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CONTAMINATED LAND MANAGEMENT TOWARDS 2030

ENCOUNTERING WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY

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COMMON FORUM ON CONTAMINATED LAND IN EUROPE



CONSTITUENCY:

- ❑ initiated in 1994 (Bonn; Germany); 2 regular meetings/year
- ❑ policy makers, regulators & technical advisors
- ❑ European (European Union + Free Trade Association)
- ❑ regular Secretariat (established in 2007)



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MISSION

- exchange of knowledge and experiences
- initiating and following-up of international projects
- discussion platform (policy, research, concepts)
- exchange of expertise all stakeholders, in particular via existing networks

SOILS & SOCIETIES – “ONE HEALTH”



→ WORKING ACROSS & CONNECTING SCALES



STRENGTHENING STRATEGIES & IMPROVING ACTIONS

- ❑ common principles
- ❑ overarching objectives
- ❑ national policy & guidance
- ❑ regional planning
- ❑ local implementation
- ❑ advise
- ❑ control

JOINT AMBITIONS & OBJECTIVES

- A **stronger recognition and stewardship of soil**, which is compared to air and water much more a sink storing and keeping memory of contaminant inputs
- co-creation to **improve for a good common understanding** among all stakeholders and across global regions
- building a **sound evidence base** to inform policy and citizens **for enabling better decisions**
- good communication, (responsible) story-telling and narratives

INSOP: “CO-CREATION” AREA

... to be discussed at the next COMMON FORUM meeting

REGULATION OF POLLUTED SOILS

- ✓ sharing experiences (includes successes & failures!)
- ✓ learning from the peers (connecting policy, science & society)
- ✓ prioritising actions for tackling pollution

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION

ANY FURTHER ACTIONS OF INTEREST?

- knowledge hub (“rapid intervention forces”) for damages due to war or natural disasters (e.g. oil spill Lima harbour due to a tsunami)
- support in organising financial funds for orphan sites and/or funding for complex high risk sites

*“And just as we have the power to shape culture,
we also have the power to undo the culture,
that does not serves us well.” (Janelle Monáe, 2018)*

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