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WORLD SOIL DAY 2017 – Land, Soils and Science

IBGE Brussels, 4th - 6th December 2017

Talk about Land, Soils and Science

This year's celebration of World Soil Day is devoted to the topical research needs for soil and land use. The event will present and discuss current state-of-the-art and pressing gaps in European research on land and soils from the perspectives of policy makers, funders and end-users of research and scientists.

Land and soils require our attention!

Science creates and supports implementation of knowledge we need for sustainable land use and soil management

Learn about

- Research challenges for the future – what do policy-makers, end-users of research and scientists need and want
- Boundaries of research and knowledge – demands from society
- State-of-the-art projects in Europe on sustainable soil and land management
- Meet with like-minded European stakeholders and research funders

Registration

This year's World Soil Day celebration is part of in the INSPIRATION project's final conference. You can register to take part in the entire event or parts of it. Further information will be provided at www.worldsoilday2017.eu soon. Register on this website or by email to peggy.koenig@uba.de

Venue

Bruxelles Environnement – IBGE, Avenue du Port 86c/ 3000, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
Information about venue and accessibility at <http://bel.brussels/en>

Accommodation

Please make your accommodation arrangements,
e.g. at <https://visit.brussels/de/article/green-key>



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4th Dec.
11.00-17.00

The INSPIRATION Agenda and current research in Europe

- **Welcome** by INSPIRATION, DG Research and DG Environment
- **Soils4EU reports:** DG Environment – service contract
 - Trans-boundary impacts of soil degradation in the EU
 - Soil-related regulating ecosystem services: Status and value in Europe
- **INSPIRATION Strategic Research Agenda:** research topics and implementation
- **In parallel:**
 - INSPIRATION: Match-making sessions for the creation of transnational funds - funders meet funders
 - Side-events of various EU projects and interest groups
 - Excursions to Brussel's urban re-/development sites "Petit Manchester"

5th Dec.
10.00-18.00

World Soil Day Land, Soils and Science Conference

Key note speakers

- **Maria Krautzberger**, President of German Environment Agency (UBA)
- **Pavel Poc**, Member of European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, and Chair of the Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Intergroup
- **Annette Gatchett**, United States Environmental Protection Agency
- **Paul Nathanail**, University of Nottingham

Round tables

Policy perspectives:

Chair: Maria Krautzberger,
President of UBA

High-level representatives discuss the role of soils on policy agendas. They illustrate topical examples, why soils matter from EU to local level. The debate will show why soil policy is needed at different levels, and most importantly, what societal challenges it needs to address.

User perspectives:

Chair: Margot de Cleen,
European Soil Expert Group

Representatives of different end-user groups debate on questions like: What do you need/want from policy and science? What are your knowledge gaps that need to be addressed? Do you want more applied or fundamental research? Is there too much or little policy on land and soils?

Science perspectives:

Chair: Violette Geissen,
European Soil Partnership

Reknowned scientists debate on: What type of science do we need (interdisciplinary, fundamental)? What are most critical areas of land and soil related science today? How to address data-information availability/issues? What potential has citizen science? How to improve the science policy interface?

Poster Session / Reception / Informal networking

6th Dec.
08.30-12.30

Networking, workshops and matchmaking

- **Meet more funders:** Match making sessions for the creation of transnational funds
- **Join side-events** of various EU projects and interest groups