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# A possible future for EUGRIS

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# What is it?

**EUGRIS: portal for soil and water management in Europe**

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**Get started ...**

- EUGRIS encyclopaedia Learning / Topics / Themes
- Glossary of terms and abbreviations
- Use the EUGRIS Library
- Text Search

**Welcome ...**

EUGRIS is a web portal offering information and services on topics related to soil and water. EUGRIS operates as a community of collaborating projects, people and organisations who co-operate to supply information for the benefit of everyone and also to promote themselves and disseminate their work. (>> more <<). EUGRIS began as a project supported by the European Commission under the Fifth Framework Programme and other supporters.

**EUGRIS: portal for soil and water management in Europe**

- 55 Funding Programmes
- 357 Projects
- 4345 Registered Users
- 407 Organisations
- 500 Glossary Terms
- 648 Current News Items
- 4 Events, meetings & training

**EUGRIS Selection:**

- Nanoremediation: Information for Decision Makers from NanoRem
- The 3rd Sustainable Remediation Conference Proceedings (September, 17-18-19, Ferrara, Italy)
- COMMON FORUM and NICOLE Issue a Common Position on Risk-informed and Sustainable Remediation
- A Risk/Benefit Approach to the Application of Iron Nanoparticles for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites in the Environment.
- SuRF-UK Sustainable Remediation Indicator Set Published
- Green Remediation Proceedings from Copenhagen 2009 are now available on EUGRIS
- Common Forum on Contaminated Land in the EU - Web Archive
- Contaminated Land Management: Ready Reference- key publication
- UK contaminated land ICRL and CLR Archive
- EURODEMO: European Contaminated Land Treatment Demonstration Projects



# Current EUGRIS

- Established 2005 following FP5 project: EVK1-CT-2002-80021
- Upgraded comprehensively by r3 2006 (user interface, systems, content)
- Supported by r3 since 2005 and via linkage to a range of EU and other projects (Germany & Hungary)
- Book: > 100 page entries
- Other content: >11,000 entries
- Current audience: >25,000 visits per week, average 5 minutes
- 4,300 registered users, 3,000 opted in to alert service
- BUT
  - *Content, links and the user interface all need updating to meet modern needs and expectations.*

