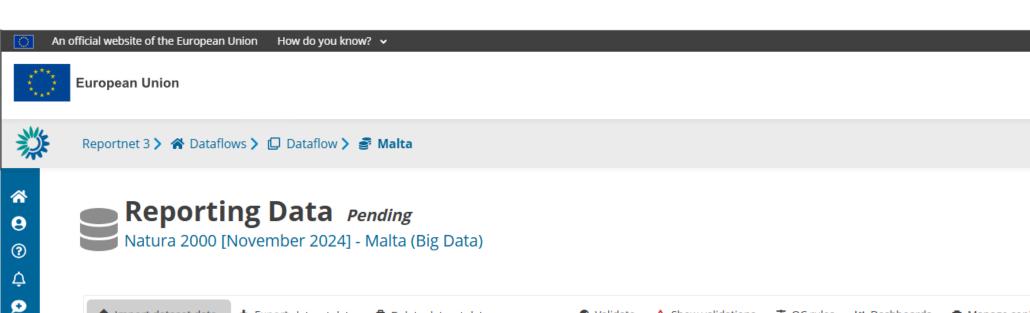
Prefilling is only needed with you transition from the old SDF to the new SDF. However, some countries find it useful to go through several iterations of prefilling, as they compare and revise the data and run validations in Reportnet 3 platform.

How to prefill





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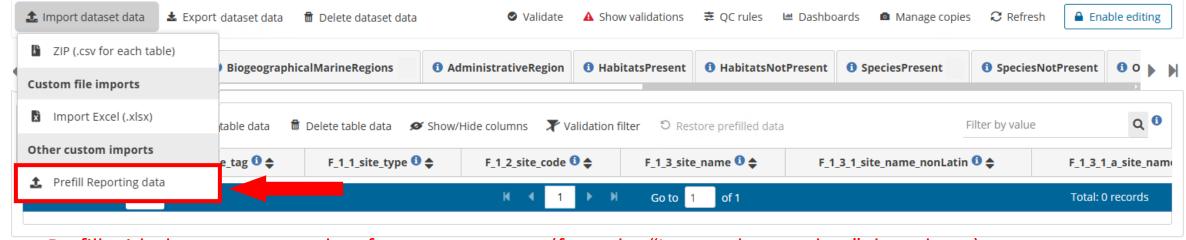


