

# Nanotechnology for contaminated land Remediation

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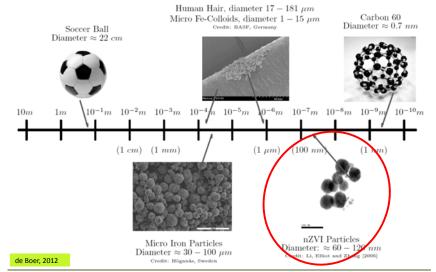
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## What does "nano" means?





What is nano

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## Nano particles for in situ remediation







- Small size
  - → higher surface area
  - → more reactive
- NPs (in a carrier fluid) injected into saturated zone via wells
- Focus on source treatment
- Applicable below buildings
- "independent" of application depth
- "semi-passive" technology
- particles e.g. nZVI
- innovative technology

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## Overall Goals (1)



"NanoRem - Taking Nanotechnological Remediation Processes from Lab Scale to End User Applications for the Restoration of a Clean Environment"

- Identification of the most appropriate nanoremediation technological approaches that could achieve a step-change in practical remediation performance.
- Development of **lower cost production techniques** and production at commercially relevant scales, also for large-scale applications.
- Determination of the **mobility and migration potential** of nanoparticles in the subsurface, and their potential to cause harm, focusing on the NP types most likely to be adopted into practical use in the EU.

### Overall Goals (2)



- Development of a comprehensive toolbox for the design of nanoremediation operations, field scale nanoremediation performance and determination of the fate of NPs in the subsurface.
- Dissemination and stakeholder dialog to ensure that research, development and demonstration meets end-user and regulatory requirements.
  - Pre-deployment risk assessment regulatory requirement,
  - sustainability,
  - market niche
- Provision of **tests at representative scales** to validate cost, performance, and fate and transport findings.

Overall Goals

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#### Numbers and Facts



- 11 Workpackages
  - Coordination
  - Production
  - Application
- 28 Partners from 13 countries
  - AT 1, CH 1, CZ 4, DE 8, DK 1, ES 2, FR 2, IL 1, IT 1, NL 1, NO 1, PT 1, UK 4
- Partner Background
  - Higher Education (9) - SME (8)
- Multinational Industry (1)
  - Non-Profit Organization (1)
    Research Instituts / Organizations (9)
- **Project Advisory Group PAG** 
  - Stakeholders from EU, USA, Asia



Numbers and Facts

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### NanoRem Structure









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Level I

Level II

Level III

## NanoRem's three level approach

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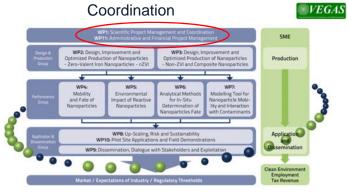


- Development and production: WP2 and WP3
- Properties and behavior in the environment: WP4 to WP7
- Application, permission (approval) and promotion
  - Large scale experiments and pilot sites: WP8 and WP10
  - Dissemination, communication and exploitation: WP9









- Time management and monitoring of deadlines, milestones, and deliverables
- Chairmanship of the Coordination Team and the Project Management Group (PMG)
- Web site editorial control
- · Leadership for science strategy and publication
- Controlling of project finances and budget, financial and administrative processing
- · Conflict resolution, risk management and contingency plans
- Report to the European Commission

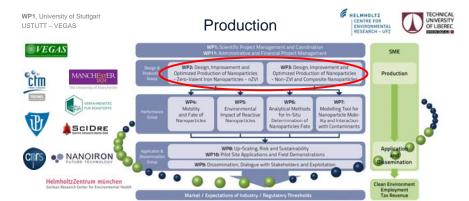
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- Production of new types of nZVI particles with surface stabilization
- Production and improvement of nZVI based on grinding/milling.
- Optimization and property adjustment of particles
- Chemical and physical characterization of particles
- Particle supply and upscaling of particle production for field application
- · Identification and expansion of the range of potential applications.

