



Recent developments at EU level

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Horizon Europe 2021-2027

- Provisional agreement (except for the budget)
- Mission on 'soil health and food'
- Mission board will detail the scope of the missions
- Call for expression of interest

ECA recommendations

1. Understanding land degradation and desertification in the EU
 - Establish a methodology and indicators
 - Analyse and present regularly to the public
2. Assessing the need to enhance the EU legal framework for soil
 - Assess the appropriateness of the current legal framework
3. Achieving land degradation neutrality in the EU by 2030
 - Detail how the EU will achieve LDN and report
 - Provide guidance to MS and disseminate good practices
 - Provide support to MS to establish national action plans

Expert group, conferences, dates

- Past expert group meeting: 04/04/2019
- Brownfield conference: 05/04/2019
- Biodiversity conference: 23-24/05/2019
- European elections: 26/05/2019
- GSP Plenary Assembly: 5-7/06/2019
- New Commission in office: 01/11/2019
- SDG and LDN conference: 25/11/2019
- Next expert group meeting: 26/11/2019

Urban Partnership Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-Based Solutions

- Urban Agenda for the EU
- Coordination: Bologna & PL Ministry of Investment
- Relevant actions
 - Include land take and soil properties in environmental impact assessments
 - Funding and financing guide for brownfield redevelopment
 - Identifying and managing underused land

Changes within the DG ENV soil team

- Josiane Masson left the unit
- Welcome Mirco Barbero
- New team as from 01/06/2019:
 - Mirco Barbero
 - Svetlana Chovancova
 - Bavo Peeters

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Thank you for your attention!

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