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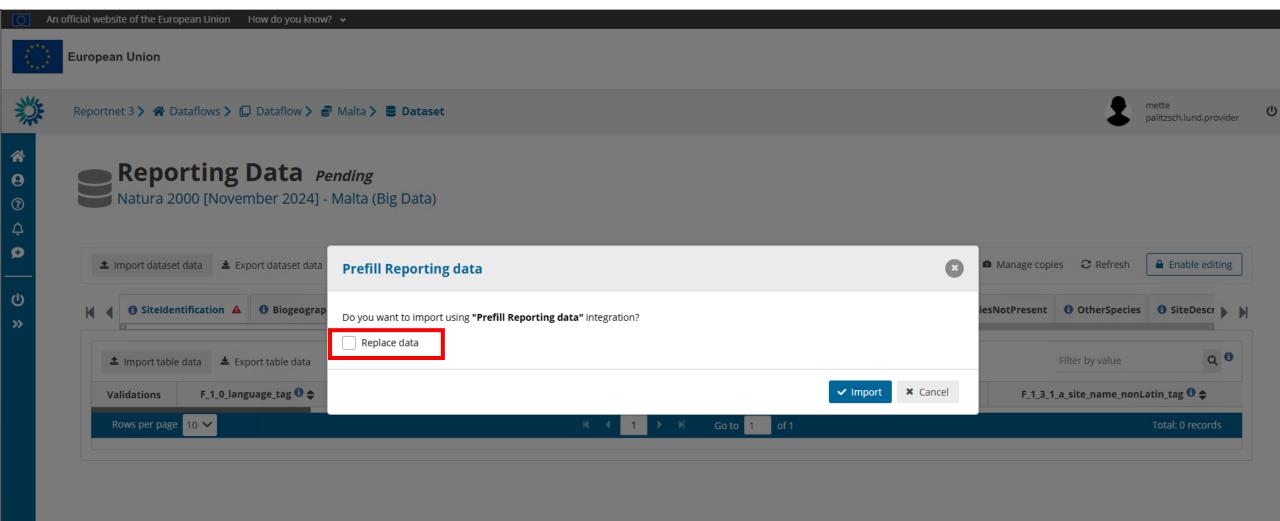
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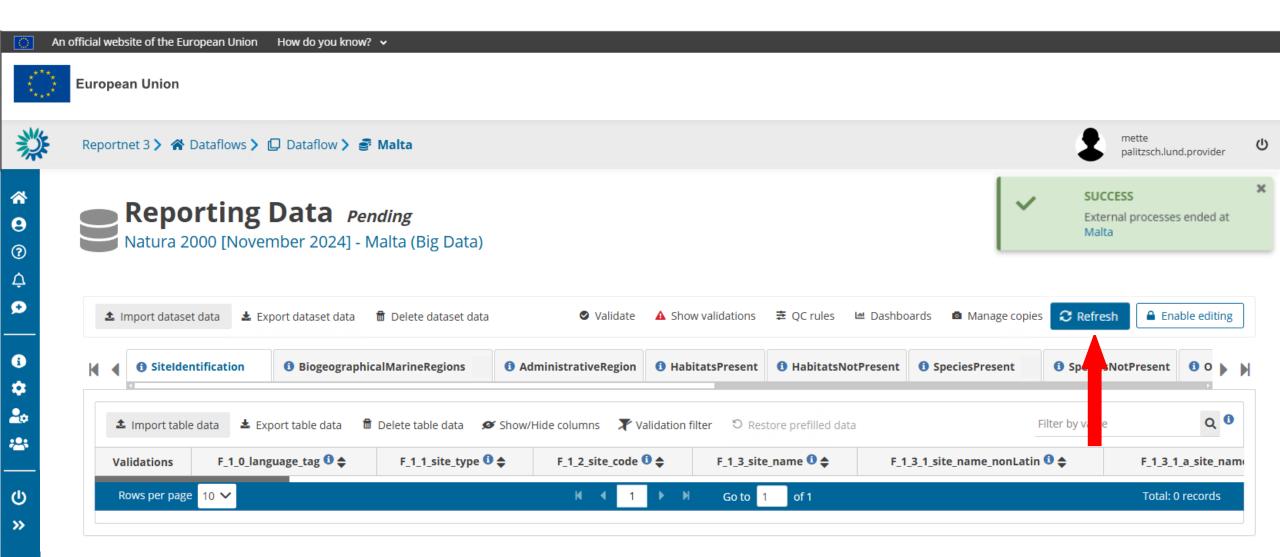
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Prefill with the most recent data from your country (from the "Import dataset data" drop down)













