



Belgian Soil Week & Common Forum Spring Meeting 2024

11 - 15 March 2024
Brussels, Belgium

MEETINGS, AGENDA AND INFORMATION

BELGIAN SOIL WEEK

11 March a.m	Belgian Regional Administration event on soil management initiatives across Belgian regions
p.m.	COMMON FORUM Spring Meeting 2024
12 March	COMMON FORUM Spring Meeting 2024 ctd.
13 March	NICOLE & COMMON FORUM Joint Workshop
14 & 15 March	ENSO _r workshop on "Challenges related to diffuse soil pollution with emerging contaminants"

HOSTING COUNTRY / REGION

Brussels / Belgium

HOSTING ORGANISATION

Bruxelles Environnement – Leefmilieu Brussel



LOCATION

BEL Brussels

Havenlaan 86c/3002
1000 Brussels, Belgium



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MONDAY, 11 March 2024

Belgian regional administrations in charge of Soil Health in cooperation with international expert networks will discuss various initiatives for addressing challenges through diverse angles, providing different perspectives on current and future soil management practices.



SOIL HEALTH – ACROSS SCALES



THE MORNING SESSION WILL FOCUS ON MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES ACROSS BELGIAN REGIONS.

Belgian Regional Administration event

Soil Management Initiatives of Belgian regions

Meeting venue: BEL Brussels

08:45- 09:30	Breakfast, event reception & registration
Soil Health and Circularity: Management, policies and monitoring	
09:30 - 09:45	WELCOME & Introduction to the meeting Saïd EL FADILI (Bruxelles Environnement / Leefmilieu Brussel)
09:45 - 10:10	Flemish Region (OVAM): - Brownfields (Eddy Wille) - Reuse of soil materials (Dirk Dedecker)
10:10 - 10:35	Walloon Region (SPW): - Soil and land recycling: approaches and perspectives from Wallonia (Michel Amand & Esther Goidts)
10:35 - 11:00	Brussels Capital Region (BCR - Brussels Environment): - Contamination & Brown Fields (Aurélie Dulière) - The health and ecosystem services of Brussels' soils (Lydie Sombré)
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee/Tea Break
11:30 - 11:50	European Environment Agency (EEA) Focus on soil health and circularity / Soil sealing and land take monitoring (Rainer BARITZ; European Environment Agency)
11:50 - 12:30	Panel Discussion: <i>Broadening the scope of soil remediation to the soil health concept</i> (Panelists from Flanders, Brussels, Wallonia, EEA & COMMON FORUM)



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SOIL HEALTH ACROSS SCALES (PART 2)



THE AFTERNOON SESSION IS TO FACILITATE EXCHANGE AND INTERACTIONS, REGIONS MEET EUROPEAN CONTAMINATED LAND POLICY MAKERS

COMMON FORUM Spring meeting 2024 & WG SaR MONDAY, 11 March 2024 (afternoon)

13:30– 13:45	Registration (continued)
13:45 – 13:55	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
	- Esther GOIDTS & Dietmar MÜLLER-GRABHERR
13:55 – 17:30	URBAN PLANNING & REDEVELOPING CONTAMINATED LAND (in cooperation: CF WG SOIL as a Resource & 3 Belgian regions)
	Setting-the-scene (incentive talks)
13:55 – 14:20	- Degraded Land? Add values by connecting stakeholders with societal ambitions (Margot DE CLEEN; RWS)
14:20 – 14:45	- Renaturation and consideration of biodiversity in contaminated site management in France: background and work in progress (Natalie VELLY; INERIS & Valérie GUERIN; BRGM)
	Case Study Introduction
14:45 – 15:30	- 3 case study presentation (one each region; 15 min) <i>Organising the interactive case study discussions</i>
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 – 17:00	Case Study Discussions (3 rooms)
	- Case study Flanders
	- Case study Brussels Capital Region
	- Case study Wallonia
17:00 – 17:30	Final Plenary & Conclusions
	• Reporting back
	• Plenary discussion
	• wrap-up & session closure
17:30 – 19:00	COCKTAIL



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TUESDAY, 12 March 2024 (morning)

