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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FINALLY THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON  
THE BIRDS DIRECTIVE GOES TO PRINT!**

Following a long wait that extended beyond expected time-frames, finally, the Guidance Document of the Environment Commission of the European Union on the correct application of the “Birds” Directive with regards to hunting, is about to be published in the European Community’s official gazette.

The launching ceremony of the publication will take place in Paris on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in the presence of the Commissioner Stavros DIMAS and of the French Minister of the Environment BORLOO. An intervention by the President of FACE Gilbert de TURCKHEIM is also expected.

This should come as welcome news to all those involved in game and hunting management as well as the hunters themselves, in that the important instrument constituted by means of the Guidance Document will become the official referral point for all Member States and no longer only a highly technical text at the disposal of the “good will” of relative governments. It is hoped that in this manner the frequent contestations of the past can undergo substantial reductions, to aim for a juridical and social peace process also on the hunting issue.

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