



European Soil Portal: <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

[EuDASM: Soil Legacy Maps & Metadata](#)

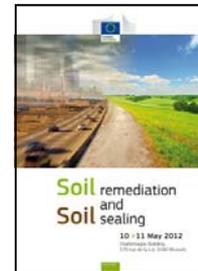
SOIL Action (JRC) is making an effort to make Soil Legacy data and information available for the public users. In that regard, the European Digital Archive of Soil Maps (EuDASM) has been updated with new Metadata and Maps from 20 countries: Azerbaijan (3), Belarus (8), Belgium (19), Croatia (6), Cyprus (17), Czech Republic (12), Estonia (1), France (32), Georgia (2), Hungary (63), Italy(76), Kazakhstan (6), Moldova (1), Norway (19), Poland (21), Portugal (33), Romania (22), Serbia (3), Slovakia (8), Ukraine (3). The whole EuDASM collection includes around 6.000 maps from 141 countries (available for free [download](#)). The impact of EuDASM digital archive can be found in the following published [article](#).



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/maps/country_maps/Metadata.cfm

[Conference "Soil remediation and soil sealing", 10-11 May 2012](#)

The European Commission invites you to participate in a two-day high-level conference on "Soil remediation and soil sealing" that it will host in Brussels on 10th and 11th May 2012. The conference, which will be opened by the Environment Commissioner, Janez Potočnik, has the objective to highlight the importance of tackling soil contamination at an early stage and the opportunities that this offers to the European remediation industry. Moreover, it will underline how addressing contaminated sites and brownfields can be helpful in limiting land take and soil sealing, which continues in many parts of Europe at alarming rates, often at the expense of fertile agricultural lands. In this context, the Commission will present recently published Soil Sealing Guidelines (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/soil/sealing_guidelines.htm) that aim to spread best practice across Member States. The conference will be closed by a panel gathering, among others, Commissioner Potočnik, Agriculture Commissioner Ciolos and the Chair of the Environment Committee in the European Parliament, Matthias Groote, discussing 'Land take, soil remediation and food production: the role of the EU's policies'.



Invitation & Draft Agenda:

http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future_events/invitation_Soil_remediation_sealing2012.pdf

http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future_events/SoilConferenceProgramme.pdf

[Development of software models for predicting environmental concentrations of plant protection products in soil \(Tender\)](#)

The objective of this tender procedure is to develop a single software tool for calculating the predicted environmental concentrations of substances and their transformation products in soil in support of an EFSA Guidance Document for predicting environmental concentrations of PPPs in soil. The software tool will be based on an analytical model for which both the concepts and the mathematical equations are described in the Opinion containing the science for scenario selection and scenario parameterisation for predicting environmental concentrations of plant protection products in soil. **Deadline: 18/6/2012.**

[2012 call for proposals under the LIFE+ Regulation](#) (sixth LIFE+ call)

Under the Environment Policy & Governance component and for the policy area 'Soil', the Commission invites: demonstration activities at regional, provincial or municipal level to limit, mitigate or compensate for soil sealing; expanding the knowledge base concerning soil degradation processes; and developing and implementing land use practices and techniques, particularly in farming and forestry production processes, which protect and improve the status of soil. Under the Information and Communication component, the Commission invites communication actions and awareness raising campaigns to, inter alia, increase the awareness and knowledge about the importance of soil and soil biodiversity and its many ecological functions, and sustainable land use. **Deadline: 26/9/2012.**

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