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09:00 – 11:00	SESSION 2: News from Countries, Initiatives & Projects
09:00 – 09:25	- Information-based Strategies for Land Remediation – introduction to the HORIZON EUROPE project ISLANDR (PAUL BARDOS; r ³ & ISLANDR)
09:25 – 09:40	- SOILveR – update and outlook by the soil and land research funding platform (Yvonne OHLSSON; SGI)
09:40 – 10:00	- Good Practices in baseline reports for installations falling under the EU Industrial Emission Directive (Iraklis PANAGIOTAKIS; ENYDRON)
10:00 – 10:20	- Update on IED guidance documents in Germany (Jörg FRAUENSTEIN; UBA)
10:20 – 10:45	- Contaminated site remediation and management and traceability of excavated soils in Québec (Lory GENDRON; Ministry of Environment, Fighting Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks – Québec, Canada)
10:45 – 10:55	- Excavated soil management procedures adapted to Martinique region: method for taking into account the historical chlordecone pollution context in Martinique (V. GUERIN BRGM)
10:55 – 11:00	- Restitution of the survey submitted to CF: Soil quality monitoring (state of the art of soil monitoring methodologies in Europe (V. GUERIN; BRGM)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>BREAK</i>
11:30 – 13:00	SESSION 3: CF WG's, Initiatives & Teams – Updates
11:30 – 12:00	- CF PFAS-Team
12:00 – 12:30	- WG Soil as a Resource
12:30 – 13:00	- CF Secretariat

LUNCH BREAK



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14:00 – 15:30	SESSION 4: towards a EU SML: reflecting the state-of-play (p. 1)
14:00 – 14:05	Introduction (DMG)
14:05 – 14:25	- Towards a EU SML, debates since Bilbao & state-of-play (Bavo PEETERS; EC - DG ENV) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Q & A
14:25 – 14:45	- EU SML – envisaging the way forward towards a general approach in managing contaminated sites (tbc. Esther GOIDTS; SPW)
14:45 – 15:30	Plenary debate (Moderation: DMG)
15:30 – 16:00	<i>BREAK</i>
16:00 – 17:30	SESSION 4: towards a EU SML: needs and refinements (part 2)
16:00 – 16:10	EU SML, chapter IV – perspectives, key points and needs to discuss” <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pol TOCK (Luxembourg)
16:10 – 16:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Åsa VALLEY (Sweden)
16:20 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gábor HASZNOS (Hungary)
16:30 – 17:20	Plenary debate (Moderation: DMG)
17:20 – 17:30	Wrap-up & outlook



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WEDNESDAY, 13 March 2024

NICOLE & COMMON FORUM Joint Workshop

**THE FUTURE OF MANAGING SOIL CONTAMINATION
Impacts of the European developments regarding soil health
and the challenges of emerging contaminants**

The programme can be found here: [link](#)

New ideas will be created in the scheduled breakout sessions:

- Handling of Emerging Contaminants
- Exploring Soil Health on Industrial and Urban Land
- Soil Care vs. Soil Cure
- Leveraging Digital Environmental Data
- Risk Assessment
- Impact on Human Health

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THURSDAY, 14 – FRIDAY, 15 March 2024

ENSOr workshop on "Challenges related to diffuse soil pollution with emerging contaminants"

The 5th edition of ENSOr will be held in the context of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU on the challenges related to diffuse soil pollution with emerging contaminants and gather policy makers, researchers, soil remediation experts, risk assessors, and other interested stakeholders to share experiences and to pave the way forward.

Diffuse soil pollution is more widespread than point source pollution and originates from sources which are not always identified. As a result, tackling diffuse soil pollution requires a fit-for-purpose approach which may have similarities with the approach taken for point sources, but also important differences. With this ENSOr workshop questions will be tackled such as: What is the impact of diffuse soil pollution on the reuse of excavated soil, on ground water supplies and food safety? How do we monitor and assess the risks? Which policy is needed to tackle challenges such as diffuse pollution resulting from emissions from traffic, agricultural practices (e.g. fertilizers and plant protection products), discharges of WWTPs, floods, etc.?

For further details please follow this [link](#)