

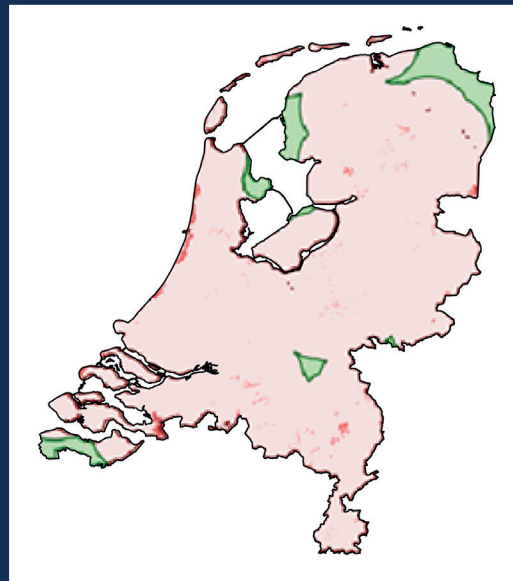
Nature restoration law creates lockdown for new business and the energy transition

Natura 2000 areas in the NL:

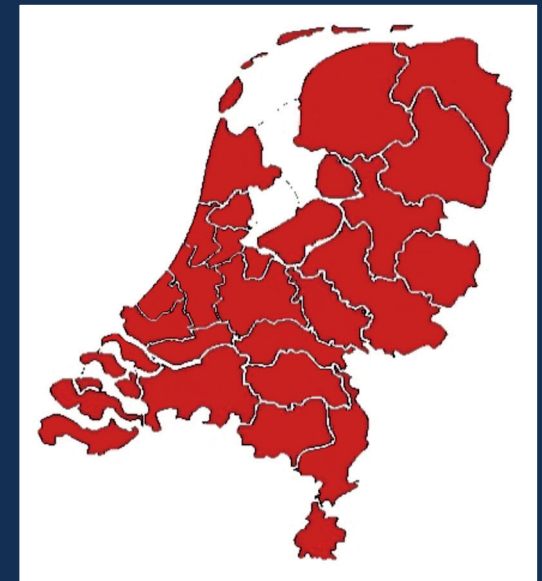
- Birds Directive areas
- Habitats Directive areas
- Mixed



Building houses, infrastructure and new production plants has already become very complicated due to the obstacles we are experiencing with the current nitrogen crisis. In **red** the areas, where hardly any new projects can take place.



With the new European nature restoration regulation, the entire country will soon be **permanently closed to new (economic) activities** of farmers, citizens and companies.



- The European Commission has published a draft *nature restoration law*. The aim is to halt the deterioration of nature and biodiversity by means of mandatory restoration measures for areas inside and outside Natura 2000 areas. Areas outside the existing *Natura 2000 areas* must be appointed and restored if this is necessary for the reproduction of plant or animal species. Following the appointment, the so-called *deterioration prohibition* states that those areas may not deteriorate.
- Nature and biodiversity are crucial for society. Unfortunately, the current proposal does not sufficiently take into account other necessary societal issues, such as the need for new green energy projects, sufficient housing and the necessary infrastructure that goes with it.
- The Netherlands might be forced to protect more and more species and ever-growing areas. As a result, the bottlenecks we are experiencing with the current nitrogen crisis will apply to even more areas. This means that NL is expected to be completely closed for new activities by farmers, citizens, and companies. This will also have major effects in other member States.