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EUROPEAN SOIL PARTNERSHIP

In the framework of the Second Global Soil Week on 31 October 2013 in Berlin, Germany, European partners to the Global Soil Partnership met in the workshop "Towards a European Regional/Sub-regional Soil Partnership".

After an active discussion, participating partners decided to:

- Establish the European Soil Partnership whose Secretariat is based in Ispra (Italy).
- Endorse the establishment of a Sub-regional Soil Partnership within the European Soil Partnership whose Secretariat would be based in Moscow (Russian Federation).
- Establish an ad-hoc Steering Committee for the European Regional Soil Partnership comprising the following members:
 - European Commission (Joint Research Centre)
 - Soil Science and Conservation Research Institute, Slovakia
 - Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Germany
 - Eurasian Centre for Food Security (ECFS), Russian Federation
 - European Soil Bureau Network (ESBN)
- Appoint the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission as the Secretariat to the European Regional Soil Partnership.
- Hold the launch meeting of the Eurasian Sub-Regional Soil Partnership in Moscow on 20 November 2013.
- Hold the next meeting of the European Regional Soil Partnership in the first semester of 2014.
- Prepare appropriate working documents for the next meetings to inform the debate. Such documents would, if at all possible, be sent four weeks in advance of the respective meetings.

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