

Summary of main current legislation – SOIL

Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection (COM (2006) 231), which outlines a proposal for a Soil Framework Directive (COM(2006) 232) and an Impact Assessment (SEC(2006) 1165 and SEC(2006) 620) is of particular importance. The overall objective of the Thematic Strategy is the protection and sustainable use of soil, based on the following guiding principles:

- Preventing further soil degradation and preserving its functions; and
- Restoring degraded soils to a level of functionality consistent at least with current and intended use, thus also considering the cost implications of the restoration of the soil.