



Inventory and assessment of policy instruments on contamination in the EU and its MS

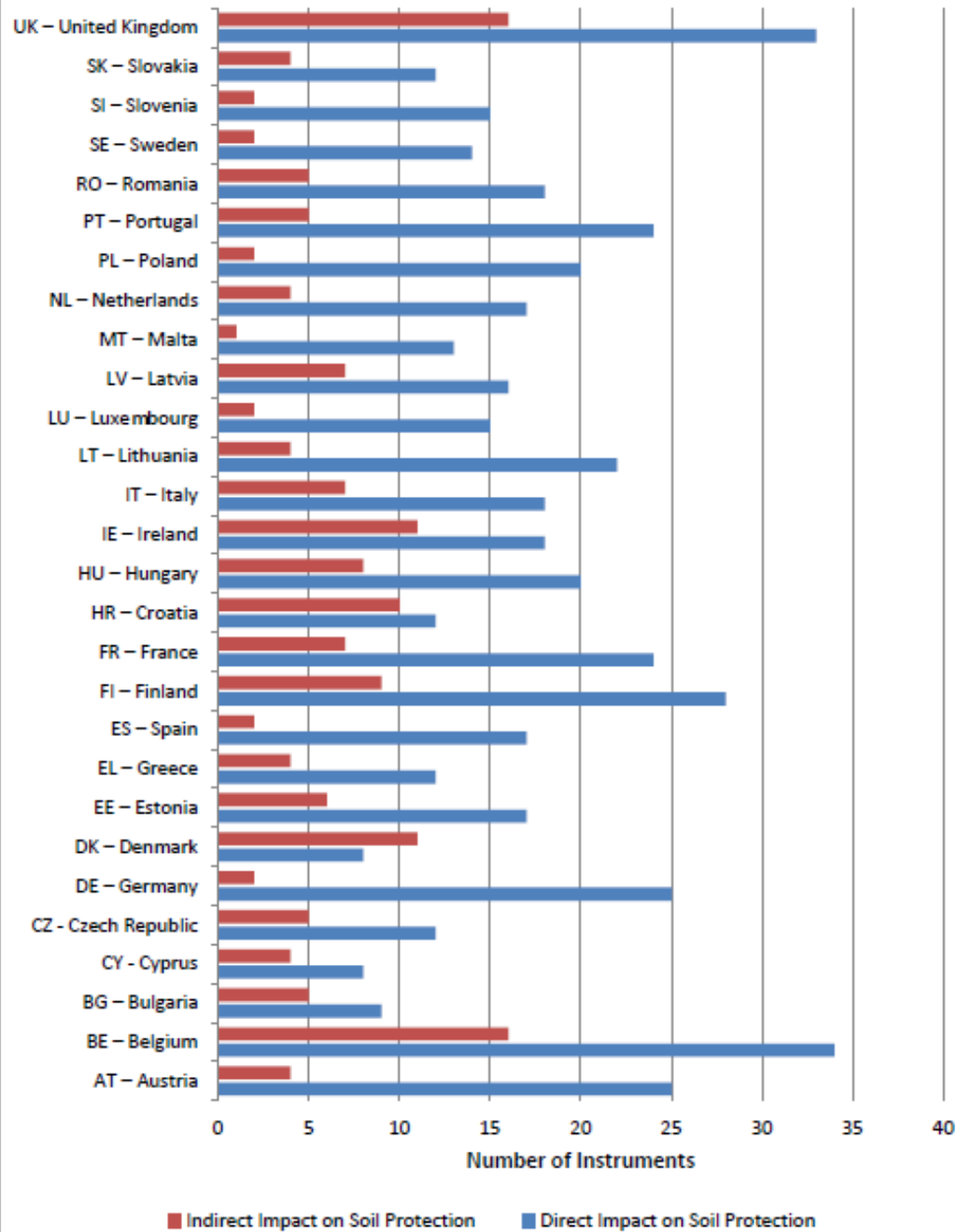
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Context

