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# Report from the Steering Committee 2008 - 2009

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## Year 2008 - 2009

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# Steering Committee 2008 - 2009

## > Members:

- > Arnold Arnoldussen (Chair)
- > Wolf Eckelmann (Vice Chair).
- > Pavol Bielek
- > Rachel Creamer
- > Endre Dobos
- > Sigbert Huber
- > Christine Le Bas
- > Sid Theocharopoulos
- > ESB secretariat:
  - > Luca Montanarella
  - > Arwyn Jones



## SC meetings (1)

- > 2 meetings since Plenary in Paris (November 2008)
  
- > **SC meeting at Ispra 27 – 28th of January 2009**
  - > Status WG: speeding up
  - > Establishment WG 4: Outreach and Education
  - > Organisation next Plenary
  - > Start review our rules/structure.



## SC meetings (2)

- > **SC meeting at Ispra 28 – 29th of May 2009**
  - > Updated Working Rules: discussion about updated draft – not finished.
  - > Status WG's. Decision on request to WG leaders to report regularly to SC.
  - > Organisation Plenary meeting Budapest 14 – 16 September in Budapest. Decision on program.



# Diverse activities

- > ***Appointment editorial board***
  - > Sigi Hubert (Austria)
  - > Bob Jones (Cranfield, UK)
  - > Stephen Hallett (Cranfield, UK)
  - > Tibor Tóth (Research Institute for Soil Science, Hungary)
  
- > ***Representation by Endre Dobos in Eionet meeting 4 -5th of March 2009, Ispra***
  - > Topics:
    - Reporting EEA: State of the Environment Report 2010
    - Data deliverance EIONET to ESDAC
    - Updating the EIONET network.



# Content Plenary Meetings

- > All Plenary meetings had so far a focus on information about what is going on in the world around us.
- > **Reasons for a needed change:**
  - > World around us has changed considerable.
  - > Financial support JRC to Plenary meetings is expensive. Cost – effect evaluation. Need to focus more on our mission to support and advice JRC/EU in matters concerning soils.
  - > Need to be more proactive.
- > **Decision:**
  - > Main focus of Plenary meetings will be from now on the work done by the WG's.
  - > More time for discussion and exchange of opinions about central themes.



# Follow up Working Groups

- > 4 WG's established :
  - > WG 1: Working Group on INSPIRE and ESDAC. Leader Marc van Liedekerke
  - > WG 2: Working Group 1 : 250.000 Soil database for Europe. Leader: Wolf Eckelmann
  - > WG 3: Working Group Delineation Priority Areas at Risk. Leader: Mark Kibblewhite
  - > WG 4: Working group on Outreach and Education. Leader: Willy Towers
- > There is a need for speeding up WG's:
  - > We need to be pro-active in relation to Soil Directive + INSPIRE
  - > Task to propose Terms of Reference and mandate for studies to be done by the Consortium
  - > Be part of a WG means you take up a responsibility to deliver work
  - > Plenary meetings in future will have main focus on results work WG's
- > **Decision:**
  - > Each WG should have a clear working plan with clear expected results and deadlines.
  - > WG Chairs will on a regularly basis report on their results to the SC.
  - > Each WG has a contact person in the SC





# Conclusion

- > Due to changes in the world around us focus on:
  - > Adapting our way of working: strong focus on our mission.
  - > Speeding up Working Groups
  - > Changed focus of Plenary meetings