

# Environmental policy on degraded/contaminated soils in the Basque Country

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# ABOUT IHOBE

Public environmental management company, which belongs to the Ministry of Environment, Land Planning and Housing of the Basque Government

## MISSION

Support the Ministry in enabling the environmental policy and in spreading the green sustainability culture within the Basque Autonomous Community

- ❑ contributing and participating actively in improving the environment
- ❑ encouraging the production and spreading of environmental knowledge
- ❑ co-operating with companies, public authorities and citizens



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# IHOBE WORKS ON

- Environmental Policy

- Environmental knowledge

- Co-operation - Alliances

- Biodiversity

- Contaminated sites/SOIL PROTECTION

- Climate Change

- Waste

- Sustainable consumption and products

- Green public procurement

- Municipality and local sustainability

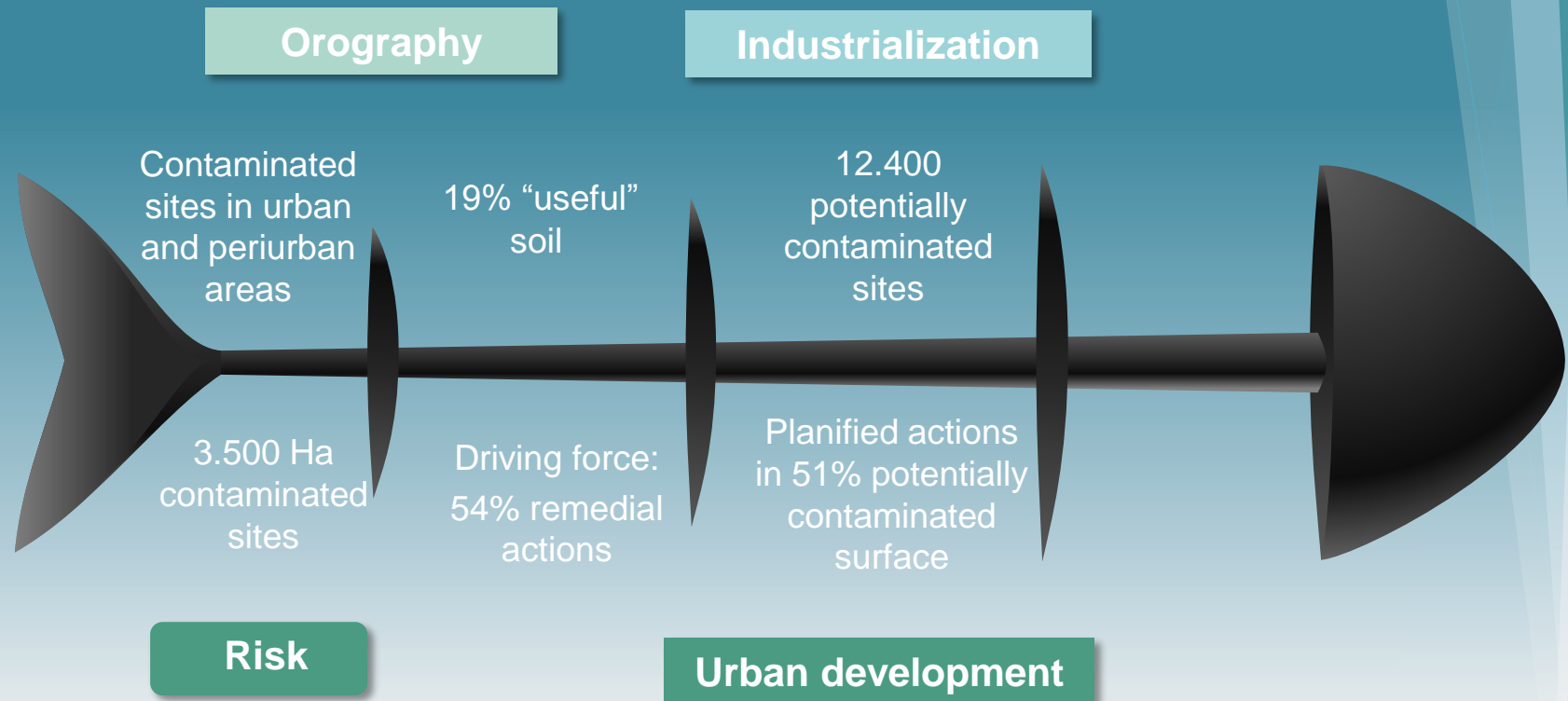
- Eco-efficient industry



