

[Progress in the management contaminated sites in Europe](#)

In this report the findings of a questionnaire commissioned by the European Commission Joint Research Centre for the revision of the Indicator "Progress in the management of contaminated sites in Europe" in 2016 are presented. It has been produced with the contribution of data provided by the EIONET National Reference Centres (NRCs) for soil and contributes to the indicator system of the EEA, notably to the indicator LS003 on contaminated sites.

https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/public_path/shared_folder/doc_pub/EUR29124.pdf



[Soil: how much do we value this critical resource? \(eBook by JRC\)](#)

Soil condition underpins food security, green growth, bioeconomies and aboveground biodiversity; it regulates climate, the hydrological and nutrient cycles, while mitigating climate change. Soils provide resilience against floods and droughts, buffer the effects of pollutants and preserve cultural heritage. Healthy, functional soils underpin several targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. Pressures on this finite, non-renewable resource, due to competition for land or inappropriate land management choices, severely impact soil functions.

https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/public_path/shared_folder/doc_pub/JRC_Soil_Highlights_eBook_0.pdf



[Glinka World Soil Prize](#)

The Glinka World Soil Prize honors individuals and organizations whose leadership and activities have contributed, or are still contributing to the promotion of sustainable soil management and the protection of soil resources. The Glinka Prize is an annual award for dynamic change-makers dedicated to solving one of our world's most pressing environmental issues: Soil Degradation. Deadline: 30.9.2018

<http://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/pillars-action/2-awareness-raising/glinka-world-soil-prize/en/>



[PhD programs for short-term scientific training in developing countries](#)

The CLIFF-GRADS program invites applications from students from developing countries currently enrolled in PhD programs for short-term scientific training and research stays on topics related to the measurement and management of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon storage in agricultural systems. Applicants should have a background in agriculture and climate change research. Selected students will be sponsored for a short-term scientific training. Deadline: 30.9.2018

<https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/vacancy/phd-opportunities-developing-countries>



[Stakeholders' views on the impact of EU policies for sustainable soil management](#)

This survey is part of the RECARE project work on impact assessment of EU policies for soil protection. With this survey, we would like to collect views from stakeholders, both policy makers and other practitioners, working with soil management on what they think the impact of EU policies has been in their country or region. The survey asks for views on up to two soil threats with which the respondent is familiar. The survey includes five questions and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

<https://polls.ecologic.eu/index.php/484191?lang=en> (Survey is open till 8.10.2018).



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