

# Minamata convention – drafting a CLM-guidance on Hg-contaminated sites

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**COMMON FORUM mirror group**

*COMMON FORUM on Contaminated land in Europe*  
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# Objectives & Content of the guidelines

Objectives : focus on the specific needs and challenges of countries with limited resources and show ways to deal with contaminated sites with their own capacities

Content :

- Methods to identify and prepare inventories of contaminated sites
- Qualitative and semi-quantitative methods to assess the risk potential of individual sites
- Preparation of priority lists
- Development of adequate management goals
- Description of management options, their impact and their requirements for resources and capacities
- Description of recent examples of managing mercury contaminated sites (as well as other sites with comparable contamination)

# On going process

- Road map for the preparation of the guidance
  - Initial draft proposal April 2018 – to be reviewed by experts
  - Revised versions of the draft guidance June 2018 – to be reviewed by experts
  - Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties November 2018
  
- Composition of the CF Mirror Group
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# Key messages / observation

- Many signatory countries already know how to address or resolve most of their risk-possessing mercury-contaminated sites
- Need for a more factual document to help developing countries to start the process by identify their site prior to address them.
- This document must contained more pratical tools for:
  - Decision making tree
  - Lists of (potentially) mercury emitting facilities
  - Best way to make diagnosis for different media
  - Methodology to develop/choose threshold value
  - Remediation technologies, selecting those efficient and applicable in remote places
- Some improvements have been pointed out in the document



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