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# Guidance on designating Renewables Acceleration Areas

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Updated permitting  
Recommendation  
and Guidance



Recommendation  
and Guidance on  
auction design



**Guidance on RES  
acceleration areas**



Auction platform

# What does the RAA guidance cover?

1. Mapping obligations and areas to be prioritised
2. Digital tools for planning and mapping
3. Potential environmental impacts
4. Mitigation rulebook
5. Stakeholder engagement



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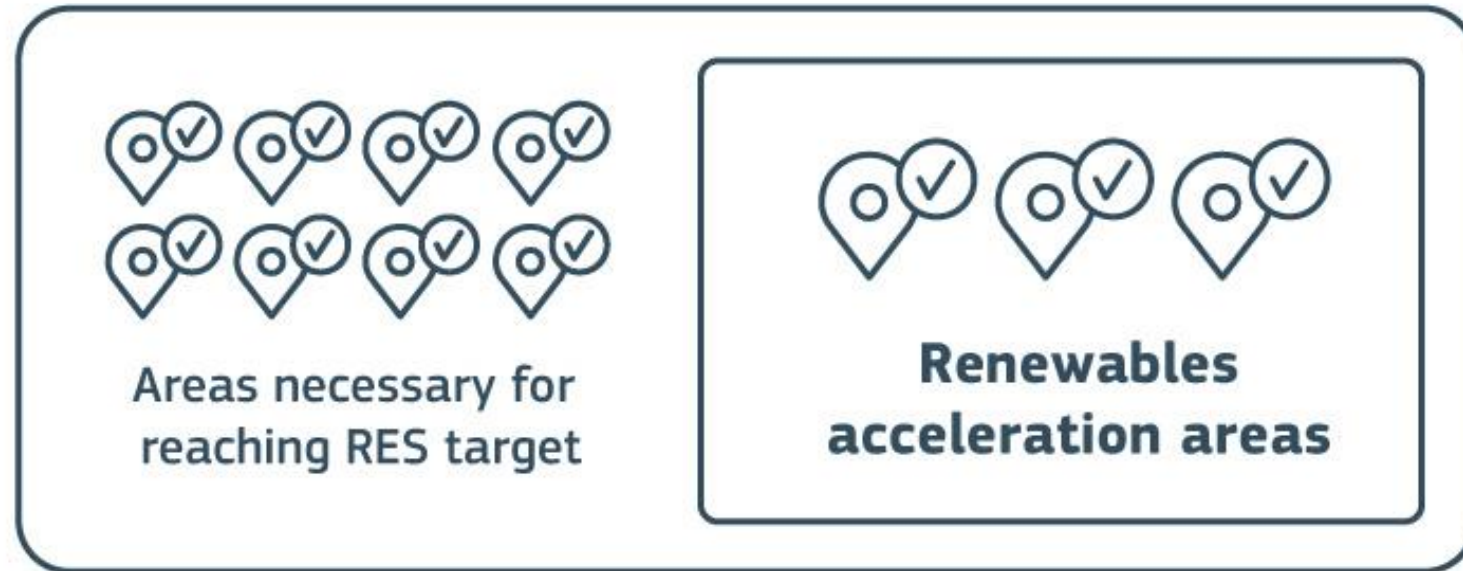
# Mapping areas to meet national contributions to EU RES target



- ➡ Ensure coordinated mapping
- ➡ May build upon existing spatial planning documents or plans
- ➡ Favour multiple uses of areas

