



BASQUE SOIL PROTECTION STRATEGY 2030

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LAW 4/2015, OF 25 JUNE, FOR THE PREVENTION AND CORRECTION OF SOIL CONTAMINATION IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

ARTICLE 47. SOIL PLAN

At the proposal of the environmental authority, the government of the Autonomous Community will approve a **soil plan** in order to establish the action guidelines in terms of prevention and remediation of soil contamination, in accordance with the criterio of this law.

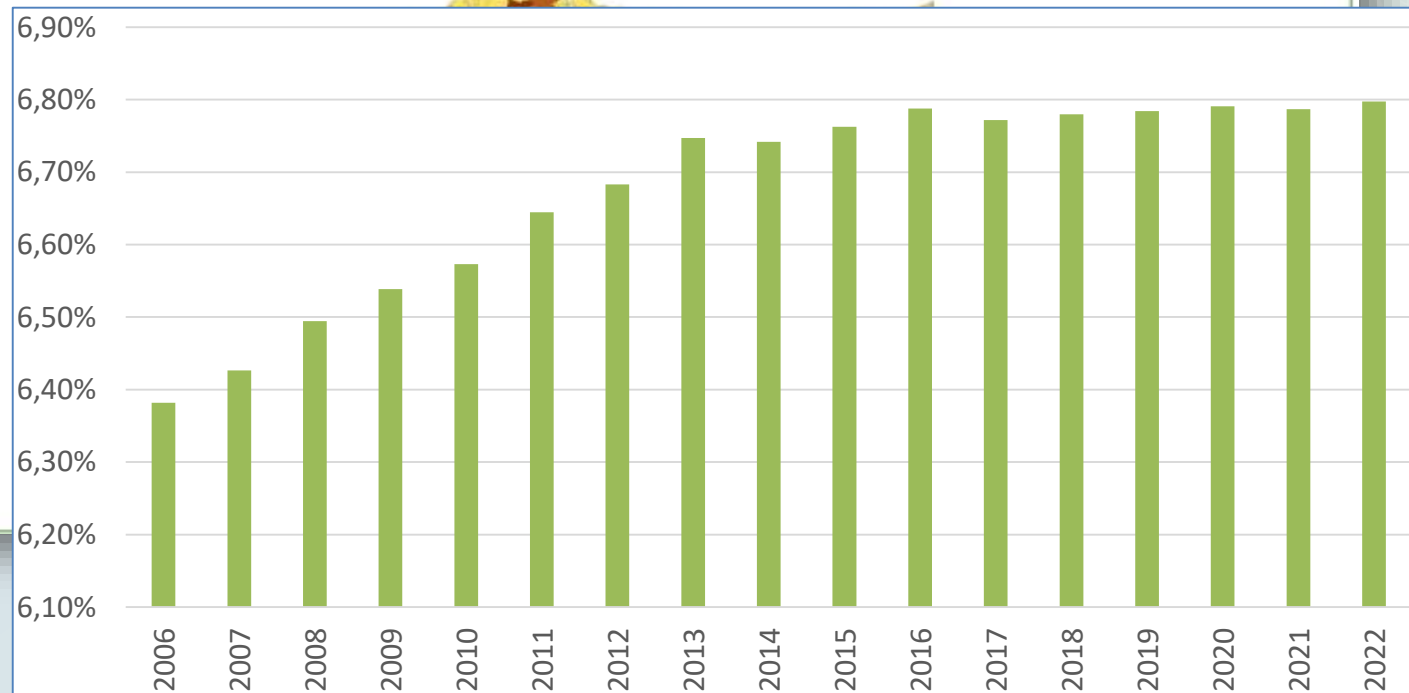
FIFTH ADDITIONAL PROVISION

The Government of the Autonomous Community, in addition to the Soil Plan regulated in this regulation, [...] shall approve a **strategy for the protection, conservation and restoration of the natural functions and use of soils** that may be degraded as a result of erosion, loss of organic matter, salinisation, compaction, loss of biodiversity, sealing, landslides and flooding.





OUR SOIL IS THREATENED





VISION 2050

All soil in the Basque Country is **sustainable managed** and **threats** are successfully addressed, guaranteeing its health and hence the **long term soil functions** for its use by future generations.

GOALS 2050

ZERO NET
DEGRADATION

LAND TAKE ZERO

HEALTHY SOILS

PROTECTING soil from harmful
impacts

RESTORING degraded soil

CO-RESPONSABILITY

REDUCING soil consumption and land
take

INCREASING awareness and
knowledge



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2030

VISION FOR
2030

4 LINES OF
ACTION

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UNDERSTAND the status of soil as a base for the definition and monitoring of the action policies in the different priority areas

Define an institutional policy and an **INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT MODEL** for soil protection

Foster **SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT** in order to protect, conserve and restore its natural functions through the ecosystems and the ecosystem services it provides

Increase **AWARENESS, EDUCATION** and **TRAINING** for the conservation and sustainable use of soil as a resource, as well as the presence of the Basque Country in international forums

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7 AREAS OF ACTION

ACTION PLAN: 69 ACTIONS



AREAS OF ACTION



- **SPATIAL PLANNING**



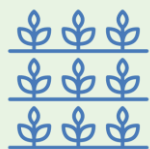
- **INDUSTRIAL CONTAMINATED SITES**



- **AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK FARMING AND FORESTRY**



- **EXCAVATED SOIL AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY**



- **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: NATURAL SOILS**



- **MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE**



- **CROSS-CUTTING ACTIONS**



SOIL STRATEGY COMMISSION

Secretariat



Economic development
,
Sustainability
and
Environment

Agriculture,
Fisheries and
Food Policy

Spatial Planning,
Town Planning
and y Urban
Regeneration

Health





FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

- ✓ Generate **trust** and **collaboration dynamics** between agents
- ✓ **Driving forward** the implementation of the strategy
- ✓ **Identifying needs** and new areas of work
- ✓ **Stimulate action** in soil protection in all sectors
- ✓ Supporting the **monitoring** of the strategy





CROSS-CUTTING ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY

- ✓ Definition of **OBJECTIVES** and identification of **INDICATORS** to monitor the deployment of the strategy
- ✓ **AWARENESS-RAISING** plan
- ✓ **I+D** needs. **Map of KNOWLEDGE** and **inventory of PUBLIC INSTRUMENTS** for soil protection
- ✓ Reutilization of **VACANT LAND**:
 - Preliminary inventory of vacant land
 - State of the art study and roadmap proposal





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