



Eionet NRC Soil

Date: Friday, 23 May 2014

Venue:

Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
Institute for Environment and Sustainability
Land Resources Management Unit
I-21027 Ispra (VA) - Italy

Background and objectives of the meeting

While in the past NRC Soil work may have mostly focussed on data delivery for the 'Progress in management of contaminated sites' indicator, the scope of the NRC Soil is currently broadly on providing expertise on soil functions and degradation processes, and their drivers and responses on national territories. This broadening of scope is very relevant in current policy attention to and activities around ecosystem assessment and resource efficiency.

As such, NRC Soil delivers data on a voluntary basis; while it also functions as a reviewing and commenting panel on EEA assessments/analyses that have a strong soil focus (e.g. review of EEA soil indicators, relevant web products and elements of the State of Environment and Outlook Report 2015). Through their participation in NRC Soil meetings, country representatives also have an opportunity to share knowledge and experience.

This meeting will provide an update on where soil fits within the EEA multi-annual work programme. Accordingly, on-going EEA soil activities and products that are planned in the short to medium term will be presented. Some of these activities and products are in cooperation with JRC's 'Soil Resource Assessments' Project. Countries will be invited to contribute with their view and expertise on how to develop/shape future activities, including data collection efforts. In this sense, an agenda item on the network's role in soil assessment and reporting is included to discuss the way forward.

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Agenda

Chair: Luca Montanarella (JRC)

Rapporteurs: Marc Van Liedekerke (JRC) and Geertrui Louwagie (EEA)

<i>Welcome and setting the scene</i>		
09:00	Welcome and 'tour de table'	Luca Montanarella (JRC)
09:20	Background and objectives of the meeting	Luca Montanarella (JRC)
09:30	Eionet NRC review – NRC Soil profile	Geertrui Louwagie (EEA)
<i>On-going and planned (short-term) soil activities</i>		
09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Soil in EEA's Multi-annual work programme 2014-2018▪ SOER 2015 – Presentation of draft Soil 'fiche' and feedback from Eionet consultation▪ Planned EEA Technical Report 'Land-related resource efficiency - soils in urban and peri-urban zones' (working title)	Geertrui Louwagie (EEA)
	Discussion	All
10:15	Coffee/tea	
10:45	Planned soil related activities by the JRC for 2014-2016 and de-briefing from the back-to-back meeting of the European Soil Partnership (previous two days)	Luca Montanarella, Arwyn Jones, Panos Panagos (JRC)
	Discussion	All
<i>Prospects (medium-term)</i>		
11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Land and soil indicator developments (existing and emerging) in evolving policy settings	Gergely Tóth (JRC), Geertrui Louwagie (EEA)
	Discussion	All
13:00	Lunch	
<i>Country forum</i>		
14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduction▪ Country contributions	All
15:00	Coffee/tea	
<i>The way forward</i>		
15:30	Knowledge and information sharing and networking activities for soil assessments and reporting – the way forward	All
16:30-17:00	Wrap-up and conclusions	Chair&rapporteurs