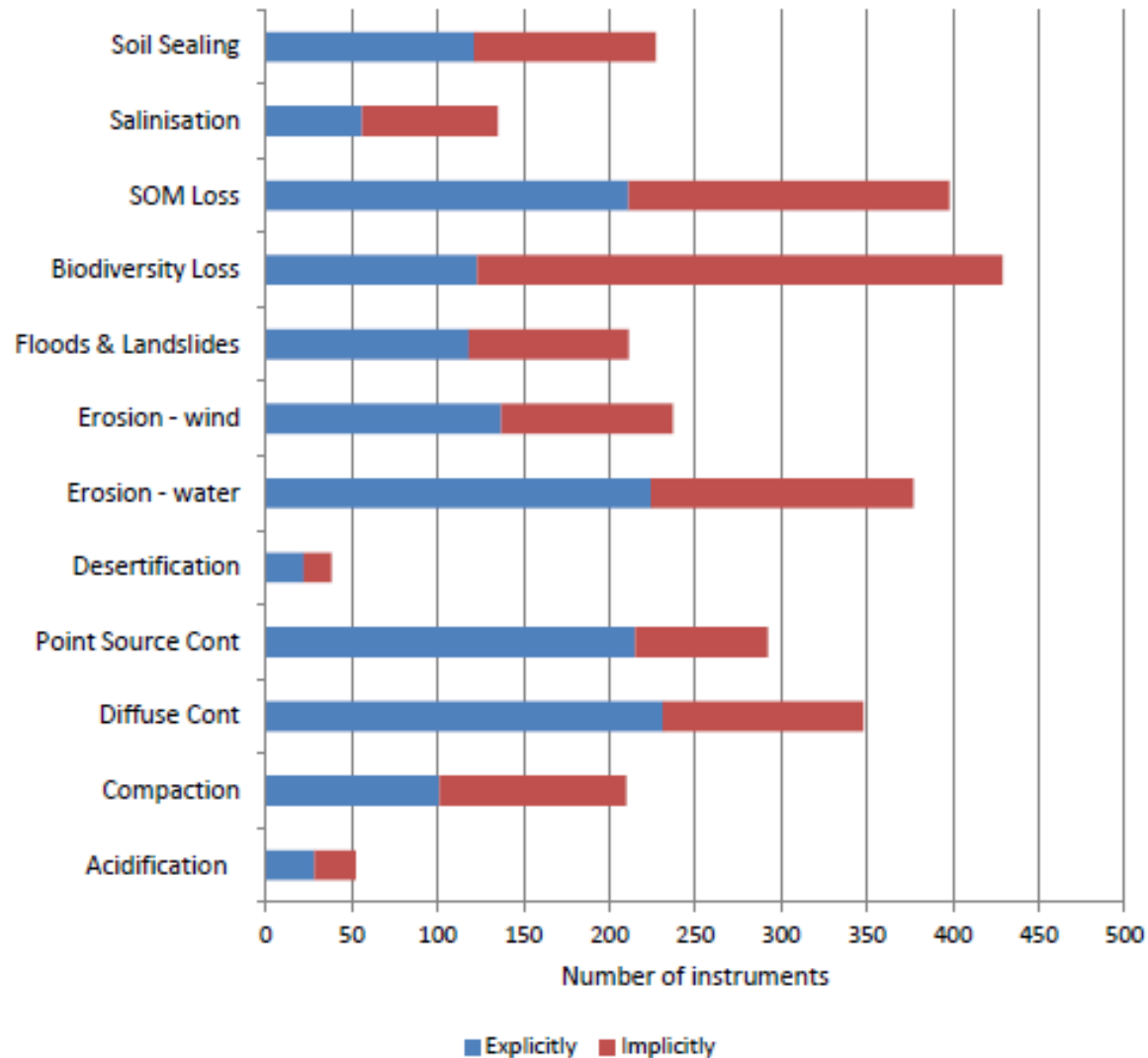
- 7th EAP: expert group on soil protection
- Inventory of policy instruments through a collaborative [Soil Wiki](#)
- Contractor: Ecologic Institute
- January – October 2016
- 671 instruments or 24 on average per MS

