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OVAM as innovator

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The Public Waste Agency of Flanders - OVAM

- Established in 1981
 - *Decree on Waste*
- Soil regulation
 - *1995 : Decree on Soil Remediation*
 - *2006 : Decree on Soil Remediation and Soil Protection*



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Keynotes of the Soil Decree

- Protection of the buyer
 - Soil certificate
 - Soil investigation
 - Remediation before transfer

- Distinction between the obligation and the liability

- Distinction between types of pollution
 - New pollution
 - Historical pollution

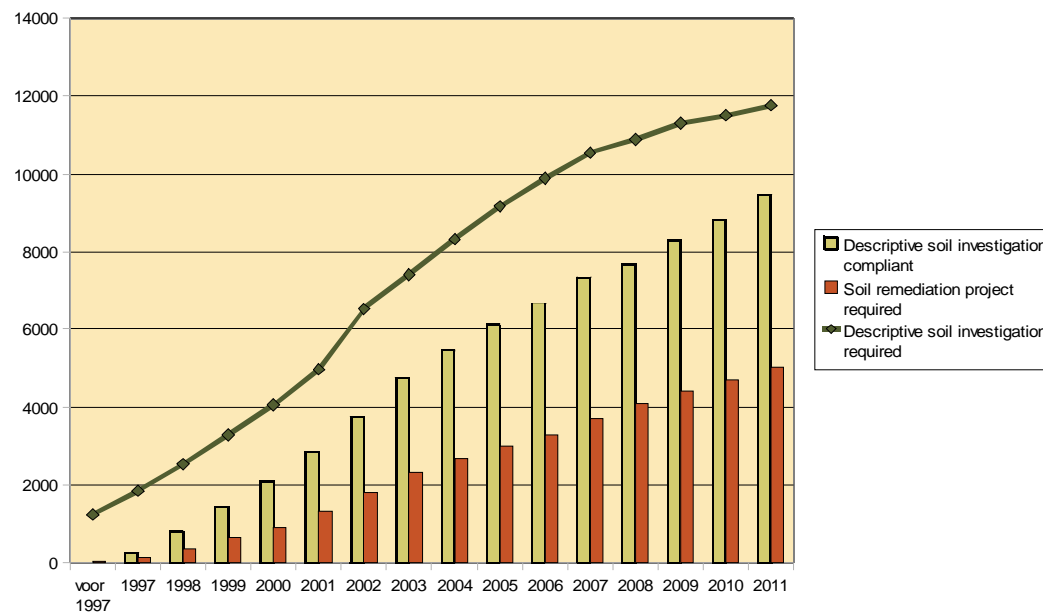
- Dual approach
 - Clean up the legacy from the past
 - Prevent impact of new pollution



Polluted sites in Flanders

- Estimated 85.000 potentially polluted sites
- Goal: all sites investigated by 2036

Overview of cumulative descriptive soil investigations and soil remediation projects



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Chlorinated solvents



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Why as an international project?

- Densely populated areas of Europe face similar problems
- Different regional (partial) solutions
- Exchange of knowledge and experience
- More efficient approach by collaboration
- A harmonized approach leads to more transparency and facilitates further exchange of knowledge and experiences



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