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What is it all about?

No Soil, No Future focuses on the elementary but invisible dimension of our food, water and energy system: the quality of our soil and the smart use of our subsoil. Many stakeholders work together on the shared vision and agenda that is missing today.

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The subsoil or the soil is the part of the area that is withdrawn from our view. Nevertheless, quality and multifunctional soil is an important precondition for the functioning of our delta. Different sectors and powers require their place. They all claim the capacity of the subsoil for water and energy production, food production, the construction of infrastructure or the storage of energy and waste. All those players in the subsurface have their own agenda, interests and methods. The competences for different aspects of the soil or subsoil are distributed to various authorities.

In a series of three work sessions, we invite the various interested parties to look for a complementary and integrated approach to the soil problem. We draw the outline of a shared agenda. Flanders can learn a lot from the Netherlands here, where a shared

vision for the subsoil has already been drawn up and operationalized in recent years. The process ends with the introduction of a joint strategic agenda and action plan, which must find its way to a future policy and area-oriented operation of various authorities. And who knows, to the next Flemish coalition agreement. With a coherent agenda and action plan, despite the many transformations that our soil will have to undergo, we can still maintain the soil quality for future generations.