



## COMMON FORUM Spring meeting 2026

27-29 May, 2026

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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND LOGISTIC INFORMATION

### HOSTING COUNTRY



### HOSTING ORGANISATION



Ministry of the  
Environment Finland

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REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
MINISTRY OF CLIMATE

Ministry of Climate of Estonia

### LOCATION Helsinki-Tallinn



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### AGENDA IMPEL

**TUESDAY, 26 May 2026**

**Back-to-back**

**IMPEL Water and Land Remediation project meeting**

Please see separate program via IMPEL: [impel.eu](http://impel.eu)



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## AGENDA COMMON FORUM

### WEDNESDAY, 27 May 2026

9:00-9:15	<b>Welcome and meeting info</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to and presentation of the COMMON FORUM</li></ul>
9:15 – 10:15	<b>Session 1: CLM in Finland</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contaminated land management in Finland, Nina Lethosalo, Ministry of Environment</li><li>• Contaminated land management in Helsinki, Satu Järvinen, City of Helsinki</li><li>• PFAS Road map, Jussi Reinikainen, SYKE</li></ul>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Session 2: European agenda</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of European tools and initiatives, Bavo Peeters, EU Commission</li></ul>
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Session 2: European agenda</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Status of CF input to tools under article 24 and discussion on impact of contaminated substances on soil health and the derivation of trigger values, Christian Andersen, chair, CF</li><li>• PFAS background values in Germany and derived thresholds for soil, Annegret Biegel-Engler, UBA, DE</li><li>• The Operational Trigger values on soil contamination threshold values, Pol Tock, LU</li></ul>
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30 - 15:00	<b>Session 3: ECHA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation of chemical substances: the role of ECHA Risk Assessment Committee and PFAS, Roberto Scazzola, ECHA</li></ul>
15:00-15:30	Break



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15:30-17:00	<b>Session 4: Updates from Countries &amp; Initiatives - part 1</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on CL:AIRE activities, Nicola Harries, technical director, UK</li><li>• IMPEL Water Land Remediation Project and Soil Health and Ecosystem Services Project; Marco Falconi, IT</li><li>• The ISLANDR Roadmap, Timo Tavainen, Finnish Geological Survey, FI</li><li>• Update on SOILveR initiatives, Margot de Cleen, RWS, NL</li><li>• Update on EmConSoil initiatives, Johan Ceenaeme, OVAM, BE</li></ul>
18:30- 20:30	<b>Dinner &amp; Sauna – invitation by Finish Ministry</b>



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## THURSDAY, 28 May 2026

	<b>VENUE: Ferry and Ministry of Climate, Estonia</b>
10:30-13:10	<b>Ferry to Tallin</b>
10:45-11:30	Brunch on ferry
12:00- 13:00	<b>Session 5: excavated Soil</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A future framework for soil logistics in Denmark, Christian Andersen, Danish Regions, DK</li> <li>• High-grade re-use of excavated soil and dredging spoil, Arthur de Groof, RWS, NL</li> <li>• Towards maximum utilization of excavated soil materials in Flanders, Johan Ceenaeme, OVAM, BE</li> <li>• End of waste criteria, Jussi Reinikainen, SYKE, FI</li> <li>• Discussion on next steps</li> </ul>
13:15-13:45	Transport to Ministry
13:45-14:00	Arrival and coffee
14:00 – 15.30	<b>Session 6: CLM in Estonia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome by host Ministry of Climate, Kristjan Truu, Deputy Secretary General on Maritime Affairs, EE</li> <li>• Soil contamination in water policy, Olav Ojala, Ministry of Climate, EE</li> <li>• Mining impact on water regime, Joonas Pärn, Estonian Geological Survey, EE</li> <li>• Mining impact on water quality, Vallo Kõrgmaa, Environmental Research Centre, EE</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00	BREAK



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16:00 - 17:30	<b>Session 7 – Post Mining rehabilitation section</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to assess sites, Laura Constante Reis, EPA, PT</li><li>• Mining inventory and rehabilitation, Clara Neuschütz, SEPA, SE</li><li>• Italian experiences of risk assessment of closed mining sites. Antonela Vecchio, ISPRA, IT</li><li>• Closed mine in France: from inventories to risk assessment and rehabilitation – and questions for discussion, Valérie Guérin (BRGM), FR</li><li>• Water management consequences of the phase-out of lignite in Lusatia, Annegret Biegler-Engler, UBA, DE</li></ul>
18:30-20:00	<b>City tour</b>
20:00	<b>Meeting Dinner</b> rehabilitated locomotive factory



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## FRIDAY, 29 May 2026

	<b>VENUE: Ministry of Climate, Estonia</b>
9:00 - 10:30	<b>Session 8: Updates from Countries &amp; Initiatives</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates from Ireland, Irene Doyle, EPA, IE</li> <li>• PFAS in Soil – the Dutch approach, Arthur de Groof, RWS, NL</li> <li>• News from Switzerland; Reto Tietz, BAFU, CH</li> <li>• Updated compilation of CSM guidelines, Valerie Guerrin, BRGM, FR</li> <li>• Management of Contaminated Sites in Latvia: A Case Study of the Inčukalns Acid Tar Pond, Madara Zingere, State Environmental Services, LV</li> <li>• News from England – Managing legacy PFAS risks across the UK, Angela Haslam, Environmental Agency, UK (moves to day 1)</li> </ul>
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Session 9: Updates from Working Groups and COMMON FORUM initiatives</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk management guidelines, Dietmar Müller-Grabherr, UBA, AT</li> <li>- Draft presented &amp; discussed</li> <li>• PFAS Working Group, Johan Ceenaeme &amp; Griet van Gestel, OVAM, BE</li> <li>- status update and feedback from the February 2026 meeting;</li> <li>- feedback regarding the PFAS discussion paper (collaboration with NICOLE); - other developments relevant to PFAS.</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Wrap-up</li> <li>• Upcoming initiatives</li> <li>• Outlook autumn meeting</li> <li>• Closure</li> </ul>