

About ENSA

City of Tulln
near the Danube

<http://www.tulln.at/>



Venue:

UFT Universitäts- und Forschungszentrum Tulln
Konrad Lorenz Straße 24
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Austria



On 28th of September 2009 the European Network on Soil Awareness ENSA has been founded at the kick off conference in Osnabrück/Germany.

The European Commission as well as local and international experts from 14 countries supported the new initiative of ENSA.

The main objective is to bundle experts and other stakeholders working on soil awareness raising in a European network.

ENSA addresses to all institutions, organisations and persons who are interested in enforcing soil protection or who are already involved in awareness raising activities – soil experts as well as users.

ENSA supports the implementation of regional networks and knowledge exchange.

Teachers, trainers, scientists, regional institutions or consultants, municipalities or regions are welcome to join the network.

ENSA is strongly connected to the European Land & Soil Alliance (ELSA e.V.) and the working group on Soil Awareness Raising of the European Soil Bureau Network (ESBN).

About the conference

The 2nd meeting of ENSA aims at connecting municipalities, teachers, planners and soil experts to exchange knowledge and enforce soil awareness raising activities in Europe.

For more information about the conference, venue and ONLINE-Registration please visit our website:

<http://www.eu-ensa.org>



European Atlas of Soil Biodiversity 2010

European Network on Soil Awareness

2nd meeting of ENSA

13. – 14. October 2011

Tulln, near Vienna, Austria

Programme 13th October 2011

09:30 Registration and Coffee

10:30 Opening

Moderation: Andreas Baumgarten,
President Austrian Soil Science Society

Martin Gerzabek

Rector of the University of Natural Resources and
Life Sciences, Austria

Franz Rennhofer

Member of Lower Austrian Parliament, Mayor of
Lichtenegg and Chairman of BIENE association
(Bioenergy and Soil Network)

Walter Wenzel

Head of Institute of Soil Science, University of Natural
Resources and Life Sciences, Austria

*New opportunities for soil - plant research and teaching
at the BOKU campus Tulln*

Christian Steiner

Chair of European Land & Soil Alliance (ELSA e.V.)
Cooperation between ELSA and ENSA

Martin Schamann

Director of Programme *Nature & Usages* of
Environment Agency Austria

Challenges for Soil Awareness Raising in Austria

Thomas Strassburger

European Commission, DG Environment
Soil Protection in Europe

Gabriele Broll

University of Osnabrück, Germany
President German Soil Association

*The European Network on Soil Awareness –
Steps into the Future*

12:00 Buffet Lunch

13:00 SOIL Cinema

Film presentation
"With the colours of the earth"

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Moderation: Erwin Szlezak,
Provincial Government of Lower Austria

13:15 SONDAR - Soil Strategy Network in the Danube Region

Franz Rybaczek, Bioenergy and Soil Network

13:30 Soil network in Ottensheim – best practice exemple from Upper Austria

Ulrike Böker, mayoress of Ottensheim, Upper Austria

13:45 Soil protection in Czech municipalities

Antonin Okenka, mayor of Nová Lhota, Czech Republic,
Jana Urbančíková, Centre of Learning and Information,
The White Carpathians

14:00 – 18:00 Exhibition and Presentation of Best Practice Examples for Soil Awareness Raising

Experts and organizations from European Countries present best
practice examples for soil awareness raising via posters and
stands. This offers opportunities for exchange of knowledge and
experience as well as for gaining ideas and partners for new
projects or cooperation.

15:00 The artist Prof. Irena Racek presents *"With the colours of the earth"* (www.SOILart.eu)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00 SOIL Café

Parallel to the exhibition the Soil Café offers a contact point for
networking and finding partners on soil awareness raising issues.

18:30 – 20:00 Conference Dinner

20:15 – 21:30 SOIL Cinema Presentation of *DIRT! The movie*

Gene Rosow's great film about soil has been presented at the
ENSA – Kickoff meeting in Osnabrück 2009. In Tulln it will be
shown publicly for the first time in Austria, provided by the
Austrian Soil Science Society.

Parallel to the film the *Soil Café* will be open for ongoing
discussion and networking activities until 21:30.

DIRT! The movie: <http://www.dirtthemovie.org/>

Programme 14th October 2011

Moderation: Christian Steiner, Chair of ELSA

09:00 Presentations

Activities on Soil Awareness Raising: From Regional Networks to International Cooperation

International:

Cristine Muggler, Brazil

Multinational in Europe:

Pandi Zdruli, Mediterranean area

National:

Beata Houskova, Slovakia

Willie Towers & Rachel Creamer, UK and Ireland

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Closing Session

G. Broll: Summary and next steps for ENSA

12:00 Buffet Lunch

