



Welcome

On the 'knowledge road' towards the EU Soil
Strategy & Law : Use of *Soil Certificates and Soil
Passports in several European countries*

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1) Knowledge Development

- Pilot Call 2019
- Full scale call for 2023?
- Targeted actions with smaller budgets

=> topics related to the **EU Soil Strategy** and in phase with development of the **Soil Health Law**:

- *Risk assessment*
- *Policy decision support*
- *Circular economy*
- *Soil and land restoration and monitoring*
- *Contaminants of emerging concerns*

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2) Knowledge Exchange

- Pilot PFAS online Workshop 2020
 - Coffee break meetings 2021
 - Lead online Webinar 25 November 2021 i.c. Common Forum / EEA-EIONET WG soil contamination
 - Final meeting with Pilot call project results 8 March 2022
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- **‘knowledge road’ towards the EU Soil Strategy & Law :**
 - ⇒ *1st stop 12 April 2022: Soil monitoring schemes in several European countries*
 - ⇒ *2nd stop 10 June 2022: Sustainable land use beyond agriculture and forestry*
 - ⇒ *3rd stop 14 October 2022: Soil Certificates and Soil Passports*

Program



Word of welcome and setting the scene *Gita Maas, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management*

9.40 hrs **Showcase ‘How Certificates and Passports work in Wallonia’**

Legislation, *Esther Goidts SPW*

Implementation in practice from the perspective of

- Brownfield development, *Marie Jailler, SPAQUE*
- A soil expert, *Frédéric Bracke, FEDEXSOL*

10.10 hrs **Introduction on the tour de table** *Yvonne Ohlsson, SGI*

10.15 hrs **Tour de Table based on the “Map of Europe”**

- Flanders, *Eddy Wille OVAM*
- Denmark, *Christian Andersen, Danske Regioner*

10.45 – 11.00 hrs **Coffee break**

11.00 hrs **Continue Tour de Table**

- UK, *Nick Willenbrock, CLAIRE*
- France, *Samuel Coussy, BRGM*
- Austria, *Martha Wepner-Banko Umweltbundesamt* and *Roland Starke Bundesministerium für Klimaschutz, Energie, Mobilität, Innovation und Technologie*
- 11.40 hrs **Discussion** using Mentimeter, *Yvonne Ohlsson, SGI*
- 12.30 hrs **Wrap up** *Gita Maas, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management*

Introduction on soil certificate (EC Soil Strategy)



“The Commission will assess the feasibility of the introduction of a soil health certificate for land transaction to provide land buyers with information on the key characteristics and health of the soils in the site they intend to purchase.”

Soils are healthy when they are in good chemical, biological and physical condition, and thus able to continuously provide as many of the following ecosystem services as possible:

- provide food and biomass production, including in agriculture and forestry;
- absorb, store and filter water and transform nutrients and substances, thus protecting groundwater bodies;
- provide the basis for life and biodiversity, including habitats, species and genes;
- act as a carbon reservoir;
- provide a physical platform and cultural services for humans and their activities;
- act as a source of raw materials;
- constitute an archive of geological, geomorphological and archaeological heritage.

Introduction on soil passport



"The Commission will as part of the development of the Soil Health Law, assess the need and potential for legally binding provisions for a 'passport for excavated soil', and provide guidance, based on Member States' experiences, to put in place such a system. The passport should reflect the quantity and quality of the excavated soil to ensure that it is transported, treated or reused safely elsewhere."

- To keep separate contaminated soil from clean soil, these streams have to be monitored more closely throughout the value chain, with traceability and quality control from the excavation site up to the receiving end.

**Contribute today to define how we can
maximise cross-border collaborations and what
could be next steps...**

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