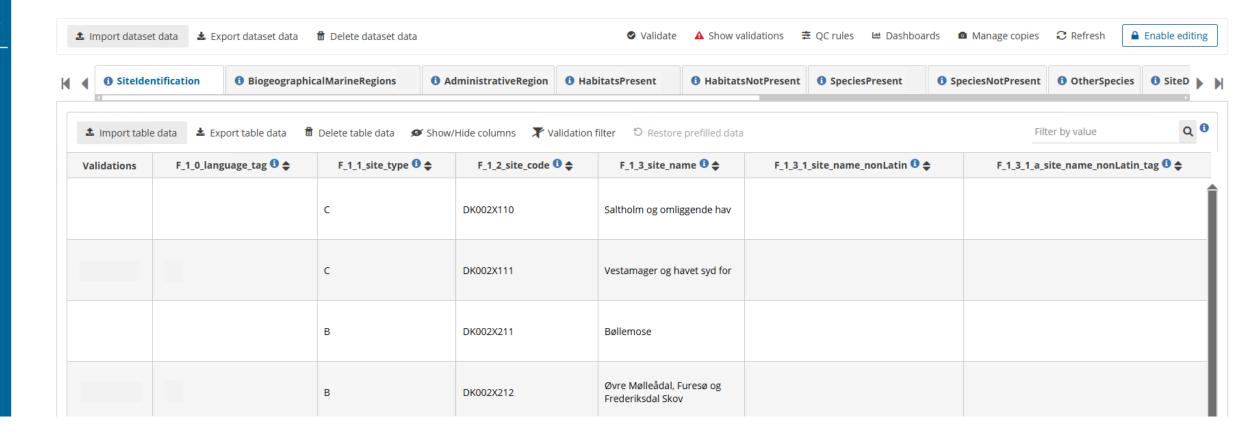






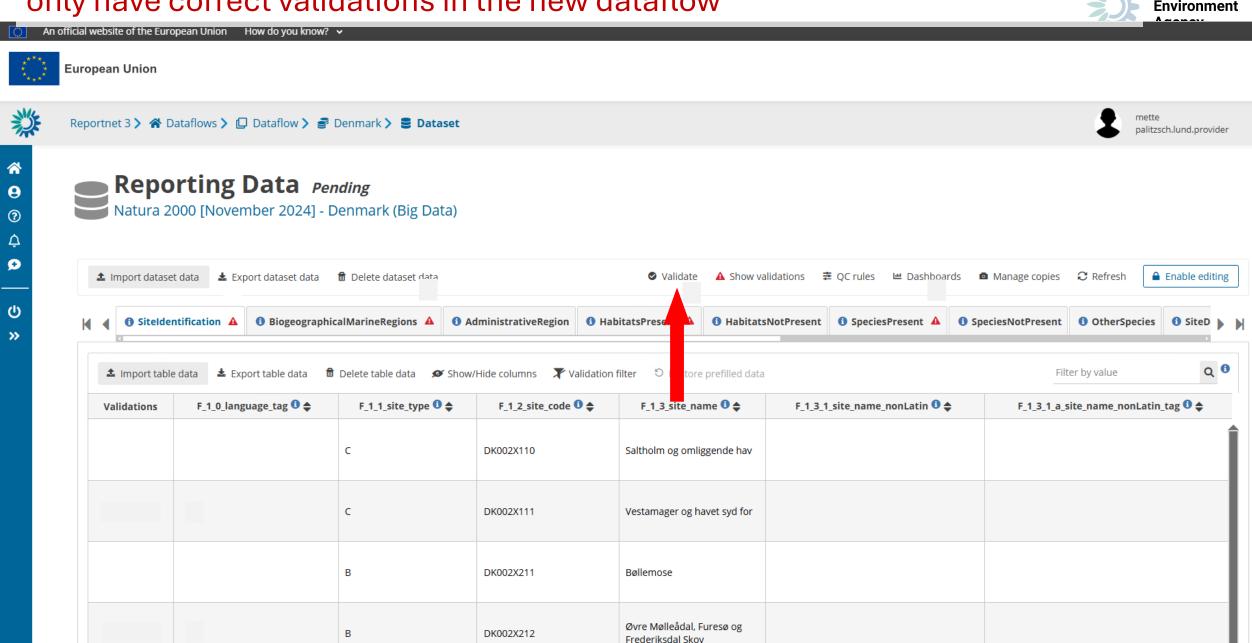


Natura 2000 [November 2024] - Denmark (Big Data)



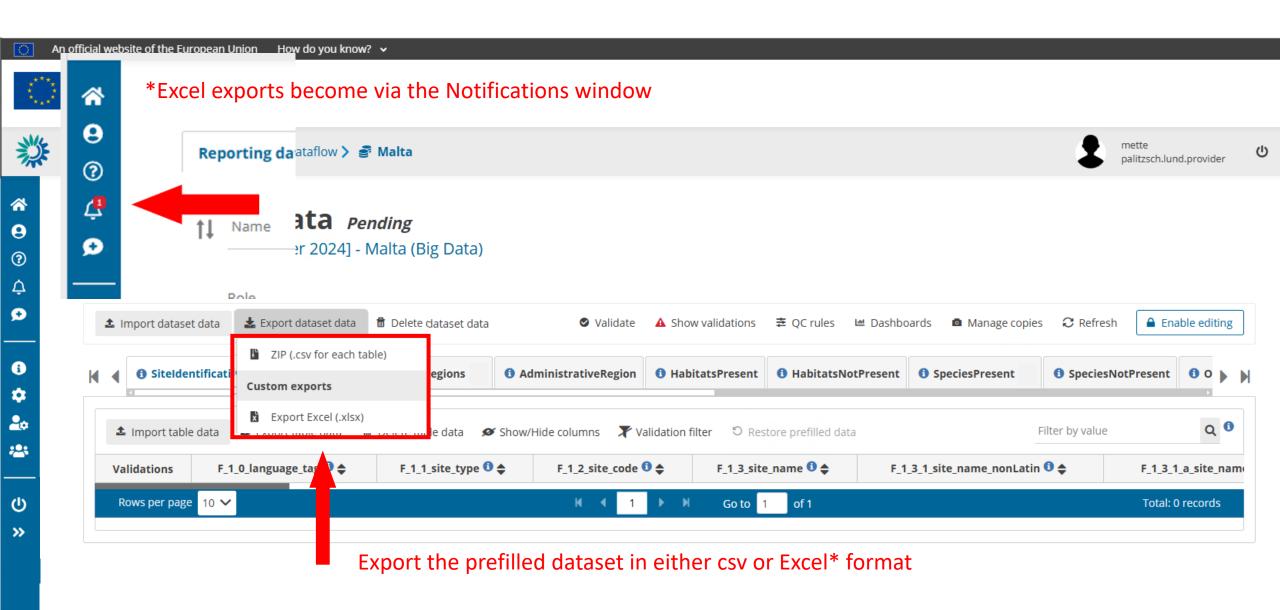
You may run validations already, but e.g. the Adminstrative regions table will only have correct validations in the new dataflow

