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Invited soil expert

Are you getting what you want from land? policy options for competing demands on soil functions

An interactive workshop for EU stakeholders

Dear expert,

In the context of the LANDMARK H2020 project (www.landmark2020.eu), we are pleased to invite you to participate in an **interactive stakeholders consultation** on the state of existing knowledge, future requirements and priorities for policy options related to the protection or enhancement of soil functions across the European Union.

The workshop will take place on **20th of October 2016** (09:00 – 16:00) at the premises of COPA-COGECA, Rue de Treves 61, Brussels, Belgium. Complementary buffet lunch and refreshments will be provided.

LANDMARK is a pan-European Horizon 2020 consortium of leading academic and applied research institutes, chambers of agriculture and policy makers that is developing a coherent framework for soil management aimed at sustainable food production across Europe. The project recognises that in parallel to food production, the cross-sectorial nature of soils gives rise to different expectations, which often driven by European policy and associated instruments. These create pressures on land owners, farmers and policy makers to do the right thing for their soils, but often without the appropriate decision support tools or knowledge base.

Through a novel and interactive approach, the workshop in October will engage with stakeholders having a European perspective on competing demands and expectations on the range of soil functions and associated ecosystem services. The aim is to provoke discussion and solicit opinions on how to optimise land management as inputs to the development of policy relevant scenarios of supply and demand of soil functions.

We kindly ask you to register your intention to attend via the following link: <https://web.jrc.ec.europa.eu/rem/> (you need to create an ECAS account if you don't have it yet and select the LANDMARK workshop).

If you require any additional information, or clarification, please contact: landmark@teagasc.ie

We look forward to seeing you in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

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