Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning Participates in Regional Exchange of Experience on the Remediation of Contaminated Sites

Helsinki, 8–9 September 2026 – A representative of the **Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning** participated in the **Third Interregional Exchange of Experiences**, organized by the **Finnish Environment Institute – SYKE**, within the framework of the **NATUREM project**.

The meeting brought together representatives from partner regions to exchange experiences, good practices and innovative solutions for the **management and remediation of contaminated sites**. Particular attention was given to sustainable approaches, including phytoremediation, bioremediation and other innovative technologies for the treatment of contaminated soils.

As part of the meeting, the representative of the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning presented the **current situation at the OHIS contaminated site and the approach towards its remediation**. The presentation, entitled *"Comprehensive Site Investigation and Risk Assessment for the Remediation of the OHIS Lindane Contaminated Site"*, covered the activities carried out to date, the findings of the investigations, and the approach to identifying and assessing risks associated with lindane contamination.

The exchange of experiences provided participants with an opportunity to learn about **practical examples from Finland and other European regions**, as well as explore opportunities for applying sustainable technologies in the remediation of contaminated areas.

Discussions also focused on **future pilot activities, continued cooperation among project partners, and opportunities to strengthen policies and instruments for the management of contaminated sites**.

A dedicated part of the programme was a field visit to **Hanasaari**, a former industrial area in Helsinki, where participants were introduced to practical experiences in the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated industrial sites.

The Ministry's participation in this regional exchange contributes to **strengthening institutional capacities, sharing European experience and advancing approaches to the remediation of contaminated sites, with a particular focus on the OHIS site**.