

## SOIL Action Newsletter - European Soil Portal:

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### Report on the activities realized within the Service Level Agreement between JRC and EFSA

The activities realized in 2010 by JRC as support to the FATE and the ECO-REGION EFSA PPR Working Groups are shortly described. For the FATE WG, the vast majority of data has been provided in 2009 during the first year of the Service Level Agreement (SLA), and in 2010 the daily weather data, for the 6 selected sites, were produced. All the data used for the scenario selection procedures, with additional data on land use-land cover, crop distribution, soil and climate parameters, will be made available for external user in first half of 2011. For the ECOREGION WG the analysis has been carried out for three Member States covering a North-South gradient from Finland, Germany to Portugal development of bio-indicators (technological level); the assessment of the added value brought by cost-effective bio-indicators, and of cost effectiveness of alternative ecosystem service maintenance policies (economic level).



[http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB\\_Archive/eusoils\\_docs/other/EUR24744.pdf](http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB_Archive/eusoils_docs/other/EUR24744.pdf)

### Land Quality 2011 and Land Use Information in the EU

The program of the "Land Quality 2011" conference has been announced. The program, including plenary presentations and detailed timetable of the scientific sessions with presentation titles is now available at the conference website. Poster submission and registration for the conference are open until 30th April.



<http://landq2011.uni-pannon.hu/>

### Validation and performances report (DIGISOIL)

This Digisoil Deliverable presents a validation of the geo-physical techniques, based on different sets of criteria: i) accuracy of the measurements generally estimated by the RMSE, ii) capacity to represent spatial patterns and spatial variability.

### 2nd Meeting of the European Network on Soil Awareness (ENSA)

Awareness Raising: the second ENSA-meeting will be held in the City of Tulln, close to Vienna, Austria from 13th to 14th of October 2011. For more information please visit the ENSA website <http://www.eu-ensa.org>

### International Summer School 'Environmental and Resource Management'

The International Summer School on 'Environmental and Resource Management' will be held in Ljubljana from July 11th to July 23rd, 2011.

<http://www.let-group.com/summerschool/iss11.nsf>

### Newsletter Spotlight

#### EcoFINDERS

EcoFINDERS (Ecological Function and Biodiversity Indicators in European Soils) project will result in increasing our knowledge of soil biodiversity and its role in ecosystem services across different soils, climate types and land uses (scientific level); the standardization of methods and operating procedures for characterizing soil biodiversity and functioning, and the development of bio-indicators (technological level); the assessment of the added value brought by cost-effective bio-indicators, and of cost effectiveness of alternative ecosystem service maintenance policies (economic level).



<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/ecoFinders/>

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