

Information on stakeholder involvement in EJP SOIL

The **overall objective** of European Joint Programme **EJP Soil** is to provide solutions for sustainable soil management that contribute to addressing key societal challenges including climate change and future food supply. Please see www.ejpsoil.org for further information.

EJP SOIL invites you to participate as a valuable stakeholder and to engage in the programme to represent the breadth of agricultural systems and soil management practices in your country.

Stakeholders' perspectives are important to include, both in the initial planning stages as well as in the core research activities of EJP SOIL. Your engagement will provide input on the state-of-the-art knowledge of soil, and will contribute to identify knowledge gaps and differences in existing regional and national activities.

This will enable the construction of a roadmap that will function as a strategic research agenda allowing strategic decision making in science, policy and implementation issues across Europe.

The value of stakeholders in the EJP SOIL programme?

With active stakeholder engagement, EJP SOIL can create a platform for cross-European interaction between researchers and stakeholders. This is critical to successfully:

- Identify and address knowledge needs
- Support harmonised soil information
- Develop best-practice knowledge exchange processes adapted to the needs of farmers, scientists and policymakers
- Generate practical evidence-based recommendations that enhance adoption among agricultural stakeholders and contribute to policy formulation

What is asked of stakeholders?

As stakeholder, you are asked to engage in and commit to:

- A two-way open dialogue and active engagement to ensure that the EJP's activities address current and future needs for knowledge and effective solutions
- Support EJP SOIL in understanding and analysing needs for new research, data or resources (to feed into the Roadmap and Annual Work Plan)
- Participate in interviews to identify knowledge on and the use of knowledge on sustainable soil management (Estimated duration: 1 hour)
- Support EJP SOIL's understanding, identification and analysis of barriers for the implementation of novel technologies for climate smart sustainable agricultural soil management and of the ways to overcome them
- Invitation to participate in yearly e.g. meetings, events and workshops

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Which subjects can you expect in the interview questions?

Among other things, the programme seeks to develop, in a stepwise approach, a roadmap supporting strategic decision making on science, policy and implementation issues across Europe by stakeholders. This means the identification of:

Aspirational targets at regional, national and European level: the current and future aspirations in each country will be asked for; the current aspirations are embedded in current the current policy documents. This task comprises of identifying current policy ambitions and realisations on agricultural soils and for soil management. In the second step also the future aspirational goals need to be found, both at the EU and regional or member state level in interaction with a variety of stakeholders.

An overview of the current situation of knowledge availability and use, which consists of two subtasks: First, we ask you to provide inputs for a report on state-of-the art knowledge of soil research from your country within the three topics:

1. Carbon stock
2. Soil degradation and fertility
3. Potential improving strategies

Hereafter, we ask you to identify knowledge on and use of knowledge on sustainable soil management, with a specific focus on representing your perspectives as a stakeholders.

Barriers and opportunities by scenario development: The specific objective here is the identification and prioritization of barriers to and opportunities for the enhancement of knowledge – development, sharing and transfer, organization and storage, application – on agricultural soils.

Agreement

If you agree to become an EJP SOIL stakeholder, we will keep and use your contact information in relation to EJP SOIL.

Your contact information will not be shared or forwarded to any third party. With your agreement, the EJP SOIL will present your name, organisation and logo on www.ejpsoil.org

Being an EJP Stakeholder do not imply any financial or legal obligations, and you can withdraw from the assignment at any time.

We are looking forward to collaborating with you as our EJP SOIL programme stakeholder

