

## EU-EMS WG71 Soil Monitoring

### From Kick-Off to Take-Off



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### Objectives of WG71

- To increase and exchange scientific as well as technical competences in possibly all domains of soil monitoring.
- To establish scientifically sound bases to gather, evaluate and report soil monitoring data.
- To provide recommendations for European soil monitoring.

### Working priorities of WG71

- Web-list of active institutions in soil monitoring
- Sufficiently specified inventory of soil monitoring networks in Europe for sake of comparison, harmonisation and evaluation
- Chemical, physical and biological soil monitoring
- Soil surface monitoring
- Urban soil monitoring
- Importance of retranslocation of soil dust
- Recommendations for European soil monitoring
- (*Organic soil carbon monitoring*)

### Main working rules of WG71

- Electronic WG (no prejudices by physical meetings).
- Participants do not officially represent their institution.
- Only participants can submit propositions to vote.
- Participants with accepted propositions of working priorities are responsible for its realization (working priority leaders).
- Participants must be members of EU-EMS, interested persons must not.

### Actual state of WG71

March 2006

- 5 participants
- 32 interested persons

### Next steps of WG71

- **WG71-Workshop, march 10<sup>th</sup> 09:00-12:00**  
**UBA Wien, Spittelauer Lände 5**  
> [contact me today if you are interested](#)
- Campaign to increase the number of participants
- Participants vote of the proposed working programme (objectives, priorities and rules)
- Organization and coordination of the working structure (WG leaders, working priority leaders, participants)

### **Handicaps to overcome for the take-off**

- Many are interested, few want to participate
- Status nascendi: lack of members, funds and prestige
- Domination of german speaking members
- Overstructuration of EU-EMS
- Scepticism of existing bodies and societies