



## PRESS RELEASE

### **A Major Step Forward in Soil and Water Information: [www.eugris.info](http://www.eugris.info)**

*Efficient and equal access to technical, policy and research information is just one of the many new benefits for Soil and Water Managers in Europe from the upgraded state of the art portal of EUGRIS. EUGRIS is an easy way to find information in a structured and contextually meaningful way, or to promote and disseminate information – and it's free! Its speed and efficiency is made possible by a ground-breaking structure which combines a technical and policy compendium, a search engine and a dissemination tool in one central location. This makes finding, promoting and disseminating information a simple yet fruitful experience for visitors to the site which already receives some half a million enquiries per year and has more than 2,500 registered users worldwide.*

EUGRIS is purposefully designed and structured for land and water managers, legislators, regulators and planners, consultants and contractors, researchers, technology providers business and the public. Its philosophy is user directed. Simply put: -

- **If you are looking for information, EUGRIS helps you find it.**
- **If you want to give out information, EUGRIS is your dissemination platform.**

This means that EUGRIS is always expanding and meeting the needs of its users, whether the topic is, for example, brownfield regeneration or river basin management. Uniquely, the site allows information providers to link to existing information on EUGRIS even where this information has been provided by others. The EUGRIS system is enormously adaptable because of its database driven system and dynamic page systems.

Following the major upgrade the EUGRIS site has several notable features, including:

- Powerful interlinked directories of projects, people, organisations and funding schemes,
- an advanced "text" search, for example if you are looking for a specific item or author
- a library search if you are looking for information by subject / topic
- an encyclopaedia if you are looking for an introduction to a topic before you search, which offers general themes and also country specific information
- a directory of users and a directory of organisations
- a developing multilingual glossary.

EUGRIS topics include brownfield regeneration, contaminated land management, groundwater, sediments, diffuse pollution, and an increasing content related to



river basin management and soil thematic strategy issues. This content is open to all, to use and to add to.

Currently, EUGRIS carries an extensive catalogue of 3,080 resources (document, software, hardware and web site listings), 58 funding programmes listings, 278 R&D project listings, 375 organisations listings, 289 current news items, 17 conference / training listings, 100 demonstration projects, over 100 encyclopaedia pages and over 2,500 registered users. This is quite a critical mass. EUGRIS operates as a community of collaborating projects, people and organisations who co-operate to supply information for the benefit of all and also to promote themselves and disseminate their work. EUGRIS is used as dissemination tool by a number of projects.

EUGRIS puts transparency first. There are no anonymous postings on EUGRIS. Registered users can see who posted information and their professional background as a means of information assessment. Registered users can also "rate" and comment on postings as a form of external quality control

EUGRIS continues to expand and evolve to meet the demands and needs of the sector, with new content and powerful new tools under development marking it out as the premiere resource centre for soil and water management. Whether EUGRIS is used to find information, or to promote and disseminate information, as a one stop portal EUGRIS functions effortlessly. It focuses results on relevance whether it is topical information, or to find experts and organisations of interest to the user. In an sector where information empowers, EUGRIS is its dynamo.

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### Notes to the Editor:

1. EUGRIS was originally set up as an Accompanying Measure under the Framework 5 programme, and has since then been further developed by the project partners, in particular r<sup>3</sup> environmental technology ltd and the Federal German Environmental Protection Agency, in association with Cybersales Limited.
2. National and regional agencies are invited to contact us to discuss how they might include "national" pages within the overall EUGRIS framework. We would also be interested to talk to organisations interested in sponsoring information content on EUGRIS, or developing their own listings in the EUGRIS directory.
3. Functionalities as "About EUGRIS", "What's new on EUGRIS", "Glossary", "Make a comment" and "Search" assist the visitor to use the system effectively.



4. EUGRIS is designed as open system, which means open to view, and open to register to add information – at no cost.
5. Easy to use web tools for posting information are provided. Anything posted is immediately available to other users, but can be edited by the provider at any time. Registration with EUGRIS also creates a for the user a professional “CV” page in the EUGRIS directory. New value added features such as enhanced registration services are under development, for example easy tools to download and exchange links and listings within project teams<sup>1</sup>.
6. Uniquely EUGRIS allows information providers to link their information to existing information on EUGRIS even where this information had been provided by other information service providers. Users can therefore search for all interlinked data on a certain project or organisation for example. While EUGRIS is open access registration is required for some information components (e.g., directories of people) and for posting information.
7. EUGRIS operates as a community of collaborating projects, people and organisations who co-operate to supply information for the benefit of all and also to promote themselves and disseminate their work.
8. EUGRIS is already used as dissemination tool by a number of EC funded projects from Framework 4, 5 and 6 including JOINT, SOWA, NICOLE, AQUATERRA, RISKBASE, SNOWMAN and EURODEMO.
9. EUGRIS is a tool that empowers, giving individuals and small organisations and authorities access to its environmental information. In this way EUGRIS helps to increase the competitiveness of Europe.

10. EUGRIS images follow

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<sup>1</sup> These may be chargeable services



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## Welcome . . .

