

CALL for a STSM application

WG 5: Connectivity & Society COST Action CONNECTEUR ES 1306

IV. Policy briefing for the soil thematic strategy

Connectivity issues across the water and soil domain appear to be inadequately addressed in current EU policies and a better representation of connectivity research in future policy adoptions is expected to lead to a more sustainable land and water management. Previously, the Water Framework Directive gave a positive example, on how it became possible to implement an integrated water resources management across state boundaries. A similar proposal for a Soil Framework Directive however was withdrawn in 2008.

As part of the work of WG 5, we would like to work towards influencing the potential re-edition of the Soil Framework Directive by interacting with the European Commission (Directorate-General for Environment, Unit B1: Agriculture, Forests and Soil) to try to transfer results of the present COST connectivity research on theory, modelling, monitoring and indices at an early stage into EU policy. One way of doing so could be a direct involvement with the future developments of the Soil Thematic Strategy of the EU commission.

Within this STSM, applicants are invited to come for a research stay to the TU Berlin to collect information on the past and current state of the Soil Framework Directive (or Soil Thematic Strategy) and help to plan some actions on how to address responsible policy makers at EU level towards implementing guidelines for a better, integrated management of water and land resources.

Possible duration of the STSM:

2-4 months anytime between 12/2016 and 4/2017

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Literature and more information:

CONNECTEUR (2015) Action information Cost Action ES1306: Connecting European Connectivity Research. Web resources on <http://connecteur.info/>

