

Key emerging soil legislation (International and European)

Emerging policy areas	Notes
<p>European proposal for establishing a framework for the protection of soil and amending Directive 2004/35/EC</p>	<p>There is no specific European legislation on soil protection. The proposed Soil Framework Directive will establish a strategy for the protection and sustainable use of soil based on the principles of integration of soil concerns into other policies, preservation of soil functions within the context of sustainable use, prevention of threats to soil and mitigation of their effects, and restoration of degraded soils. The main themes in the proposed Soil Framework Directive include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soil sealing; • erosion; • organic matter decline; • compaction; • salinisation; and • landslides.
<p>Directive for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides and a new Regulation for the placing of pesticides in the EU market (to replace Directive 91/414/EC)</p>	<p>The Directive aims to minimise the risk to health and the environment from the use of pesticides, and will establish a framework to promote 'best practice' in the storage, use and disposal of pesticides, their waste products and packaging. The Regulation aims to establish a framework for the authorisation and marketing of agricultural pesticides with a view to raising protection standards.</p>
<p>Waste Framework Directive</p>	<p>Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives</p>