



## PROGRAMME

**11-12 June 2019**  
**Bari, Italy**

### **Preamble**

Soil contamination can originate from different sources both natural and anthropogenic. The anthropogenic sources of contamination include mining and industrial activities as well as agricultural practice. Therefore, better management of agricultural soils (waste management, optimal fertilisation and pest management) could significantly improve soil quality and protect valuable soils from contamination. The Focus Group will look at the main soil pollutants and the best practices that would enable to minimise the harmful effects to agricultural soils as well as discuss the available technologies that help to restore the soils already suffering from pollutants. It will also look for possible barriers in using these technologies, new opportunities and identify knowledge gaps and the needs for further research.

The overarching **QUESTION** of the Focus Group is: **How to protect agricultural soil from contamination?**

In order to answer this, the Focus Group is expected to carry out the following tasks:

#### Tasks:

1. Identify the main soil pollutants in different regions and challenges each of them pose.
2. Review existing knowledge about ways to measure soil contamination and share information.
3. Identify innovative methods to prevent soil contamination in particular through improved management on farm.
4. Identify a set of good practices to prevent agricultural soil contamination from various sources, and to remedy agricultural soil contamination.
5. Identify remaining research needs from practice and propose possible directions for further research on soil contamination.

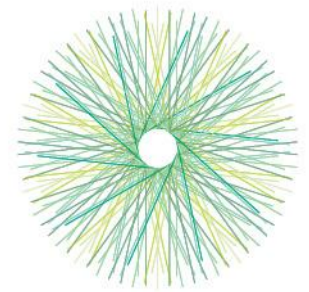
Propose priorities for innovative actions by suggesting ideas for Operational Groups to test solutions in prevention of soil contamination or remediation of contaminated soils and other ways to exchange the practical knowledge gathered beyond the Focus Group



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### Day 1: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019

<b>08:20</b>	<b>8:50</b>	<b>Welcoming words, scope and purpose of the meeting, expectations from the Focus Group (FG). Getting to know the EIP AGRI</b> <i>Magdalena Mach (European Commission, DG AGRI), Liisa Kübarsepp (Task Manager, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
8:50	9:00	<b>Introduction to the FG workflow, roles and agenda of the meeting</b> <i>Liisa Kübarsepp (Task Manager, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
9:00	9:30	<b>Icebreaker. Getting to know each-other</b>
9:30	9:50	<b>Setting the scene: Starting paper and results of the questionnaire</b> <i>Pandi Zdruli (Coordinating Expert of the FG, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
9:50	10:10	<b>Flash presentations by experts</b>
10:10	10:40	<b>Break out session 1</b> <i>Problems related to soil contamination</i>
<b>10:40</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00	13:00	<b>Break out session 2</b> <i>Challenges, opportunities and sources of innovation</i>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:30</b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>Fieldtrip near Bari</b> <i>Oro Fruit Cooperative in Rutigliano Landfill Martucci in Conversano Cultural visit in Alberobello</i>
<b>19:30</b>	<b>22:00</b>	<b>Networking dinner in Alberobello and return to the hotel</b>



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### Day 2: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

<b>08:00</b>	<b>08:15</b>	<b>Travel logistics and program of the second day</b> <i>(Liisa Kübarsepp, Beatriz Guimarey)</i>
08:15	8:30	<b>Recap from yesterday</b> <i>(Pandi Zdruli)</i>
8:30	10:00	<b>Minipapers: concept and ideas</b> <i>Building up on good practices and key elements enabling protection of soil</i>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30	11:45	<b>Minipapers: outlining topics and teams</b>
11:45	12:00	<b>Minipapers: presentations of initial outlines by each minipaper team</b>
12:00	12:30	<b>Conclusions of the meeting</b> <i>Wrap up of the meeting and follow-up steps</i> <i>Introduction of EIP-AGRI website and collaborative space for FG members</i>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>13:30</b>	<b>Lunch and departure</b>