

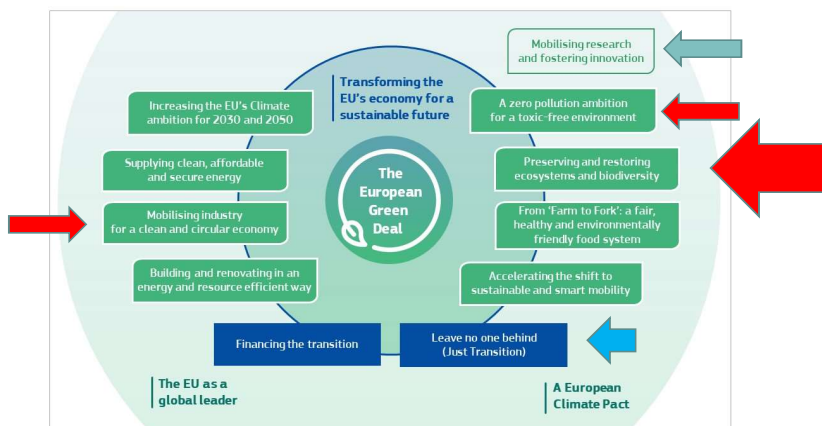


**CONTAMINATED LAND MANAGEMENT TOWARDS 2030**  
**EUSO & GREEN DEAL RELATED INITIATIVES RELATED TO THE ZERO POLLUTION ACTION PLAN**  
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**EU GREEN DEAL**  
**KEY AMBITIONS & MAINSTREAMING TO CLM**

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## SOIL POLLUTION

**ENGAGING TO HALT, REVERSE, RESTORE AND REVITALISE**

### ❑ **ACCOMPANYING CONSULTATION PROCESSES, e.g.**

- ❑ *Zero Pollution Action Plan (CF Secretariat; December 2020)*
- ❑ *new Soil Thematic Strategy (WG SaR; April 2021)*

### ❑ **JOINING STAKEHOLDER FORA, e.g.**

- ❑ Biodiversity Strategy – Nature Restoration Targets, like e.g.
  - *Significant progress has been made in the remediation of contaminated soil sites.*
  - *Cities with at least 20,000 inhabitants have an ambitious Urban Greening Plan*

## ZERO POLLUTION ACTION PLAN

### CF INPUTS (1) – PUBLIC CONSULTATION (February 2021)

- A **stronger recognition of soil**, which is compared to air and water much more a sink storing and keeping memory of contaminant inputs, would be crucial.
- importance to **provide for a good common understanding**
- the **evidence base** we should build on needs to involve **concise quality management**, for guaranteeing **representative and comparable data**, and effective review procedures

## ZERO POLLUTION ACTION PLAN CF INPUTS (2) – ROADMAP (October 2020)

### GAPS and CLM challenges - recognised suitably?

- Distinction between point source inputs and diffuse contaminated areas is fading away – a need for **new concepts and approaches**?
- ... differs from prevention but should complement, which allow for adaptive contaminated land management and resilient actions.
- contaminants of emerging concern (like PFAS) - effective means (organisational & technical) to remedy or even mitigate pollution?
- **Monitoring and reporting in relation to any pollution** - be it air, water or soil - must be **targeted and in a European context should focus on evident and "severe" problems.**

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## ZERO POLLUTION ACTION PLAN (12 May 21)

### RELEVANT ACTIONS OF INTEREST

- ***developing an indicator set*** for preventing and limiting pollution
- ***Soil pollution monitoring and outlook***
- ***EU Priority watch list for soil contaminants***
- Promote and facilitate depolluting soils
- Soil Pollution Hub
- ....



Reversing the pyramid of action, prioritising the approaches for tackling pollution  
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## SOIL POLLUTION MONITORING AND OUTLOOK

### ENHANCING A GOOD COMMON UNDERSTANDING

- ✓ **Clear goals (connecting policy and ‘metrics’)**
  - ✓ What are the questions which should be answered by the monitoring system?
  - ✓ Connected to EU policy instruments in a transparent manner!
- ✓ **Scale issues, environmental & health impacts (‘one health’)**

### MAKING IT OPERATIONAL – THE EVIDENCE BASE

- ✓ representative soil monitoring systems at MS level
- ✓ validity and comparability (“harmonisation”?) of data at EU level and across MS

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*“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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**EUSO, 1st Stakeholder Forum (Online)**  
**Soil Pollution session**  
● 20 October 2021