



NICOLE

*A Network for Industrially
Contaminated Land in Europe*

Data-acquisition for a good conceptual site
model

NICOLE workshop 10-12 May 2006



Welcome to Carcassonne



Why are we here ?

- This is NICOLE's 10th anniversary year
- Industrially contaminated land is still a major issue in Europe e.g. from the Cabernet network:
- *"Between 9000-11000 hectares of industrial sites are obsolete (in the Netherlands),*
- *ODPM target of 60% new housing on previously developed land (including industrial) ...39,600 hectares of derelict land (UK)*
- *the stock of industrial brownfield is estimated at about 20,000 hectares (France)".*
- Conclusion: management of contaminated land on industrial sites still very much an issue across Europe



Why this topic?

- A risk based approach to managing industrially contaminated land requires good conceptual models.
- “This workshop ... emphasises data acquisition for the development of robust and appropriate conceptual site models”.
- More about this from Wouter Gevaerts later.



This workshop is within NICOLE's mission:

“Enable European industry to **identify, assess** and manage industrially contaminated land efficiently, cost-effectively, and within a framework of sustainability”.

This conference addresses the specific NICOLE objectives:

- forum for **dissemination and exchange of practical and scientific knowledge**; and
- stimulate collaborative research and **knowledge transfer**.

Challenge: make sure you get real value from this meeting !



Developments in NICOLE -1

1. A key action from the NICOLE strategy project was to drive NICOLE forwards through working groups.

We have formed 4 working groups, covering:

- **Groundwater Daughter Directive** (Wouter Gevaerts)
- **Waste** (Ian Heasman/Steve Wallace)
- **Soil** (Steve Wallace)
- **MNA** (Roger Jacquet)

If you want to participate in these groups please contact the people named above



Some developments in NICOLE -2

10th Anniversary workshop: 4-6 October 2006 in Leuven (near Brussels)

In this 10th year we want to look back at what NICOLE has done,

but **more importantly** what are the research needs, technology implementation, policy making and knowledge transfer **over the next 10 years?**

