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[Update on the Soil Thematic Strategy](#)

The implementation of the Soil Thematic Strategy and ongoing activities COM(2012) 46. Some five years after the adoption of the Soil Thematic Strategy, on 13 February 2012 the European Commission published a policy report on the implementation of the Strategy and ongoing activities (COM(2012) 46). The report provides an overview of the actions undertaken by the European Commission to implement the four pillars of the Strategy, namely awareness raising, research, integration, and legislation. It underlines that at the March 2010 Environment Council a minority of Member States blocked further progress on the proposed Soil Framework Directive and that the proposal remains on the Council's table.



http://ec.europa.eu/environment/soil/three_en.htm

[The State of Soil in Europe](#)

A contribution of the JRC to the European Environment Agency's Environment State and Outlook Report - SOER 2010. This Reference Report uses data from the European Soil Data Centre (ESDAC), managed on behalf of EU institutions by the JRC. The information also helps European citizens to better understand, care for and improve Europe's environment. The soil assessment was one of a set of 13 Europe-wide thematic assessments of key environmental themes.



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB_Archive/eusoils_docs/other/EUR25186.pdf

[Updated Global Carbon Map](#)

The updated global carbon map improves upon the rather coarse data on soil carbon (IGBP-DIS 2000) that were used in UNEP-WCMC's Carbon and biodiversity: a demonstration atlas (Kapos et al. 2008). A global map of estimated soil carbon stocks to 1m depth was generated based on the soil organic carbon and bulk density values included in the HWSD (FAO/IIASA/ISRIC/ISS-CAS/JRC 2009).



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB_Archive/octop/Global.html

[Conference 'Soil remediation and soil sealing'](#)

The Environment Directorate-General of the European Commission will host a high-level conference on 'Soil remediation and soil sealing' in Brussels (Belgium) on 10-11 May 2012. The conference objective is to highlight the importance of tackling soil contamination at an early stage and the opportunities that that offers to the European remediation industry. At the conference the Commission will present its Soil Sealing Guidelines, which are being finalised. The participation to the conference is free of charge but will be limited to 400 people on a first-come-first-served basis (Registration OPEN).

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/soil/conference_may2012.htm

The following two events are organized with the support of the Joint Reserch Center of European Commission:

The International Soil Science Congress on "**Land Degradation and Challenges in Sustainable Soil Management**", 15-17 May 2012, Cesme-Izmir-TURKEY

<http://soilcongress.ege.edu.tr/>

7th European Congress on Regional Geoscientific Cartography and Information Systems . Bologna (Emilia-Romagna, Italy) on 12-15 June 2012.

<http://ambiente.regione.emilia-romagna.it/geologia-en/temi/euregeo2012/7th-european-congress-on-regional-geoscientific-cartography-and-information-systems>

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