

European Regional/Sub-regional Soil Partnership

With regard to Europe, the GSP Secretariat, taking advantage of the upcoming Second Global Soil Week (GSW) in Berlin, Germany from 27 to 31 October 2013 has, in consultation with partners, organized a workshop towards a European Regional/Sub-regional Soil Partnership. The objective will be to discuss the launch of this important regional initiative with European partners. **Venue:** Second Global Soil Week, Berlin, 31 October 2013 14:00. It would be appreciated if this invitation could be shared with the concerned authorities in your country or institution. Please send confirmation of participation to: **GSP-Secretariat@fao.org** and **Jes.Weigelt@iass-potsdam.de**

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/InternationalCooperation/GSP/index.html#events>



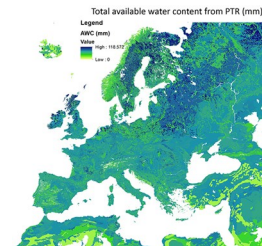
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Additional Spatial layers derived from the European Soil Database (ESDB)

A number of layers for soil properties have been created based on data from the European Soil Database in combination with data from the Harmonized World Soil Database (HWSD) and Soil-Terrain Database (SOTER). The available layers include: Total available water content, Depth available to roots, Clay content, Silt content, Sand content, Organic carbon, Bulk Density, Coarse fragments.

http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ESDB_Archive/ESDB_Data_Distribution/derived_data.html



Workshop with project Coordinators

On 10-11 June 2013 DG RTD organised a workshop on "Fostering innovative dialogue between researchers and stakeholders to meet future challenges: Land, Soil, Desertification, Urban and Community-Based Environmental Management". Participants of this workshop were members of the European Commission services, FP7 project Coordinators (in Soil & Land Management, Desertification, Community-based approaches to Environmental management, Urban risks, Urban development & Planning) and stakeholders. Those projects have been funded by the Environment Programme of DG RTD, Unit I.3 "Management of Natural Resources". A first Meeting with the FP7 project coordinators took place in October 2012. During the 2-days meeting, 22 Projects have been presented in 4 sessions:

Soil & Land Management (4): LUPIS, VOLANTE, ECOFINDERS, SOILTREC

content (6): DESIRE/RECAR, PRACTICE / CASCADE, LEDDRA, UNDESERT

Community-based approaches to Environmental management(5): COBRA, COMBIOSERVE, CIVI.NET, COMET-LA, ECOADAPT

Urban risks, Urban development & Planning (7): Megacities, TURAS, GEOURBAN/BRIDGE, CLUVA, SECOA, URBAN-NEXUS, GREEN SURGE plus 13 presentations from Stakeholders.

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Eufunded/MeetingCoordinators.html>



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