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When you are ready to export





The release dataflow



When you have a dataset in the new SDF format, please use https://reportnet.europa.eu/dataflow/1668

Role: CUSTODIAN

Delivery date: 2025-12-15



Natura 2000 network (Big Data)

Natura 2000 is a network of core breeding and resting sites for rare and threatened species, and some rare natural habitat types which are protected in their own right. It stretches across all 27 EU countries, both on land and at sea.

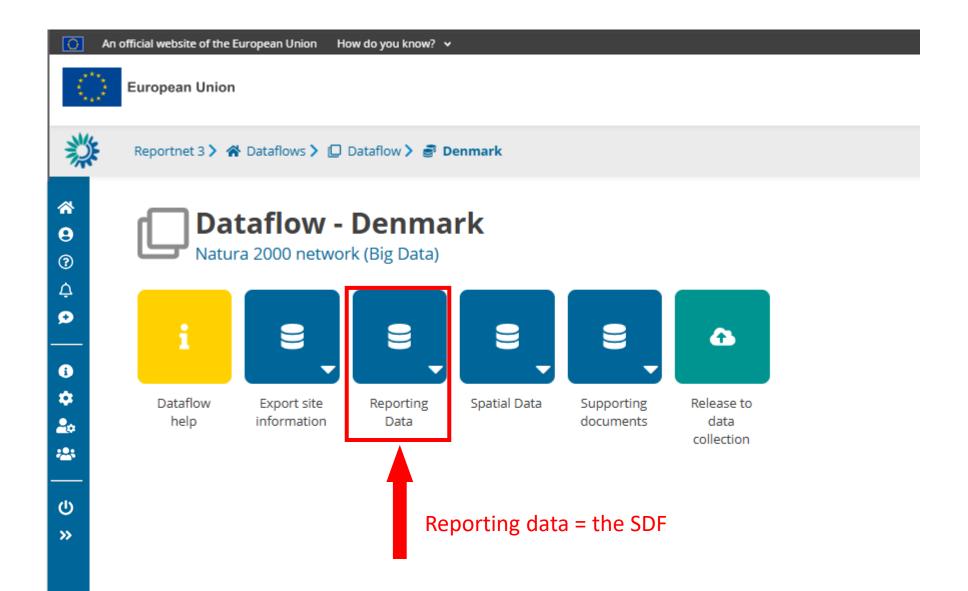
Legal instrument: Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC

Obligation: Information on Natura 2000 sites (SCIs/SACs, Habitats Directive)

Delivery status: MULTIPLE
Dataflow status: OPEN

- This dataflow is open to release your final submission.
- There is no prefilling available in this dataflow. Please import a prefilled dataset from the other dataflow.
- If you come across validation rules that do not work correctly, we will update them.
- If you come across validation rules, that do not have the agreed error level, we will update them.





Filter by value

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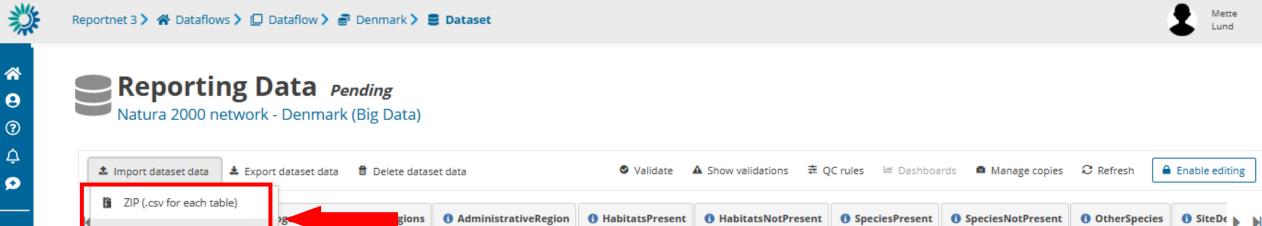