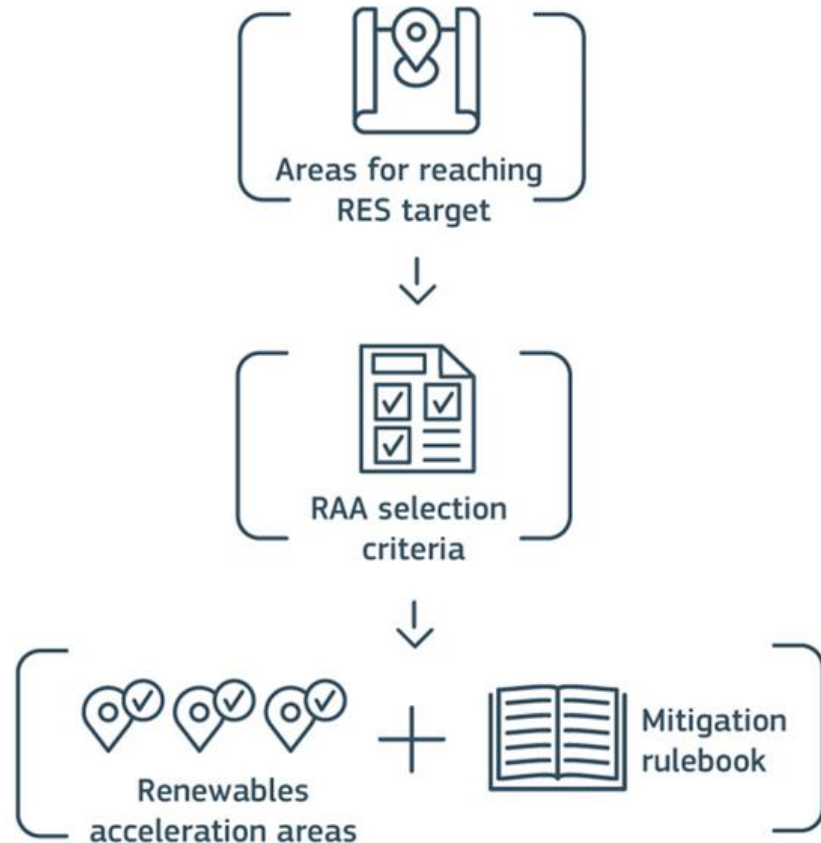


# Renewables acceleration areas



- ➔ Sub-set of areas identified for meeting national contributions to EU RES target
- ➔ Designated for at least one RES technology
- ➔ Deployment of RES not expected to have significant environmental impacts

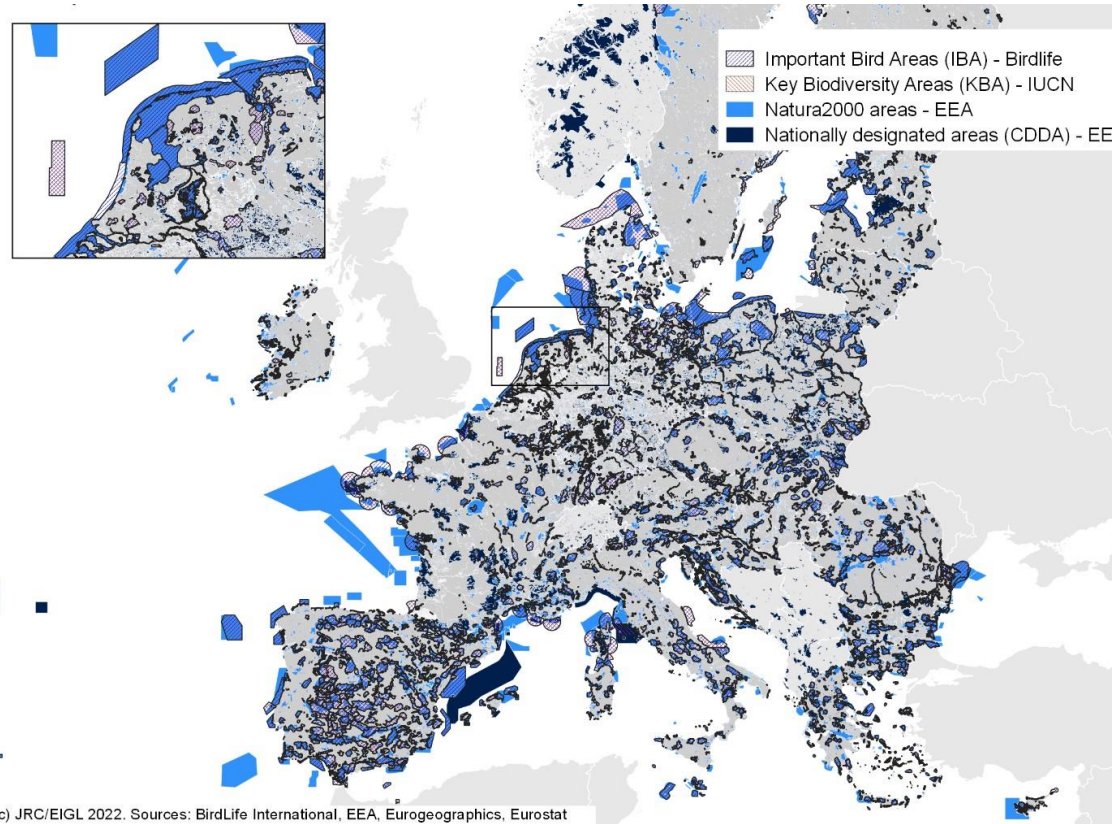
# Designating renewables acceleration areas



**Strategic Environmental Assessment**  
(And Appropriate Assessment, if necessary)

- ➔ Areas to be prioritised
- ➔ Areas to be excluded
- ➔ Area characteristics and environmental impacts
- ➔ Mitigation measures

# Digital tools for planning and mapping



- ➔ RES potential
- ➔ Energy demand
- ➔ Infrastructure availability
- ➔ Environmentally sensitive areas
- ➔ Other environmental data

# Potential environmental impacts and mitigation rulebook

## Article 15c

- Plans designating RAAs need to include a “**mitigation rulebook**” to **avoid or, if not possible, significantly reduce the environmental impacts** that the deployment of renewable energy projects may have in a particular RAA



Guidance includes:

- **Potential environmental impacts** of wind and solar PV
- Examples of **mitigation measures** to address them



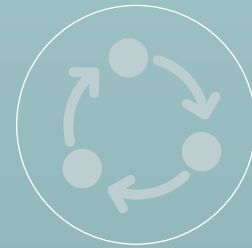
# Other considerations



Barriers to  
deployment in certain  
areas



Stakeholder  
engagement and  
public consultation



Overall process and  
coordination



# Thank you



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