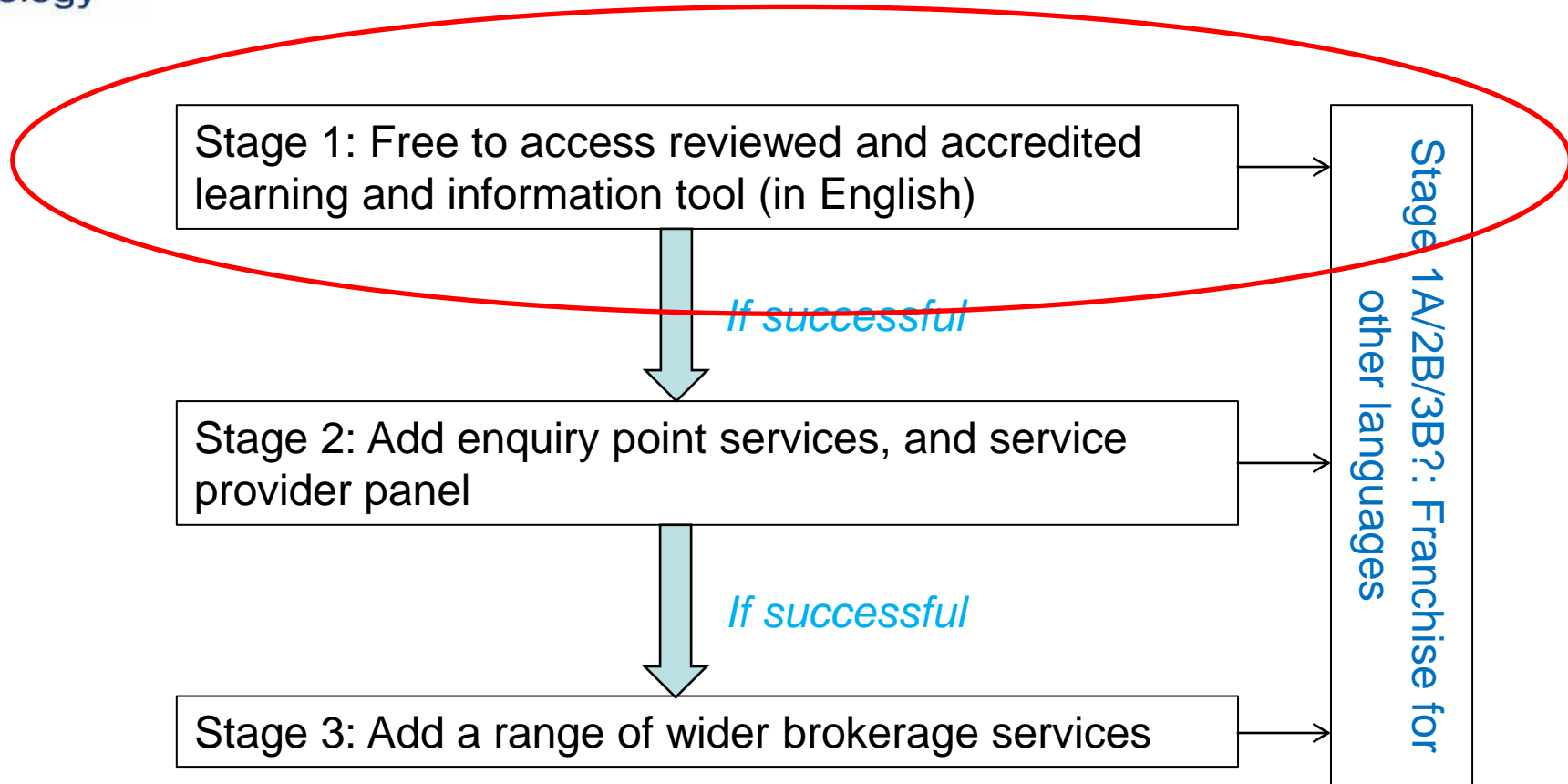


## So the challenge

- *Given the high level of use and interest in EUGRIS, the question for r3 is whether:*
  - *To continue with the site at a low level (almost “hobby”) interest so its value and usefulness might slowly fade, or*
  - *To take a leap of faith and develop a sustainable future for an upgraded and revitalised portal.*



# ContaminatedLand.Info: Business model envisaged





# Stage 1

- Enhance EUGRIS as a highly trafficked information and learning resource on a sponsorship business model
  - Consolidate content to contaminated land and brownfields, divest other content
  - Update information categories
  - Convert and update the “encyclopaedia” to a free to access learning resource (“text book” for university courses and CPD)
  - Seek external collaborations validations (e.g. professional networks, university courses etc) who can use/recommend the learning resource
  - Repopulate ephemeral EU (and other) research project content via archive resources to provide a single point of access to past EU R&D which is now largely not present on line
  - Maintain other databases and facilities and policies for postings: news, meetings, resources, organisations, individuals



## Learning Resource – old style

- Nathanail, C.P. and Bardos, R.P. (2004) Reclamation of Contaminated Land Wiley and Sons. ISBN 0471985600  
<http://www.wileyurope.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0471985619.html>
- Bardos, P, Nathanail, J. and Nathanail, P. (2007) Contaminated Land Management Ready Reference. Update EPP Publications/ Land Quality Press. A. [www.readyreference.co.uk](http://www.readyreference.co.uk)
- Both well used, both still available, both dated
  - Effort is large
  - Rewards are low,
  - Users have to pay
  - Publisher makes all the money



