Soil and Land Alliance in Osnabrück, Germany! building and infrastructure purposes. In Belgium 18 % of the surface (equals 500m² per person) was sealed in 1995.

According to these worrying facts the sustainable use of soil as well as land management is increasingly regarded as important objectives throughout Europe. As a consequence the European Parliament makes urgent suggestions for a soil protection strategy within the 6th Environmental Action Programme. Moreover, a number of international organizations and initiatives, who are also co-organizers of this conference, are working on concepts to establish and improve "soil-awareness", as a prerequisite for effective soil protection.

In this context cities and towns are especially important as they are directly related to the management of local soil. They have spatial planning tools at their disposal and can thus play an important role in the sustainable use of soil and land management. For this reason the Soil and Land Alliance of European Cities and Towns was founded on 24 October 2000 in Bolzano, Italy.

One of the goals of this new Alliance is to assist the local authorities to commit themselves to a sustainable use of land and soil in the future. All around Europe a number of towns have already become members or are showing interest in becoming members of the Alliance. The 1st Annual International Conference of the Soil and Land Alliance of European Cities and Towns will be held from 11-13 November 2001 in Osnabrück, Germany.

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