

# About This Website



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## IMS history

The IMS was an online deliverable of the Welcome project and used to be available on the website euwelcome.eu. In 2013 it has been transferred to this location due to technical and support-reasons. The reason that the IMS is still 'alive' is because many of its subjects are still actual and usefull. Some of the features of the former website has been removed, because they were outdated.

## IMS functionality

The Integrated Management Strategy (IMS) is a tool to help technical experts and environmental managers to establish remediation and management plans at megasites.

The IMS is based on major pathways: "Strategies", "Manual", "Examples".

- In the "Strategies"-section, basic strategies of the IMS are described.
- The "Manual" is the actual core of the IMS; it is based on the IMS guidelines. All necessary information needed to apply the risk-based approach at a megasite is explained and illustrated in steps.
- In "Examples", it can be followed how each IMS step was carried out at four megasites in Europe; The Rotterdam harbour in the Netherlands; the Antwerp harbour in Belgium; the Bitterfeld area in Germany and the Tarnowskie Góry area in Poland. This information about experiences and problems encountered at the megasites is unique and has a great added value for every stakeholder involved in megasite management.

In addition to this, the IMS has three supportive chapters:

- "Welcome Overview", the current chapter, this is the introduction text for the IMS, the scope of the Welcome project, and other supportive pieces of information.
- The "Glossary", in this glossary all definitions are given, that also can be found in the manual and examples.
- In "About", the organisations who participated in the Welcome team, including the end users (representatives of industries and regulators), are given.

## The IMS team

The IMS was constructed by the Welcome consortium, which finalized the project in December 2004. The welcome team will remain active in assisting new IMS users in the application. If you are interested in advisory support for your own megasite, please send an email to [hans.vanduijne@deltares.nl](mailto:hans.vanduijne@deltares.nl).

## Links to other E.U. projects

More Framework projects can be searched on the [EUGRIS portal](#)

## Disclaimer

Application of this strategy and the use of the manual and the tools in a specific situation should be done by expert professionals. Any advice, plan, or application of methods or tools from this IMS should be done in a customized way, taking the local circumstances into account. The members of the IMS team\* of the Welcome consortium accept no liability for the use and applicability for a specific use of this knowledge and software by any third party.

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4. Centre for environmental Research Leipzig-Halle (UFZ), Germany,
5. Flemish Organisation for Technology Research (VITO), Belgium,
6. University Tübingen, Germany,
7. Wageningen University, The Netherlands,
8. Regional Agency for Site Decontamination of Sachsen-Anhalt (LAF), Germany,
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