

Soil remediation and soil sealing
Conference organised by
the Environment Directorate-General of the European Commission
 Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May 2012
 Charlemagne Building, rue de la Loi 170, 1000 Brussels

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Thursday 10th May 2012		
Time	Title	Speaker
8.30	Registration desk opens	
9.30-9.40	Welcome and Introduction	Karl Falkenberg, Director-General, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission
9.40-10.00	Addressing soil contamination, land take and soil sealing: good for the environment, good for the economy	Janez Potočnik, Environment Commissioner, European Commission
10.00-10.30	Soil pollution and health effects: lessons learnt from Porto Marghera (Venice Lagoon)	Corrado Clini, Environment Minister, Italy [invited]
10.30-11.00	The management of contaminated sites and the soil remediation industry in Denmark	Michel Schilling, Vice-Director, Environment Protection Agency, Copenhagen, Denmark
11.00-11.30	Coffee break	
	Chair: Pia Bucella, Director, Nature Directorate, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission	
11.30-12.00	The World Health Organisation's Global Environmental Health Strategy	Maria Neira, Director for Public Health and the Environment, World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland
12.00-12.30	Soil pollution and its impact on soil life	Mark Hodson, Director, Soil Research Centre, University of Reading, United Kingdom

12.30-13.00	Questions and answers	
13.00-14.30	Lunch break	
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14.30-15.00	Soil remediation and urban regeneration in the Emilia-Romagna Region	Sabrina Freda, Emilia-Romagna Region, Bologna, Italy
15.00-15.30	From industrial and coal mining area to new economic uses and cultural renaissance: the role of soil remediation in the Ruhr area	Wilhelm Koenig, Head of Soil Department, Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Conservation and Consumer Affairs, North-Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
15.30-15.45	Questions and answers	
15.45-16.15	Coffee break	
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16.15-16.45	Soil contamination and the application of the polluter pays principle in France	Arnaud Gossement, Lawyer and Lecturer in Law, Sciences Po, Paris, France
16.45-17.15	The Soil Status Report and the contaminated land policy in Flanders	Eddy van Dyck, OVAM, Flanders, Belgium
17.15-17.45	The soil remediation industry in Europe: the recent past and future perspectives	Julien Perez, Ernst & Young, Paris, France
17.45-18.15	Questions and answers	
18.30-19.30	Showing of the film documentary Il suolo minacciato / Land Under Threat (in Italian with English subtitles)	

Friday 11th May 2012		
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8.00	Registration desk opens	
9.00-9.15	Welcome and Introduction	Alan Seatter, Deputy Director-General, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission
9.15-9.45	Soil degradation, urban sprawl and food production: can we continue wasting fertile soils?	Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam, Germany
9.45-10.15	Global land use and soil management in a changing climate: a contribution from the International Resource Panel	Stefan Bringezu, Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy, Wuppertal, Germany
10.15-10.45	Europe's land imports and their impact on the rest of the world	Michael Warhurst, Senior Campaigner, Economics and Resource Use, Friends of the Earth, London, United Kingdom
10.45-11.15	Questions and answers	
11.15-11.45	Coffee break	
	Chair: Michael Hamell, Head of Unit, Agriculture, Forest and Soil Unit, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission	
11.45-12.00	Land take and soil sealing: an overview of the EU situation	Gundula Prokop, Austrian Environment Agency, Vienna, Austria
12.00-12.15	The impact of land take and soil sealing on the EU's ability to produce food	Ciro Gardi, Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Ispra, Italy
12.15-12.30	Questions and answers	
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	

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14.00-14.10	Showing of the video clip Soil sealing - Destroying earth's living skin (in English with simultaneous interpretation)	
14.10-14.30	The Soil Sealing Guidelines: a document of the Commission services to improve land management in the EU	Luca Marmo, Agriculture, Forest and Soil Unit, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission
14.30-14.50	The opportunity offered to urban regeneration by the Cohesion Policy funds post 2013	Agnes Kelemen, Conception, forward studies and impact assessment Unit, Regional Policy Directorate-General, European Commission
14.50-15.10	Questions and answers	
15.10-15.30	Coffee break	
15.30-17.00	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <p>Land take, soil remediation and food production: the role of EU's policies</p>	<p>Chair: Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam, Germany [confirmed]</p> <p>Participants [all confirmed]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Janez Potočnik, Environment Commissioner - Dacian Cioloș, Agriculture and Rural Development Commissioner - Matthias Groote, Chair ENVI Committee, European Parliament - Chorrie McChord, Member, Environment, Climate Change and Energy Commission, Committee of the Regions - Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General, COPA-COGECA