Custom file imports

Validations

Import Excel (.xlsx)

Rows per page 10 V



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Import here the data you just exported from the [prefilling] in the new SDF format (from the "Import dataset data" drop down)

F_1_2_site_code 0 \$

Delete table data

F_1_1_site_type C

Export an SDF in pdf format prior to release



- For now, exports from Reportnet 3 are considered drafts
 - The sites are not yet submitted
- Some fields are populated by EEA
 - Date confirmed as SCI (only after release)
 - Lat (only after release)
 - Long (only after release)
 - NUTS region name (in the platform)
 - Species & habitat names (in the platform)

NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

DRAFT exported from Reportnet 3 - [29/10/2025] Emsaue <MS, ST> (DE3711301 - SCI)

Table of contents

1.Site identification 2.Site location 3.Ecological information 4.Site description 5.Site protection status

6.Site management 7.Map of the site

1. Site identification

1.1 Site typeB

DE3711301

1.3 Site name 1.3.1 Site name non-latin alphabet (optional)

Emsaue <MS, ST>

1.4 Respondent

1.4.1 Name of the organisation 1.4.2 Contact point in the organisation (optional)

Landesanstalt für Ökologie, Bodenordnung

und Forsten NRW

1.4.3 Postal address

Leibnizstraße 10, 45659 Recklinghausen

1.4.4 Functional mailbox email address

test@test.de

1.4.5 Website with contact information

1.5 Site classification/proposal/designation dates

1.5.1 Date site first classified as SPA

1.5.2 SPA classification act (URI or free text)

1.5.3 Date site first proposed as SCI

Date confirmed as SCI

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populated by EEA on behalf of the European Commission

1.5.4 Date site designated as SAC

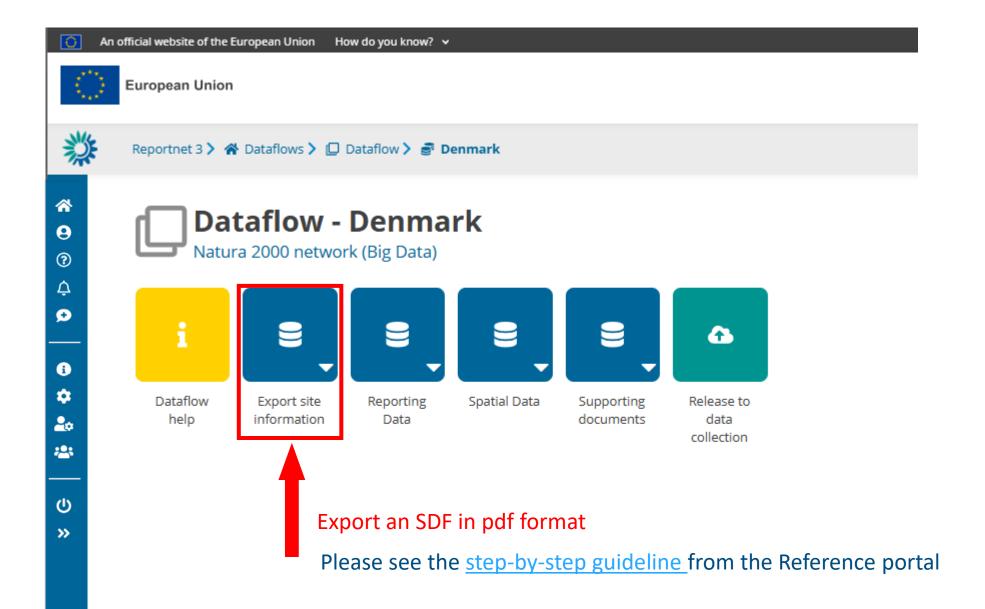
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1.5.5 SAC designation act (URI or free text)