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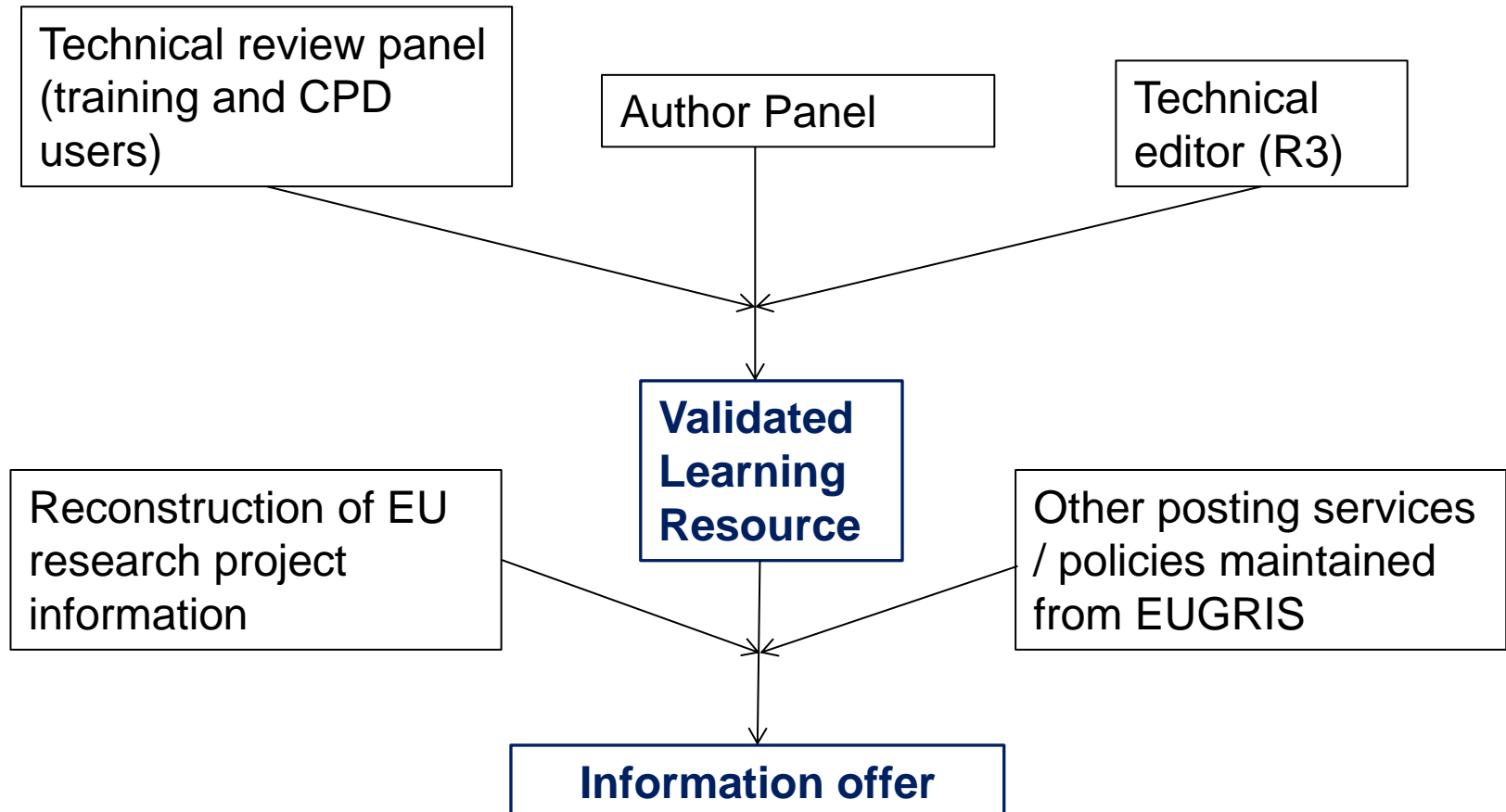
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- Why not
  - Put all that effort into a learning resource that is FREE for the user
  - Creates a better future for EUGRIS





# Stage 1 Content





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# Thank you

- Very open to your ideas at Stage 1!
- Drop me a line if you would also like to discuss stages 2 and 3