



Common Forum Autumn Meeting 2023

9 – 11 October 2023

Bilbao, Basque Country/Spain

MEETING AGENDA AND INFORMATION

HOSTING COUNTRY & REGION

Basque Country / Spain

HOSTING ORGANISATION

IHOBE

Public Society of Environmental Management of the Basque Government



LOCATION

Bilbao





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MONDAY, 9 October 2023 (morning)

Meeting venue: Euskalduna Palace

09:00 – 09:10	WELCOME
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome address –Alexander BOTO (IHOBE, General Manager)
09:10 – 10:00	SESSION 1 (hybrid): CLM & the Basque Soil Strategy
09:10 – 09:30	Introduction (Ana ALZOLA; IHOBE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new regional Soil Strategy of the Basque Country 2030 ○ Contaminated Land Management ○ First actions for the implementation of the Soil Protection Strategy
09:30 – 09:40	Q & A
09:40 – 11:00	SESSION 2 (hybrid): News from Countries & Initiatives (part 1)
9:40 – 10:00	- Public awareness on contaminated sites in Slovakia (Elena BRADIAKOVA; Slovakian Environment Agency - SAZP)
10:00 – 10:20	- MOSAICO – The national on-line geo-database on contaminated sites (Antonella VECCHIO; Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA)
10:20 – 10:40	- EUSO update (Piotr WOJDA; European Soil Observatory - EUSO)
10:40 – 11:00	- The role INSOP network can play in minimizing soil pollution (Sergejus USTINOV; International Network on Soil Pollution - INSOP)
11:00 – 11:30	BREAK
11:30 – 12:50	SESSION 2 (hybrid): News from Countries & Initiatives (part 2)
11:30 – 12:00	- POSIDON – cross-border Pre-Commercial public Procurement (PCP) to boost innovation in soil remediation (Sara BEDIN; EU Independent Expert on innovation procurement & IPRs management; Ekain CAGIGAL; TECNALIA)
12:00 – 12:20	- ROCKS – The Italian software for relative risk assessment (priority settings) of potentially contaminated sites. (Antonella VECCHIO; Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA)
12:25 – 12:50	- Identifying and remediating contaminated sites/land (part 2 – ctd. from Stockholm) – ways forward to revise our approaches! (Christian ANDERSEN, Danish Regions)
	- Public awareness on contaminated sites in Slovakia (Elena BRADIKOVÁ, Slovak Environment Agency)
12:50 – 13:30	SESSION 3 (hybrid): CF WG's, Initiatives & Teams – Updates
12:50 – 13:10	- WG Soil as a Resource – the future, how to keep on
13:10 – 13:30	- CF PFAS-Team – brief updates & outlook



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MONDAY, 9 October 2023 (afternoon)

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14:30 – 16:00	SESSION 4 (in presence only!): Soil Monitoring and Resilience - highlighting the new legislative proposal (part 2)
14:30 – 14:50	- The EU proposal for a law on soil (Bavo PEETERS; EC - DG ENV) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Q & A
14:50 – 15:10 15:10 – 15:30	- Back to the future? – Sustainability and Risk based approach (Pol TOCK, Luxembourg)
15:30 – 16:00	- Striving for healthy soils and better places – how national / regional stakeholder communities anticipate the EU proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Åsa VALLEY (Sweden) ▪ Antonio CALLABA (Spain) ▪ Johan CEENAEME (Belgium; Flanders)
	- <u>'tour-de-horizon'</u> (part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all CF member preliminary reflections on debates in national/regional fora [pitches by 5 min]
16:00 – 16:30	<i>BREAK</i>
16:30 – 18:00	SESSION 4 (in presence only!): Soil Monitoring and Resilience - highlighting the new legislative proposal (part 2)
16:30 – 16:50	- Contaminated sites in Slovakia and Soil Monitoring Law (Katarína PALUCHOVA, Slovakian Environment Agency - SAZP)
16:50 – 17:00 17:00 – 17:50	- Key points of feedback under discussion at NICOLE (Hayley THOMAS)
	- <u>'tour-de-horizon'</u> (part 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ further CF member preliminary reflections on debates in national/regional fora [pitches by 5 min]
	- plenary discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ aspects of common interest and importance to follow-up
17:50 – 18:00	Wrap-up & outlook to session 5 and WG meetings

19:00 Tour “Bilbao architecture-from classic to avant-garde”

21:00 Dinner at San Mamés football stadium



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TUESDAY, 10 – WEDNESDAY, 11 October 2023

INTERNATIONAL SOIL PROTECTION CONGRESS

On 10 and 11 October, the Euskalduna Conference Centre in Bilbao will host SOILUZIOAK 2023 congress of the Basque Country to focus on the need for holistic soil protection. The event is envisioning to contribute to the effective deployment of the European Soil Strategy for 2030 and the recently launched Basque Soil Protection Strategy.

The Congress Program can be found here: soiluzioak.eus/en/

Integrated to the congress COMMON FORUM will act as convener for a dedicated workshop focusing on European soil policy:

COMMON FORUM Workshop

TUESDAY, 10 October 2023 (late morning)

12:30 – 14:00	Challenge Panel (in presence only)
12:30 – 14:00	EU Soil Strategy for 2030 and legislative proposal for a Soil Monitoring Directive - how to achieve healthy soils by 2050?

Venue:

Euskalduna Palace
4, Abandoibarra Etorb.
48011 Bilbao, Biscay



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COMMON FORUM PARALLEL SESSIONS

TUESDAY, 10 October 2023 (afternoon)

15:30 – 17:00	CF WG & team meetings (hybrid)
	- CF PFAS team (hybrid)
17:00 – 17:15	B R E A K
17:15 – 18:00	COMMON FORUM - SESSION 5 (debriefing – part 1)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CF meeting – 1st debriefing & feedback session 4- SOILUZIOAK 1st debriefing (Round table & Challenge Panel)- Outlook: COMMON FORUM secretariat 2024 – 2026 (7th period)

WEDNESDAY, 11 October 2023 (late morning - before conference closure)

13:30 – 14:15	COMMON FORUM - SESSION 5 (debriefing – part 2) (in presence only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CF meeting – final debriefing & feedback session 4- SOILUZIOAK - final debriefing- 'A step ahead' – our activities forward towards 2025!