



Introduction

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Objectives (1)

- **Bring together key players in the development and implementation of soil protection policy, soil survey, soil monitoring and soil information systems in South-Eastern Europe**
 - **Adoption of Soil Thematic Strategy: Overview of developments.**
 - **Soil Framework Directive: Implications for Member States, Acceding Countries, Candidate Countries, Potential Candidate countries?**
 - **A regional approach to soil protection?**

Objectives (2)

- **Strengthening collaborations between the countries of south-eastern Europe and with JRC**
 - Information exchange between present countries.
 - European Soil Bureau Network (ESBN): Core network in support of EU soil policy – enhanced contributions from South-Eastern Europe.
 - European Soil Data Centre (ESDAC): Inventory of Soil Information systems/Data.

Objectives (3)

- **Supporting EU Enlargement & Integration**
 - Implications for Chapter 22 (Environment) of *acquis communautaire*
 - Soil Thematic Strategy: new legislation to implement!
 - Support through JRC Enlargement & Integration Programme
- <http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu/enlargement/action2006>
- Example: Summer School on Soil Survey

Objectives (4)

- **Dissemination of knowledge and Communication**
 - **Special EUR report from Workshop**
 - **Status and prospect of soil information in south-eastern Europe: soil databases, projects and applications**
 - **Soil Resources of Europe –European Soil Bureau Research Report: update South-Eastern Europe contribution**