Workshop 1: "Working with farmers and regulators to minimise nutrient loss to water"
Friday, 2nd November 2018, 08.30 – 11.00[1]

This approach has been set up by the Transnational Governance TOPSOIL Team for good transnational exchange and learning on governance issues.

Objective: This workshop aims to provide the floor for consultation and discussion on:
How can farmers be better motivated to implement the precautionary principle (for groundwater protection), in the context of voluntary agreements and local regulations?

Special to this workshop is that we know already of two similar situations in different contexts. Thus, will start with the presentations of the case of the OOWV in Germany and then provide time to present the situation in UK. After that, the responders from The Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark are invited to share their perspective. During the discussion we would like to identify new governance approaches to decrease the nutrient loss to groundwater.

8.30	**Welcome & Scope of Workshop**
8.35	**The OOWV case: Experiencing the limits of voluntary agreement for groundwater protection? How to improve?** Christina Aue, OOWV
8.50	**The UK situation: Linking agricultural land use to surface and groundwater protection within a multi-agency regulatory framework** Martin Colling & Peter Nailon, Wear Rivers Trust
9.05	**Responses (10 min each) from…** **Belgium:** Dieter Vandevelde , Vlaamse Milieumaatschappij **The Netherlands**: Nico van der Moot, Water company Drenthe (WMD) **Denmark:** Børge Olesen Nielsen, LMO (agricultural consultant).
9.45	**Discussion**: • How do you interest commercial farmers in protecting and improving the environment? • How would you identify the measures with the largest positive impact on groundwater protection? • Which practices would you want farmers to change and how would you achieve those changes? • What barriers are in the way of making these changes and how should they be overcome?
10.45	**Summary:** What have been your major lessons learnt on governance related to solving the challenge of groundwater protection?
11.00	**Closing**

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[1] The time has been shifted to 8.30 to allow participants to catch an earlier flight back.