# BASQUE COUNTRY



# Why a policy on contaminated sites?



# OUR GOALS

**PREVENT**  
new soil  
contamination

Rational  
**REMEDIATION**  
of contaminated  
sites

**REUSE**  
polluted sites

**GIVE VALUE**  
to soils out of  
the  
“urbanistic”  
market



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# OUR MAIN WORK AREAS

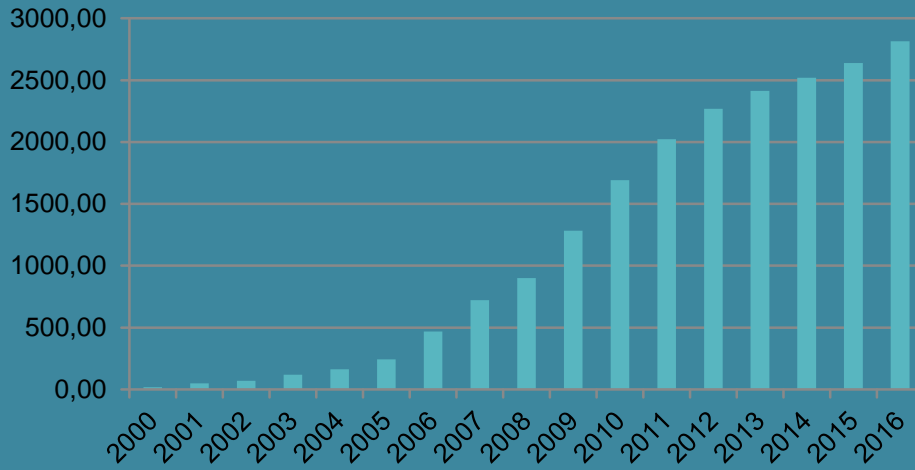


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## Investigated surface (Ha)



## Remediated surface (Ha)



Suelos contaminados recuperados para nuevos usos

# SOME DATA

12.400 potentially contaminated sites  
 2.600 investigated sites  
 875 remediated sites



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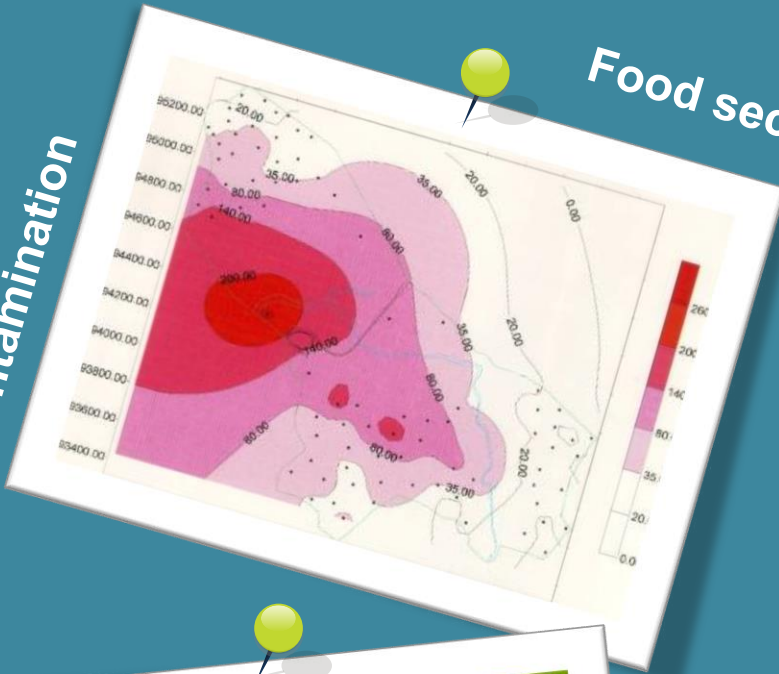






# OTHER "NEW" KEYWORDS

Diffuse contamination



Food security

Phyto management



Phytoremediation



Soil health

Soil ecosystem services

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# NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

**LAW 4/2015 on  
contaminated  
sites  
management**

A new  
**CONTAMINATED  
SITES  
PLANIFICATION**  
(in preparation)