Member State Instruments' Impact on Soil Protection



■ Indirect Impact on Soil Protection ■ Direct Impact on Soil Protection

Number of Instruments per Soil Threat



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- CAP and complementary measures
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Overarching strategic EU policies and funds

- 7th EAP
- Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe
- Circular Economy Action Plan
- Soil Thematic Strategy
- LIFE
- Horizon 2020

Overarching strategic EU policies and funds

- Call for stronger policy/legislation or additional R&I
- Documents drafted 2011-2013 (except CEAP: 2015)
- Lack of mandatory requirements
- Mandate to explore binding legal framework
- Very different approaches
- No common:
 - Definitions
 - Binding targets
 - Values for soil quality
 - Soil monitoring methodologies
 - Reporting obligations

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Industrial & point source soil contamination

- *Drinking Water Directive*
 - *Environmental Liability Directive*
 - *Industrial Emissions Directive*
 - *Landfill Directive*
 - *Mercury Regulation*
 - *National Emission Ceiling Directive*
 - *Sewage Sludge Directive*
 - *Waste Framework Directive*
 - *Water Framework Directive*
 - *Cohesion Fund*
 - *European Regional Development Fund*
 - *State Aid Guidelines*
- + all the instruments implemented by the MS

Industrial & point source soil contamination

- *No common:*
 - **Rules for identification, assessment and remediation of CS**
 - **Targets or priorities**
 - **Approach for historic contamination and orphan sites**
- *Funding mostly driven by redevelopment*
- *Risk of deprioritisation of soil issues*

Agenda of the EU Expert Group Meeting on Soil Protection



4TH MEETING OF THE EU EXPERT GROUP ON SOIL PROTECTION
25 APRIL 2017 – 9:30 – 16:30

EUROPEAN COMMISSION, AVENUE BEAULIEU 5, ROOM BU-5 0/C, 1160 BRUSSELS
DRAFT AGENDA 20/03/2017

	<i>Item</i>	<i>Documents</i>
9:30 - 10:00	Registration and Coffee	
10:00 – 10:15	1. Introduction by DG ENV (<i>C. Olazabal, DG ENV</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda • Adoption of the minutes of the 3rd meeting 	Document 1a (Agenda) Document 1b (Minutes of the 3 rd meeting)
10:15 – 11:30	2. Update on on-going developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil policy agenda at EU and global level (<i>J. Masson, DG ENV</i>) • Contract in support of the Soil Thematic Strategy implementation, with wiki updating (<i>Deltares</i>) • Update on MAES (<i>J. Masson, DG ENV</i>) • JRC and EEA/EIONET work on soil contamination (<i>A. Jones, JRC</i>) 	Oral presentation
11:30– 13:00	3. EU soil policy development: towards an Impact Assessment (<i>DG ENV</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Impact Assessment rules and procedures • Contribution of the Soil Expert Group 	Document 2 (background document)
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	4. Progress on other soil-related policies (DG ENV) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation on future CAP reform, new Fertiliser Regulation, Mercury Regulation (Minamata), Evaluation of the EU Climate Adaptation Strategy, etc. 	Oral presentation
15:00 – 15:30	5. Land Degradation Neutrality and SDGs implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Communication on SDGs (<i>DG ENV</i>) • Presentation of the German approach (<i>A. Bieber, Germany</i>) 	Oral presentation
15:30 – 16:00	6. Presentation of recent developments in MS : CZ (tbc)	Oral presentation
16:00 – 16:30	7. Wrap up and conclusions (<i>C. Olazabal, DG ENV</i>)	-

All background documents will be made available before the meeting on the CircABC group,
<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/ad242d58-566c-4842-8fc5-dffa1a8361ec>