Links zu den Rechtsgrundlagen s. u. Erläuterungen

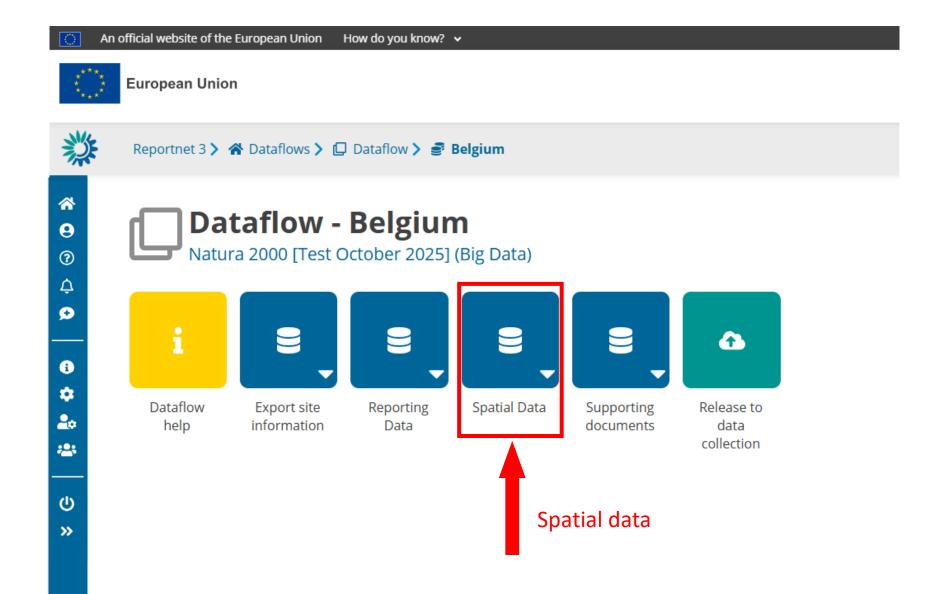
How to export an SDF in pdf format





The spatial data





Spatial data



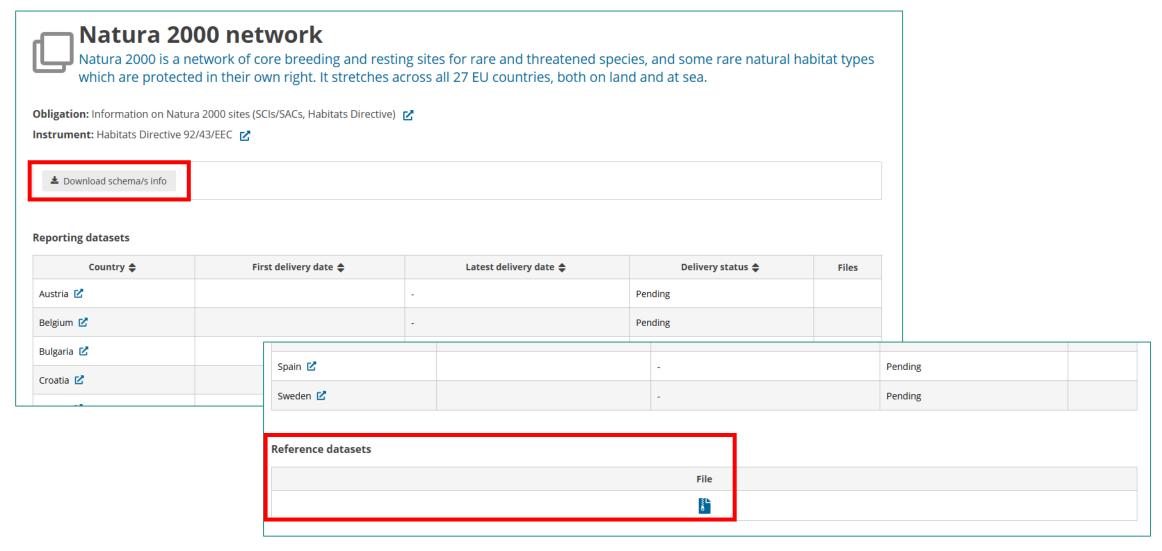
- Invalid geometries will result in WARNINGs in 2025
 - 2026 WARNING
 - 2027 ERROR
 - 2028 BLOCKER
- Request your GIS experts to ensure valid geometries are repaired
- Projection
 - you may continue to submit data in your national projection

Natura 2000 public page

European Environment Agency

https://reportnet.europa.eu/public/dataflow/1668





Next steps



- A revised version of the presentation from the December 2024 webinar with more screenshots explaining the Reportnet functionalities is available from the Reference portal
- ETC BE is developing additional guidelines and an FAQ
- What happens if your country does not submit Natura 2000 in 2025?
 - EEA will use the prefilling data to avoid having empty countries in the 2025 European dataset.

 All records will be flagged as not validated by the country. We encourage you to make a submission in 2025, even if focusing only on validating/correcting the prefilled records.

Natura 2000 Reference portal, https://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/help/natura2000/
Please send issues and questions to the Natura 2000 helpdesk, natura2000.helpdesk@eionet.europa.eu





Thank you!

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Explore Natura 2000 on the Biodiversity Information System for Europe (BISE)

