



Common Forum



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Common Forum Working Group
soil as a resource

CF Vienna Working group "Soil as a resource" Scope and Organization

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Outline of the document

Introduction

Soil services are important for achieving societal challenges. There is no EU network yet on the other soil related issues than contaminated land. There is a need to exchange policy, knowledge and experience

Aim

Platform for European policy makers to exchange policy, experience and knowledge in soil issues in line with the EU Soil Policy development

Scope

- **International Setting**
- **Paradigm Shift**
- **Activities and results**

Organization

Costs



Relation SDGs, soil services and soil functions



Different approaches possible

Thematic Strategy on Soil Protection and restoration; **Soil threats:**

- Contamination
- Erosion
- Loss of organic matter
- Compaction
- Sealing
- Salinization
- Acidification

- Sectoral approach
- Top down

EU Strategy 2020: Societal Challenges

- Health, Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, the bio economy, efficient energy, climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials
- ESS of the Soil-Sediment-Water-System:
 - Provisioning
 - Regulating and Maintenance
 - Cultural
 - Supporting
- Sustainable use and land management (4/5 D)
- Integral approach
- Bottom up



Organization and Costs

Organization

- WG under Common Forum; meetings combined with current CF
- All MS representatives are welcome as well as a representative of the EU and Nicole.
- For the time being NL proposes to chair and facilitate.
- The working group meeting will be held directly after the CF general meeting and takes half a day.
- An introduction by the hosting MS is appreciated.
- Before the change of the new contract (2020) an evaluation should be made.

Costs

Growing model

The first 3 years will be free of charge under the following conditions:

- NL is chair and facilitates (agenda, minutes)
- The host of CF hosts the working group Soil as a Resource

