



NICOLE Innovation Day: Mix & Match and Field Demonstrations

NICOLE invites industrial members, academic partners, service providers, start-up and scale up companies to participate in the **NICOLE Innovation Day 2026**, taking place on the afternoon of Friday, 30 October, focusing on advancing **Sustainable Contaminated Land Management**.



Date: Friday afternoon, 30 October 2026



Location: Port of Rotterdam (NL)

This in-person event combines **technical exchange, targeted matchmaking, and field demonstrations**, creating a platform to connect innovation with real-world industrial challenges.

Scope and focus

The Innovation Day addresses key challenges in the management of contaminated land, with emphasis on technologies and approaches that are sufficiently mature for **pilot-scale application or upscaling**.

Relevant topics include (but are not limited to):

- In situ and on-site remediation technologies
- Advanced site characterisation and monitoring approaches
- Management of complex and emerging contaminants
- Tools for sustainable land management (e.g. stewardship, natural capital, liability and financing models)
- Innovative approaches to liability management and transfer
- Short-term or aggressive remediation in the context of liability closure
- Soil health and integrated land-use strategies

Format of the afternoon

1. Mix & Match session

Selected participants will present their innovation, service, or challenge in short technical pitches, followed by structured discussions and targeted one-to-one meetings with industrial stakeholders, consultants, contractors.

2. Field demonstrations

Technologies will be demonstrated on-site, allowing participants to assess **technical performance, robustness, and operational applicability** under real conditions, and to discuss further development and optimisation.



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Who should participate

1. Technology and solution providers

Companies, research organisations, and start/scale-ups with innovative technologies, products, or services ready for testing at industrially impacted sites.

2. Industry and stakeholders

Industrial companies, investors, consultants, and authorities willing to present **real site challenges**, pilot opportunities, or test cases requiring innovative solutions.

Value for participants

The Innovation Day provides:

- Direct access to key actors in European contaminated land management.
- Opportunities to present and critically discuss technologies or site challenges.
- Exposure to real industrial needs and pilot opportunities.
- Structured networking leading to potential collaborations and project development.
- Visibility via NICOLE communication channels (website, newsletters, LinkedIn).

We invite you to submit abstracts for our Innovation Day. We look forward to receiving inspiring contributions and to welcoming a diverse range of innovators, across all levels of experience.

When submitting, please clearly indicate whether your abstract is intended for the **Mix & Match session** or the **Field Demo session**. Kindly note that submissions can be made for **one session only**—applications for both sessions will not be considered. On the next page you will find more information about the abstract submission.

We look forward to receiving inspiring contributions and to welcoming a strong and diverse participation from innovators, across different levels of experience.

For questions or feedback, you can contact [NICOLE Secretariat](#).



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Abstract submission

Abstract to be sent not later than **September 14th 2026** to Serge Brouyère (serge.brouyere@uliege.be) and Marjan Joris (marjan@iflux.be).

Abstract content

- Targeted event : Mix & Match or Field demonstration
- Contact person (surname, first name, email, phone number, affiliation and address)
- Title of expected contribution
- Description of expected contribution : maximum one page describing the contribution with one possible illustration (photo, schematic representation ...)
- If any, specific requirement in relation with the demo (NICOLE does not guaranty that any requirement can be fulfilled).

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