



Brownfield redevelopment in the EU

BRUSSELS, 5 APRIL 2019



Conference venue: European Committee of the Regions, Building Jacques Delors, Room JDE52 (5th floor), Rue Belliard 99-101, Brussels

Objective: This conference aims to promote brownfield redevelopment as a solution to limit urban sprawl, land take and soil sealing. Inspiring policies and good practices will be presented by European, regional and local stakeholders, and the potential offered by EU funds will be explored.

AGENDA

09.00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09.30 **Welcome address**
by Witold Stepień (Member of the European Committee of the Regions)
by Humberto Delgado Rosa (Director, DG ENV)

10.00 **Session on policies for brownfield redevelopment**
Moderated by Claudia Olazabal (Head of Unit, DG ENV)

1) Brownfields and sustainable urban development
Bernard Vanheusden (University Hasselt)

2) Progress on contaminated sites management in the EU
Svetlana Chovancova (DG ENV) & Arwyn Jones (DG JRC)

3) Funding opportunities for land rehabilitation
- **Under LIFE:** Santiago Urquijo Zamora (DG ENV)
- **Under Cohesion Policy:** Sander Happaerts (DG REGIO)

4) The perspective of the industry
Johan De Fraye (Chair of NICOLE)

5) The perspective of the public authorities
Dietmar Müller-Grabherr (General Secretary of the COMMON FORUM on Contaminated Land in Europe)

12.30 **Lunch** (Atrium 5, 5th floor)

14.00

Session on best practices and success stories

Moderated by Arwyn Jones (Soil Project Leader, DG JRC)

1) A regional perspective

- **Flanders:** Johan Ceenaeme (OVAM)
- **Baltic Sea Region:** Maija Rusanen (Union of the Baltic Cities)

2) From problem to opportunity: a local perspective

- **Lille:** Christine Lafeuille (Métropole Européenne de Lille)
- **Copenhagen:** Heidi Uttenthal Bay (Copenhagen Capital Region)
- **Lisbon:** Marta Rodrigues (Directorate-General for Spatial Planning)
- **Ostrava:** Petr Koudela (Lower Vitkovice)
- **GreenerSites project:** Alessia Porcu (City of Venice)

16.30

Closing panel discussion on challenges ahead

Moderated by Claudia Olazabal (Head of Unit, DG ENV)

With Christine Lafeuille, Heidi Uttenthal Bay and Paul Nathanail

17.00

End
