Panel of Experts for Soil Protection
2019 Report

Coordinator: Maria J. Rubial

EFG Autumn Council Meeting
Brussels, Belgium
23-24 November 2019
Main activities in 2019

• Follow-up conferences and meetings on the external review (contribution) on IPBES report on land degradation and restoration.

• Participation in 2 working groups (WG) from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on soil contamination and remediation:
  – WG-1 is developing technical guidelines for the evaluation, cartography, monitoring and reporting on soil contamination.
  – WG 2, works on the development of a database that contains information on the existing remediation/restauration technologies based on contaminants properties, evidence/scientific results, others.
Challenges

It is still a panel with a very low level of participation. The best response I have had has been in relation to the FAO initiative. Therefore, the greatest challenge is to find initiatives with a high level of international recognition that involve at least 50% of the panel members.
Outlook

Continue searching for new opportunities to engage the panel members. On top of the list:

– Follow-up FAO’s initiative and IPBES report on land degradation
– The Economics of Land Degradation
– Natural & Social Capital with WBCSD, IUCN and Capitals Coalition (among others)
Thank you for your attention!

Contact: María J. Rubial

Email address: coordinator.soils@eurogeologists.eu