WP2 and WP3

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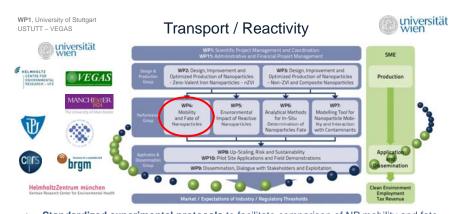
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#### Production





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Particle name	Manufacturer	Comment / used in NanoRem					
NANOFER 25s	Nanolron	Reference particle,					
		WP10: Large Scale Flume , Pilot sites CZ (DNAPL)					
NANOFER STAR	Nanolron	WP4: Cannot be transported					
(air stable)		To be optimized					
NANOFER STAR*	Nanolron	Modified NANOFER STAR					
(air stable)		Needed in WP 10: Large Scale Flume					
		Pilot site IS					
Milled Fe(0)	UVR-FIA	Needed in WP 10, Pilot site Zurzach, CH					
Carbo-Iron (lab)	UFZ	Needed in WP10: Large Scale Flume					
Carbo-Iron (industry)	SciDre Dresden	Pilot site HU					
Fe-Oxide	HMGU	Needed in WP 10 : Large Scale Container,					
		Pilot Site CZ (LNAPL), PO, ES					
Bio-Fe-oxides	UMAN	Research status					
Fe-Zeolites	UFZ	Research status					
Nano-Metals (Mg, Al)	USTUTT	No final product available yet					
Ferrates	USTUTT	No final product available yet					



- Standardized experimental protocols to facilitate comparison of NP mobility and fate
- Optimization of NP delivery and derivation of the effective NP transport
- Provision of field-relevant information on NP reactivity
- Transport and reaction kinetic parameters for numerical modelling.
- Provision of field relevant information on chemical and size transformations, decomposition, performance, and long-term fate of NPs.



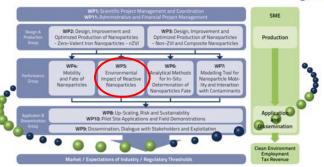
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#### **Ecotox**







- Establish a base-line for potential (maximum) toxicity in aqueous suspensions
- Assess ecotoxicity of NPs, NP transformation products and pollutant metabolites under lab and field conditions
- Describe time-course of ecotoxicity and quantify the potential for toxicity alleviation after migration, oxidation and ageing of NPs in contact with soil
- Describe NP-microbial interactions during and after remediation with NPs

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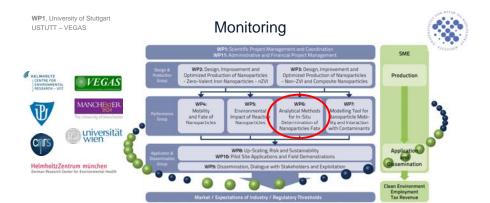
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**Deltares** 



- Optimisation of monitoring and tracing tools.
- Application of modern high performance analytics for on-site measurements and in-situ characterization of natural and engineered nanoparticles
- Laboratory and field tests of the methods developed will be conducted, providing documentation of "fit for purpose", detection limits and costs

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**Numerical Model** 

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• Development of a user-friendly simulation tool (RT3D module) for the design and interpretation of laboratory tests and for predicting the fate and transport of nanoparticles and their effectiveness at the field scale.

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# Upscaling and Sustainability

Production particles - nZVI Non-ZVI and Cor WPS:

- Upscaling and testing at representative scale of emerging NP applications in contained facilities.
- Feedback for optimisation of NPs and tools.
- Provide knowledge on degradation products under controlled large scale conditions.
- Testing of appropriate injection technologies for varying subsurface conditions.
- Risk model, sustainability appraisal and life cycle assessment (LCA) considerations.

