

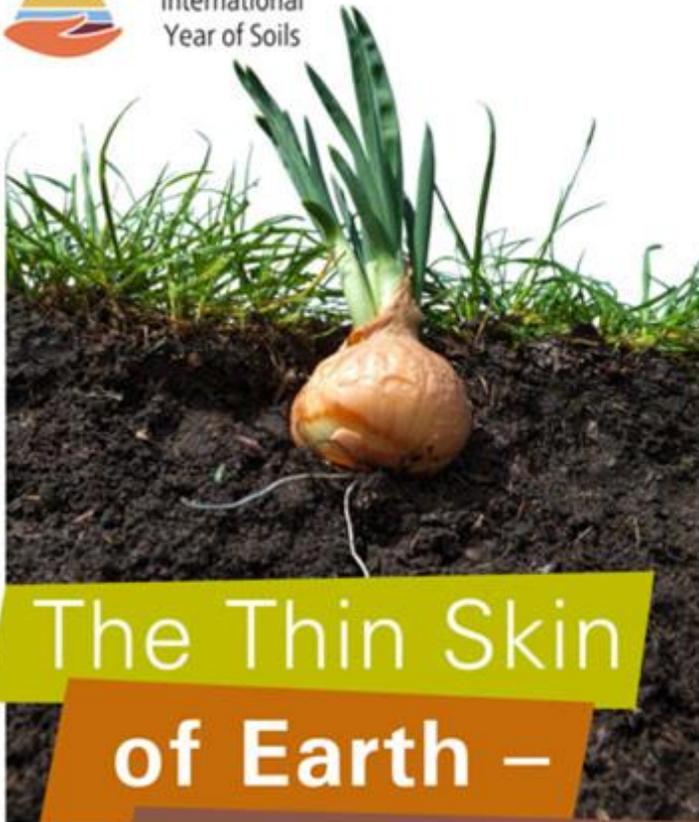


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The Thin Skin of Earth – Our Soils

Soil is a hidden world under our feet. But if you look closer, soil is the habitat of an incredible diversity of organisms. Their activities are the basis for plants to grow and therefore for us to use soils. Soil is a valuable good and a limited resource and should be managed sustainably. Nevertheless every year Europe loses fertile soils of the size of the island of Mallorca caused by human activity.

The Senckenberg Museum of Natural History in Görlitz, Germany, investigates the biodiversity of soils and the functioning of the soil organism communities in regards to the maintenance on the essential soil functions and nutrient cycles. On the occasion of the »International Year of Soils 2015«, proclaimed by the United Nations, Senckenberg illuminates in its new travelling exhibition aspects of soil, its organisms and the actual state of threats to soils.

The exhibition also presents solutions for preserving »the thin skin of earth« and its ecosystem services.

INVITATION

EXHIBITION OPENING

Thursday, 13th October 2015
in the European Parliament, JAN Building

19:00 Opening, 4th floor, hallway Q
20:15 Reception and discussion in the JAN Restaurant, 2nd floor

MODERATION:

Dr. Peter Jahr
Member of the European Parliament

GREETINGS:

Mairead McGuinness
Vice-President of the European Parliament

Thomas Schmidt
Minister for Environment and Agriculture
of the State of Saxony

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Volker Mosbrugger
Director General Senckenberg
Nature Research Society

Representative of the European Commission
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INTRODUCTION TO SOIL EXHIBITION:

Prof. Dr. Willi Xylander
Director Senckenberg Museum
of Natural History Görlitz

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