**NEW DECREE on  
administrative  
and technical  
Procedures**  
(in preparation)

**STRATEGY FOR  
SOIL  
PROTECTION**  
(in preparation)

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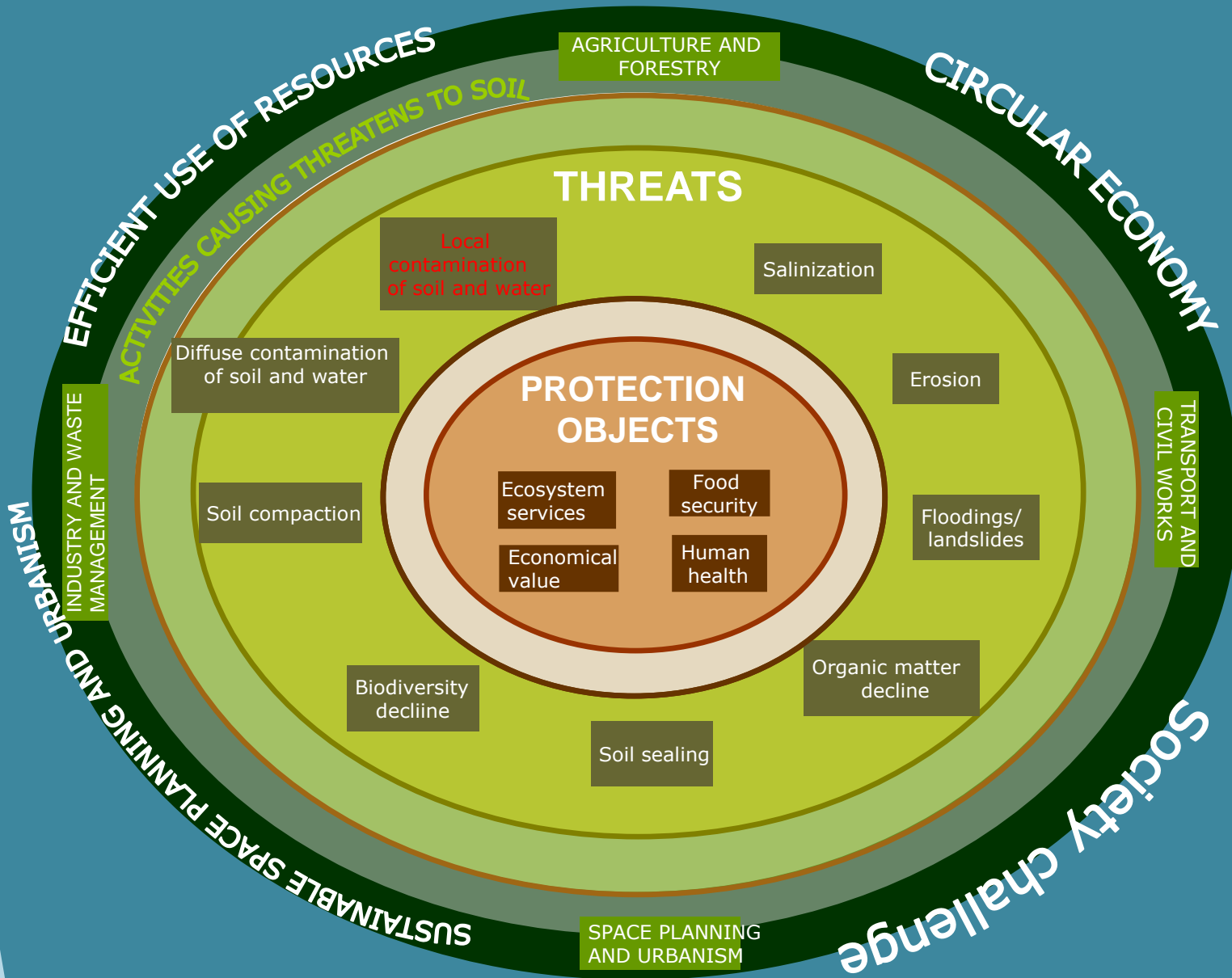


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# THE FUTURE



**Thank you for your  
attention!**

**Merci beaucoup!**

**Eskerrik asko!**