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[Landslide inventories in Europe and policy recommendations for their interoperability & harmonization, A JRC contribution to FP7 SafeLand project](#)

This report provides a detailed review of existing national landslide inventories as well as of a number of regional inventories in EU member states and neighbouring countries. For national landslide inventories, it also analyses their ability to provide nation-wide landslide susceptibility, hazard and risk assessments. In addition, the reports proposes improvements in landslide databases for delineating areas at risk of landslides in agreement with the EU *Soil Thematic Strategy*, and for achieving interoperability and harmonisation in agreement with the *INSPIRE Directive*.



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB_Archive/eusoils_docs/other/EUR25666EN.pdf

[UNCCD special sessions organised by JRC](#)

The European Commission organises Special Sessions on (1) The New World Atlas of Desertification (WAD) contributing to economic valuation of land degradation, and (2) a CASCADE Special Session on how to overcome the difficulties of successful engagement of non-scientific stakeholders. Participants in UNCCD conference are invited to follow this special sessions, WAD 10/4/2013 8:30-9:45 and CASCADE 11/4/2013 8:30-10:00. Bonn, Germany. WAD is a JRC initiative jointly with UNEP and a vast network of experts. SOIL Action staff, S. Sommer is part of the Conference Steering Committee. UNCCD Programme: <https://www.conftool.pro/2sc-unccd/sessions.php>



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future_events/2UNCCD.pdf

[Climate Change report and SOIL](#)

This European Environment Agency (EEA) report presents information on past and projected climate change and related impacts in Europe, based on a range of indicators. The report also assesses the vulnerability of society, human health and ecosystems in Europe and identifies those regions in Europe most at risk from climate change. Furthermore, the report notes how monitoring and scenario development can improve our understanding of climate change, its impacts and related vulnerabilities. The Soil Chapter was led by the JRC SOIL Team (pages 146-157).



<http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/climate-impacts-and-vulnerability-2012>

[International Conference Biochars, Composts, and Digestates](#)

The International Conference BCD2013 "Biochars, Composts and Digestates. Production, Characterization, Regulation, Marketing, Uses and Environmental Impact" will be held in Bari, Italy, from 17 to 20 October 2013. The Conference will focus on and develop the various scientific and applied aspects of biochar, compost and digestate science and technology, including field approaches and implications in a sustainable environment. Any interested person is cordially invited to visit the BCD2013 website, and encouraged to submit Abstract(s) (**deadline: 31 March 2013**)



<http://www.bcd2013.eu/>

[INSPIRE soil data specifications](#)

After 2.5 years of work, the INSPIRE Thematic Working Group on SOIL is in a position to release the INSPIRE soil data specifications ('Technical Guidelines'). It is a document that has been the basis for some new European legislation that describes the structure in which data providers that hold soil data must make their data available to the public. During summer 2013, it is expected that the new regulation will entry into force. This will have of course consequences for the holders of soil data in Europe.

http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/Data_Specifications/INSPIRE_DataSpecification_SO_v3.0rc3.pdf

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