



# How to achieve soil health by 2050 – industry stakeholders

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# Introduction

*-a unique network in Europe, linking contaminated land management professionals from the industry, service providers and academics*

*-a leading organisation in the development and promotion of state-of-the-art solutions for contaminated land management*

# Soil Monitoring Law draft proposal

- *NICOLE embraces the development of the directive*
- *We are supportive of addressing the issues related to soil health*
- *NICOLE is welcoming of a regulatory framework aimed towards harmonisation*

# Strengths & New opportunities

*We welcome and support the inclusion of the risk-based and sustainable approach in the directive.*

*We recognise and welcome that each member state will have autonomy in implementation of the directive.*

*We feel the directive will create more of a level playing field across the EU and is in line with the principles NICOLE supports and has been an advocate for.*

# Improvements & Feedback

- *Criteria for healthy soils and how they relate to artificial (industrial land): It is unclear to what extent the soil health criteria apply to industrial land and it will be impractical/impossible to meet (all of) the criteria.*
- *While the need to identify and investigate potentially contaminated sites is supported, focus and priority should be given to the highest risk sites (and ensuring coherence with other EU policy).*
- *Our industry stakeholders have expressed concern that Member States will be required to include both 'contaminated' and 'potentially contaminated' sites on a public register.*
- *NICOLE believes there is a missed opportunity regarding the re-use / circularity of excavated soil.*



# Thank you

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