



**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**

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LOCATION

**Bilbao**



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### AGENDA

#### **SUNDAY, 8 October 2023 (evening)**

**18:30 Visit “History of the old fountains of the old city”**

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**MONDAY, 9 October 2023 (morning)**

**Meeting venue: Euskalduna Palace** (meeting room **XXX**)

08:30 – 09:00	Participants arriving – registration; Coffee & tea
<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome address – <b>IHOBE</b>
<b>09:15 – 10:00</b>	<b>SESSION 1 (hybrid): CLM &amp; the Basque Soil Strategy</b>
09:15 – 09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction (Ana ALZOLA; IHOBE)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The new regional Soil Strategy of the Basque Country</li> <li>o Contaminated Land Management</li> <li>o Activities on vacant land (“brownfields” and more)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
09:50 – 10:00	Q & A
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>SESSION 2 (hybrid): News from Countries &amp; Initiatives (part 1)</b>
10:00 – 10:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- xxx</li> <li>- <b>EUSO update</b> (Piotr WOJDA; European Soil Observatory)</li> <li>- <b>INSOP update</b> (Sergejus USTINOV; Int. Network on Soil Pollution)</li> </ul>
10:50 – 11:00	Q & A
11:00 – 11:30	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>SESSION 2 (hybrid): News from Countries &amp; Initiatives (part 2)</b>
11:30 – 12:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- POSIDON – joint Pre Commercial Procurement (PCP) to advance innovative soil and groundwater remediation (<b>tbc; Area Science Park</b>)</li> <li>- Xxx</li> <li>- xxx</li> </ul>
12:20 – 12:30	Q & A
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>SESSION 3 (hybrid): CF WG’s, Initiatives &amp; Teams – Updates</b>
12:30 – 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CF WG Soil as a Resource</li> <li>- CF PFAS-Team</li> </ul>

**LUNCH BREAK**



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## MONDAY, 9 October 2023 (afternoon)

<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>SESSION 4 (in presence only!): Soil Monitoring and Resilience - highlighting the new legislative proposal (part 1)</b>
14:30 – 15:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EU proposal for a law on soil (Bavo PEETERS - tbc)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Q &amp; A</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Back to the future? – Sustainability and Risk based approach (Pol TOCK, Luxembourg)</li> <li>- Striving for healthy soils and better places – how national / regional stakeholder communities anticipate the EU proposal               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Åsa VALLEY (Sweden)</li> <li>o Antonio CALLABA (tbc) and/or Ana ALZOLA</li> <li>o Esther GOIDTS and/or Johan CEENAEME (tbc)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Q / A</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- ‘tour-de-horizon’ (part 1)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o further CF member preliminary reflections on debates in national/regional fora [pitches by 5 min]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15:50 – 16:00	Q & A
16:00 – 16:30	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>
<b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>SESSION 4 (in presence only!): Soil Monitoring and Resilience - highlighting the new legislative proposal (part 2)</b>
16:30 – 17:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ‘tour-de-horizon’ (part 2)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o further CF member preliminary reflections on debates in national/regional fora [pitches by 5 min]</li> </ul> </li> <li>- plenary discussion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o identifying aspects of common interest and importance to follow-up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
17:50 – 18:00	Wrap-up & outlook to session 5 and WG meetings



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### MONDAY, 9 October 2023 (evening)

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Meeting point: Teatro Arriaga (Plaza Arriaga, 1)

Walking distance from Euskaldina Congress Centre around 30 minutes. 5 minutes by metro (station San Mamés to Casco Viejo-Salida San Nicolás) or 16 minutes by tram (tram stop in front of the Palacio Euskalduna and in front of the Teatro Arriaga)

#### **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/](https://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)**

meeting room OE2

<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Challenge Panel</b> (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?

#### **PLEASE LOOK OUT:**

The participation to the Congress is free of charge for the COMMON FORUM Community. You can register via the CF registration form. A separate registration at the Congress website is not necessary.

#### **Venue:**

Euskalduna Palace  
4, Abandoibarra Etorb.  
48011 Bilbao, Biscay



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### **COMMON FORUM PARALLEL SESSIONS**

#### **TUESDAY, 10 October 2023 (afternoon)**

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<b>15:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>SESSION 5 or CF WG &amp; team meetings (hybrid)</b>
15:30 – 18:00	- xxx

#### **WEDNESDAY, 11 October 2023 (morning)**

meeting room **XXX**

<b>11:30 – 14:15</b>	<b>CF WG &amp; team meetings (hybrid)</b>
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## WELCOME TO BILBAO

### Meeting venue:

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48011 Bilbao, Biscay

Spain

[www.euskalduna.eus/en/](http://www.euskalduna.eus/en/)

The closest metro station is San Mamés.

How to get to the Euskalduna Palace ([external website](#))

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### How to get to Bilbao City Centre:

#### FROM BILBAO AIRPORT

- **By bus:** within 20 minutes from Bilbao Airport to Bilbao city every 15/20 minutes, 3 € (Line A3247 Bizkaibus):

[www.bilbao-airport.com/bus.php](http://www.bilbao-airport.com/bus.php)

- **By taxi:** within 15-20 minutes to Bilbao, taxi transfer 24 - 29 €.

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#### Getting around Bilbao:

- **Public transportation** by metro, tram, bus: tickets from 0,93 – 1,20 € depending on the zone, or travelling with a transport card: Barik Card or Bilbao Bizkaia Card, available at the metro stations, busses or kiosks (see also [ctb.eus/en](http://ctb.eus/en) and [bilbaobizkaia.com](http://bilbaobizkaia.com))





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#### **Meliá Bilbao** (from 125 €)

Leizaola Lehendakariaren Street, 29

48011 Bilbao, Biscay

Tel: + 34 944 28 00 00

[Hotel Meliá](#)

#### **Hotel NH Collection Villa de Bilbao** (from 125 €)

Gran Vía de Don Diego López de Haro, 87

48011 Bilbao, Biscay

Tel: + 34 944 41 60 00

[Hotel NH Bilbao](#)

#### **Catalonia Gran Vía Bilbao** (from 140 €)

Gran Vía de Don Diego López de Haro, 73

48011 Bilbao, Biscay

Tel: + 34 944 00 79 46

[Hotel Gran Vía Bilbao](#)

#### **Abba Euskalduna Hotel** (from 110 €)

Ventosa Street, 34

48013 Bilbao, Biscay

Tel: + 34 946 67 31 69

[Hotel Abba Euskalduna](#)

#### **Hotel Ilunion Bilbao** (from 110 €)

Rodríguez Arias Street, 66

48013 Bilbao, Biscay

Tel: + 34 944 41 31 00

[Hotel Ilunion Bilbao](#)

### Useful links

Bilbao Tourist Info: [bilbaoturismo.net/BilbaoTurismo/en/tourists](http://bilbaoturismo.net/BilbaoTurismo/en/tourists)



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