

A close-up photograph of several hands, belonging to people wearing red and blue plaid shirts, clasped together in a circle. The background is a blurred green field, suggesting an outdoor agricultural setting.

EU CAP Network brokerage event 'Partnering for innovation with impact in agriculture and rural areas'

Prague, Czech Republic
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Interactive session Circular water management and soil health

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**Living labs to enhance soil health in Continental,
Boreal and Alpine biogeographical regions**

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POLICY CONTEXT

- ✓ Mission Soil 'A Soil Deal for Europe', specific objectives 1 to 8.
- ✓ The Soil Monitoring Law *proposal*.
- ✓ The European Green Deal targets, such as those related to biodiversity, climate, food and nutrition security
- ✓ Common Agriculture Policy (CAP)
- ✓ *The Vision for Agriculture and Food*



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- ✓ Increased capacities for participatory, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary R&I, to **co-create, and co-implement economically viable soil health solutions.**
- ✓ Improved soil health monitoring and increased **availability of soil data** at local and regional levels.
- ✓ Increased **availability of practice-oriented knowledge and tools** to land managers, leading to enhanced consideration and **uptake of effective solutions.**
- ✓ Policy makers in the EU and Associated Countries are more aware of local needs, including the economic sustainability of solutions. **More effective policies** can be designed.



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SCOPE

- ✓ Set up four to five living labs (LL) in the **Continental, Boreal or Alpine biogeographical regions (BGR)**. Indicate which of these **BGR they focus on** and place there the majority of LL.
- ✓ LL should work together on **relevant soil health challenges in the selected BGR**, contributing to one or more of the Mission's specific objectives. Rationale and mechanism for cooperation within and across LL should be explained.
- ✓ Establish for each LL a **baseline** for the selected soil health challenge(s). Use **indicators** from the Soil Monitoring Law *proposal*, and complement with additional indicators if relevant.
- ✓ **Monitor and assess the effects of the proposed solutions** on soil health and ecosystem services. **Demonstrate the viability** (technical, economical, social, environmental) **scalability and transferability** of solutions to diverse contexts;
- ✓ Propose **strategies to ensure long-term sustainability** of the established LL beyond HE funding. Work on **business models** and actions involving a mix of **public or private funding schemes**.



INDICATIVE BUDGET

12 mln EUR per project
(36 mln EUR in total)

IMPORTANT!



- Dedicated tasks and **appropriate resources to collaborate with SOILL** and other projects
- **FSTP option for small actors engagement** (max 60000 EUR)
- Threshold for the 2nd stage= 12, with a minimum of 4 for 'Excellence'

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