EUGRIS is a web portal offering information and services on topics related to soil and water. EUGRIS operates as a community of collaborating projects, people and organisations who co-operate to supply information for the benefit of everyone and also to promote themselves and disseminate their work. (> more <). EUGRIS began as a project supported by the European Commission under the Fifth Framework Programme and other supporters.

- EUGRIS helps you to quickly find the information you need using simple search tools and/or structured access to information, based on topic/country or type of information.
- EUGRIS helps you to disseminate your own information to a wide audience. Registered users are able to add information, use the directories and access a wider range of EUGRIS tools including a free e-news service. Registration is free. Register now / sign-up to e-news.

Use of the web site is subject to terms and conditions. By navigating to further EUGRIS pages you confirm your acceptance of these terms and conditions. These include a privacy policy for your protection.

### EUGRIS Content Today:

- 3888 Resources
- 58 Funding Programmes
- 278 Projects
- 2591 Registered Users
- 375 Organisations
- 506 Glossary Terms
- 289 Current News Items
- 17 Events, meetings & training

### EUGRIS Selection:

- Report of the HICOLE workshop: Using baselines in liability management - what do upcoming Directives require from us?
- Consultation for European standard for verification of contaminated land technologies
- Political agreement for a proposal for a Directive establishing a framework for the protection of soil
- UK Contaminated Land Management: Ready Reference- 2007 Update
- Report of the HICOLE Workshop: Redevelopment of sites - the industrial perspective
- EURODEMO Demonstration Projects
- Benzofluorene - Use of Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk Estimates
- EPA Data on Contaminated Sites August 2007
- LIFE+ Funding Available
- The legal meaning of waste - Major UK court decision
- EU and US agree to cooperate on environmental research and ecoinformatics
- Mix and match: new EU guide to encourage combining research funding

### Use EUGRIS:

- EUGRIS encyclopaedia Learning / Topics / Themes
- Glossary of terms and abbreviations
- Use the EUGRIS Library
- Text Search
- Use the Directories
- Use the site index
- News, events calendar, What's New on EUGRIS
- EUGRIS Toolbox
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## Search EUGRIS

Enter one or more keywords to search for on EUGRIS  
Note that '\*' and '?' wildcards are supported.

Search for: soil carbon Submit Results per page: 10

Category: All Match: any search words all search words

### Search results for: soil carbon in all categories

1433 results found containing all search terms. 1433 results found containing some search terms.

#### Pages of results:

#### Soil Site Map

ers Poly-Aromatic Hydrocarbons Poly-Aromatic Hydrocarbons Further Description Soil groundwater processes Soil and groundwater processes Further ... Environment Agency has human toxicological data for carbon tetrachloride in soil 13 New press release- ...

#### Biodiversity Programme [Funding]

Soil Biodiversity Programme Funding isation: NERC (Natural ... ) In ecologically important processes in the carbon and sn cycles in soil, including the ...

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Any international network / project / organisation

European Union

Germany

France

Denmark

United Kingdom

Hungary

Italy

Netherlands

Latvia

Bulgaria

Lithuania

Cyprus

Finland

Sweden

Ireland

Poland

Brownfields

Contaminated land

Contaminants

Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene

Chlorinated aliphatics

Heavy metals

Methyl tertiary-butyl ether

Nitroaromatics

Others

Polyaromatic hydrocarbons

Cost benefit analysis

Financial risk assessment

Tools

Funding

Information management systems

Data storage

Geographical information systems

Predictive modelling

Management & admin

Maps

Mega-cities

Library (18)

Books journals and references (7)

Guidance/Management Tools (2)

Regulation and policy development (1)

Standards and protocols (2)

Technical Documents and Reports (6)

Weblinks (16)

Information websites (9)

Project Links (7)

Software (4)

Services (under development)

Research Development and Demonstration (24)

R & D Projects (7)

Project Outputs (17)

Books journals and references (6)

Guidance/Management Tools (1)

Information Weblinks (1)

Regulation and policy development (1)

Software (4)

Technical Documents and Reports (4)

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general

Germany

France

Denmark

United Kingdom

Hungary

Italy

Environmental effects

Social effects

Diffuse pollution

Contaminants

Emerging pollutants

Hydrocarbons

Persistent organic pollutants

Monitoring

Heavy metals

Regulation

Scales

Severities

Groundwater protection

Groundwater processes

Contaminant hydrology

Ecotoxicology

Geochemistry

Hydrogeology

Microbiology

Monitoring

Early warning systems

Emerging Pollutants

Pollutants that have been recently discovered in the environment such as endocrinal disruptors resulting of some organic compounds degradation or introduction of medicine in the natural milieu.

Previously unknown or unrecognized (mystery) pollutants. (Ignored environmental contaminants)

Detection of emerging pollutants is a detective work called environmental forensics

Emerging pollutants are generally not included in the legislation (non-priority pollutants)

Emerging pollutants = emerging chemicals

risks

Emerging issues and short-circuiting risks

Some Views of the Current EUGRIS Portal