Amendment 12
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Report
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Framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials
(COM(2023)0160 – C9-0061/2023 – 2023/0079(COD))

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission
(19) Given their role in ensuring the Union’s security of supply for strategic raw materials, and their contribution to the Union’s open strategic autonomy and the green and digital transition, Strategic Projects should be considered by the responsible permitting authority as being in the public interest. Strategic Projects which have an adverse impact on the environment, to the extent it falls under the scope of Directive 2000/60/EC, Council Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC\(^{39}\) may be authorised where the responsible permitting authority concludes, based on its case-by-case assessment, that the public interest served by the project overrides those impacts, provided that all relevant conditions set out in those Directives are met. Where relevant, the case-by-case assessment should take into account the geological specificity of extraction sites, which constrains decisions on location.

Amendment
(19) Nature and biodiversity sustain life on Earth, deliver numerous essential ecosystem services, thereby underpinning the economy, and mitigate and adapt against the impacts of climate change. To ensure policy coherence and to prevent necessary action in response to the ecological crises from being undermined, raw materials projects under the scope of this Regulation should not be located within protected areas designated under Union’s environmental legislation, in particular under Directive 92/43/EEC.

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. With regard to the environmental impacts addressed in Articles 6(4) and 16(1)(c) of Directive 92/43/EEC, Article 4(7) of Directive 2000/60/EC and Article 9(1)(a) of Directive 2009/147/EC, Strategic Projects in the Union shall be considered as being of public interest or serving public health and safety, and may be considered as having an overriding public interest provided that all the conditions set out in those Directives are fulfilled.

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Amendment 14
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Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The national exploration programmes referred to in paragraph 1 shall include measures to increase available information on the Union’s critical raw material occurrences, including deep ore deposits. They shall include, as appropriate, the following measures:

2. The national exploration programmes referred to in paragraph 1 shall include measures to increase available information on the Union’s critical raw material occurrences, including deep ore deposits. They shall exclude areas designated as special areas of conservation under Directive 92/43/EEC, special protection areas referred to in Directive 2009/147/EC and protected areas referred to in Directive 2000/60/EC, unless duly justified. They shall include, as appropriate, the following measures:

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