



## *PROGRAMME*

# **EEB Workshop on The Thematic Strategy on Soil Protection**

**Brussels, 27 October 2003**

Language of the workshop: English

Place of Venue: Representation of Lower Saxony to the European Union  
61 Rue Montoyer, 1000 Brussels

### **Morning session:**

Chair: Roberto Ferrigno, EEB Policy Director

9.00 Registration

9.15 Opening and welcome by Ute Brackmann-Werner (Representation of Lower Saxony)

9.30-9.50 **Claudia Olazábal, DG Environment, Water, the Marine and Soil Unit**  
The European Commission's vision for a European soil policy; the role of NGOs; the relationship with water, air, industry, agricultural policy etc. – the challenge of integration; will a 'European soil policy' be feasible in spite of subsidiarity concerns?

9.50-10.10 Discussion

10.10-10.30 **Pedro Mielgo, Adviser Partido Popular in the European Parliament**  
the perspective of the European Parliament

10.30-10.50 Discussion

10.50-11.10 Coffee Break

11.10-11.30 **Rob Jarman, National Trust, UK**  
an NGO response, the position of environmental NGOs; the diversity of soil functions; the diversity of stakeholders in soil quality, quantity and stability; climate change threats to soil functions

11.30-11.50 Discussion

11.50-12.10 **Julia Martínez Fernández, University of Murcia, Spain**  
Soil erosion and desertification: a critical perspective

12.10-12.30 Discussion

12.30-13.45 Lunch (in the Cafeteria of the Lower Saxony office)

## **Afternoon session**

Chair: Rob Jarman

**13.45-14.05 Dr Robert Jones, Joint Research Centre**  
stocktaking of the state of European soils

14.05-14.25 Questions and answers

**14.25-14.45 Florian Amlinger, Consultant to the Austrian Ministry of Environment**  
linkage of between soil protection and strategies for recycling and organic waste;  
long-term sustainable use of compost

14.45-15.05 Discussion

**15.05-15.25 Roger Unwin, Policy Advisor Soil Protection and Organic Farming, DEFRA, Rural Development Service, Technical Advisory Unit**  
Common Agricultural Policy, mandatory cross-compliance as a tool to promote soil protection

15.25-15.40 Discussion

15.40-16.00 Coffee Break

**16.00-16.20 Dr Marion Gunreben, Lower Saxony State Agency for Ecology, Sub-Department for Soil Protection and Old Sites**  
soil sealing - a major threat to soil ecosystems; presentation of a pilot study; the need to integrate soil protection in spatial planning

16.20-16.35 Discussion

**16.35- 16.55 Professor Winfried E.H. Blum, past Secretary General, IUSS**  
How can we achieve a holistic and integrated approach towards soil protection?

16.55-17.15 Discussion

17.15 Conclusions, wrap-up by the chair  
The way forward for a European policy on soil protection

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