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## Large Scale Container (LSC)





Stainless steel walls

Length: 18.5 m

• Width: 9 m

Height: 4.5 m

Division into 3 compartments (9m x 6m x 4.5m)

378 sampling and measurement ports in each compartment

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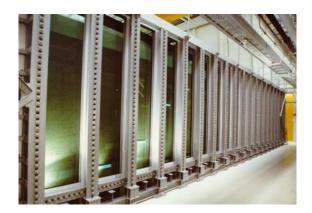




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## Large Scale Flume (LSF)





Stainless steel walls

Glass front

• Length: 18 m

• Width: 1 m

• Height: 3 m

**Division into two** compartments, 9m x 1m x 3m each

32 sampling and measurement ports in each compartment

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WP 8.4 Large Scale Experiments



Large Scale Container (LSC)

Plume Remediation (Toluene, LNAPL) using FeOx NP (Goethite)

Large Scale Flume (LSF) ZVI NP

Source Remediation (PCE, DNAPL) using NANOFER 25s

Large Scale Flume (LSF) composite NP Source Remediation (PCE, DNAPL) using Carbo-Iron





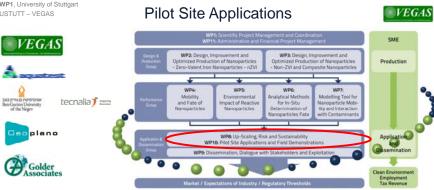
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## LSF - Sand Emplacement









- Testing of emerging NP applications on pilot field sites
- Optimisation of NPs and tools via feedback from pilot sites and field demonstrations.
- Determination of degradation products at field conditions.
- Application of appropriate injection technologies for varying hydrogeology
- Alleviating the current lack of validated field scale performance data for end-users and regulators.

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Site **Country Site Primary** Target NP-Type **Reaction Principle** Aquifer Investigator Cont. Zurzach CH Solvay CHC milled nZVI Reduction/ porous / Sorption unconfined Spolchemie 1 CZ Aquatest CHC NANOFER 25s Reduction porous / unconfined Spolchemie 2 CZ Aquatest **BTEX** Iron-Oxide Oxidation/ porous / microbial unconfined Enhancement Barreiro PO GeoPlano НМ Iron-Oxide Immobilisation porous / unconfined Besor-Secher Negev, BGU CHC air-stable nZVI Reduction IS fractured **Neot Hovar NANOFER STAR\*** Balassagyarmat Golder CHC Carbo-Iron Reduction / porous / unconfined Soption Bizkaia ES Tecnalia НМ Iron-Oxide Reduction/ porous / Immobilisation unconfined

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**Pilot Sites** 

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Pilot sites







DL 10.1: Identification of Pilot Sites Report on identification of pilot sites, prelim

from Lab Scale to End User Applications for the Restoration of a Clean Environ

site investigation Juergen Braun

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#### Dissemination: some interim results





- LQM Predeployment Risk Assessment Nottingham Workshop 16-17 July 2013



→ Deliverable: Potential Environmental Risks of Nanoparticle Deployment (under discussion)

- Oslo Workshop 2-4 Dec. 2014 Sustainability and market research \* SustRem 2014, Sept. 17-19, Ferrara as a "dry run"



Project web site and Newsletter www.nanorem.eu



WP9

Brownfield Briefing, Groundwater, 15 May 2014



WP1, University of Stuttgart Dissemination / Steakholder Dialogue USTUTT - VEGAS VEGAS LQM CEAIRE brgm

- Facilitate dissemination, dialogue and exploitation, transmitting the results of NanoRem widely amongst user communities,
- Support dialogue to collect of "soft" information from a broad range of stakeholders internationally and
- Provide a risk-benefit based identification of key exploitation opportunities.

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## WP8.3 Sustainability assessment and preliminary LCA approaches







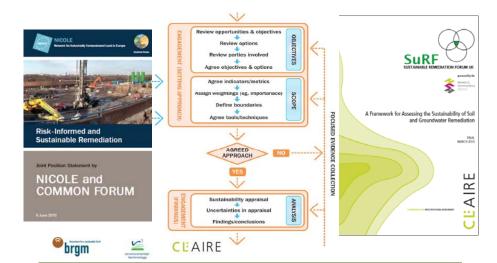


- Determining most appropriate system boundaries (link with WP10 pilot studies);
- Applying one or more of the existing sustainable remediation tool (e.g. NICOLE? SuRF-UK) and determining most important impacts and benefits of practical remedial use:
- Investigating how quantitative tools (LCA, carbon footprint) best used to support decision making;
- Testing on a pilot study (comparison with alternative remediation techniques).

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## Sustainability assessment



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