UPCOMING
THEMATIC STRATEGY
ON SOIL PROTECTION
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IMPORTANT REMARKS

- THERE IS NO COMMUNITY LEGISLATION ON SOIL

- THE ISSUES PRESENTED HEREAFTER
  - ARE NOT PART OF THE ACQUIS
  - ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COMMISSION
  - WILL HAVE TO BE ADOPTED SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE COUNCIL AND THE PARLIAMENT

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soils are as essential to human society as air and water

In many areas of Europe, soil is degraded or irreversibly lost

No specific Community policy on soil

6TH ENVIRONMENT ACTION PROGRAMME

Soil is a finite resource

Advocates for a sustainable use of the soil

Prevention of erosion, deterioration, contamination

As a priority action— a Thematic Strategy on Soil Protection

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TOWARDS COMMUNICATION - April 2002

SOILS THREATS IDENTIFIED

- Erosion
- Decline in Organic Matter
- Soil Contamination
- Salinisation
- Biodiversity loss
- Compaction
- Soil sealing
- Floods and landslides

INTEGRATION of soil protection aspects in other policies

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CONTENT OF THE THEMATIC STRATEGY

COMMUNICATION

SOIL FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE -SFD

IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

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SOIL THREATS ADDRESSED BY THE SOIL FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

Regional/national approach

- CONTAMINATION
- SEALING

Risk area approach

- EROSION
- ORGANIC MATTER DECLINE
- SALINISATION
- COMPACTION
- LANDSLIDES
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**Common Definition**

**Common List of Potentially Polluting Activities**

Establish an Inventory of contaminated sites

Land Status Report

Establish a National Plan for Remediation Report

Mechanism for «Orphan Sites»
SEALING

- TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE USE OF SOIL, MS SHALL PROVIDE FOR e.g.
  - rehabilitation of brownfield sites
  - providing for space saving constructions,
  - use of construction products to mitigate effects of sealing

- REPORTING on measures taken by MS
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Risk Area Identification

Establish Target for Risk Area

Risk Acceptability

Establish Model or Empirical Monitoring

Common Criteria

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5
The objective is to protect soil functions and ensure sustainable use of soil.

For sealing

MS are encouraged to provide for a sustainable use of soil by encouraging space saving activities/technologies

For all other threats

Make an inventory/identify Risk Areas

Make National action Programmes

- Targets
- Measures
- Monitor progress
- Consult public

Consult PUBLIC

Report on progress and efficiency