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Breakout Session

Living Labs and other experiences
from placed-based innovation

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The session objectives

- **General concept** of Living labs
- Living labs **under the EU Mission** 'A Soil Deal for Europe'
- **Implementation** of Living Labs under the Mission, including the supporting mechanisms
- Existing experiences and **real Living Labs**
- **Discussion:** expectations, challenges and opportunities



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Our speakers

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1. Concept and state of play (14:00-15:00)



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Q&A

2) REAL LIVING LABS (15:00-16:00)

A Living Lab for oil cultivation in Europe: insights from SOIL O-LIVE

Antonio Jose Manzaneda Avila, Professor, University of Jaén, Spain

ÖMKi On-Farm Living Laboratory

Judit Berényi Üveges, Lead researcher, PhD, Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture

Restoring healthy soils in cities through desealing

Christophe Schwartz, Professor at de Lorraine, Director of the Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences at INRAE, Advisor for soils at the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

Living Labs & Place Based Innovation in Ireland

John Gilliland, Brook Hall Estate, ARC Zero & Queens University Belfast

Panel discussion



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Improving Soil Health, what is needed

- 1. Soil is essential for the life of humans and nature. Need to acknowledge that soil is the basis of our well-being.
- 2. We need to protect and restore soils. No soil should be left behind.
- 3. Soil protection and restoration need to be embedded in all human activities that have direct and indirect impact on land. All can contribute, actions should be encouraged at all levels: global, national, regional and local.
- 4. The commitment of everyone is essential. Raising awareness on the importance of soil and enlarge the community actively involved in caring for this precious resource is key.

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Mission Soil Manifesto

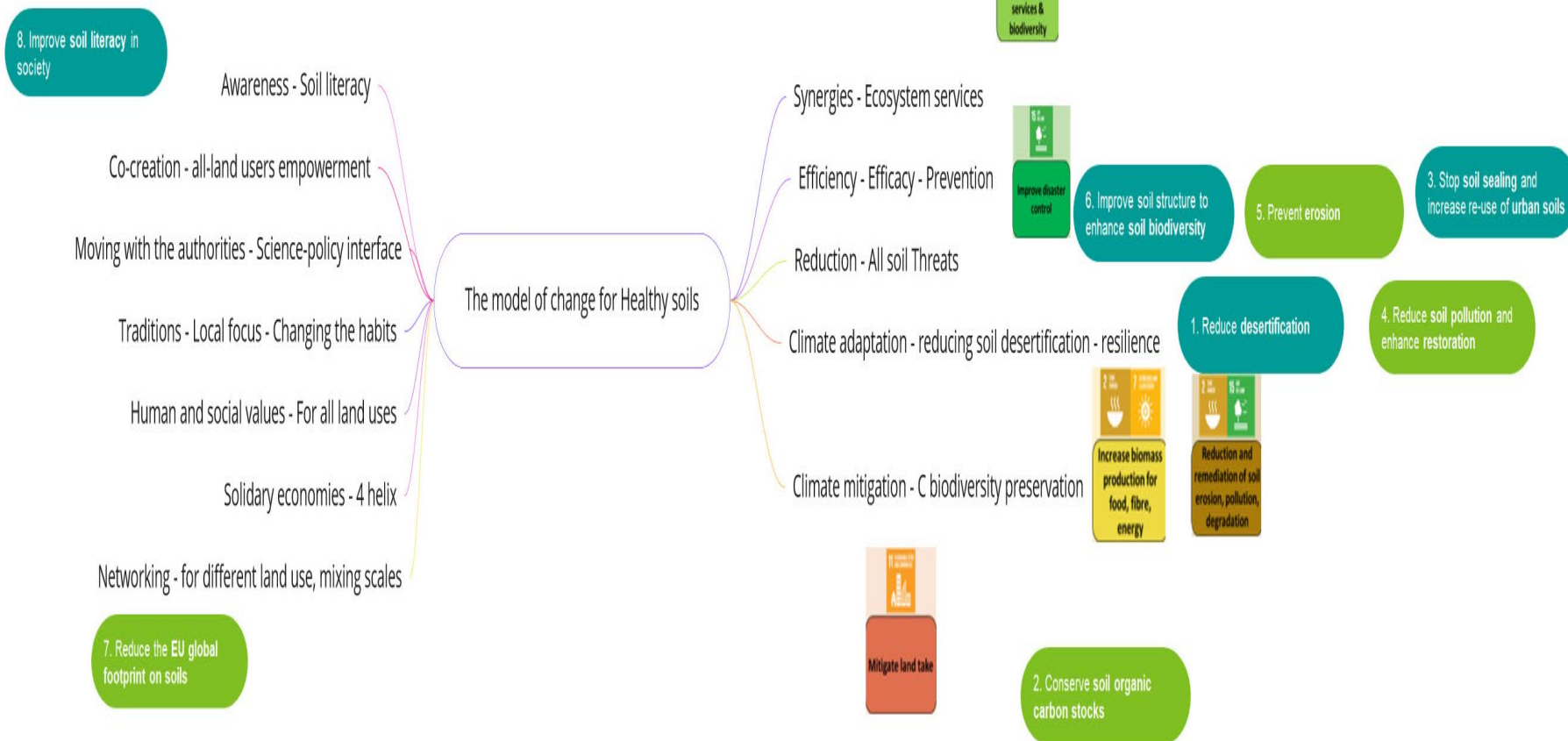
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Improving soil health, what has to be done



Improving Soil Health, success factors

- ❑ SF1: Building awareness and engagement of the society at various levels, improving soil literacy and connecting people with soils.
- ❑ SF2: Co-creating activities and exchanging practices with as many land users and related actors as possible to drive collective experimentation and co-ownership of solutions and results.
- ❑ SF3: Working under adequate policy frameworks, involving policymakers and other stakeholders (including private businesses or influential associations) as co-design actors; ensure a good science-policy-practice interaction.
- ❑ SF4: Taking in consideration how land use is related with social, cultural, and economic needs and local contexts while paying specific attention to existing structures and values to understand drivers and barriers regarding sustainable land use and soil management.
- ❑ SF5: Stimulate efforts to develop economic models fit to circular and solidary economies and the involvement of the actors from the wide value chain- in the co-creation process.
- ❑ SF6: Combining and networking activities at local, regional, national and global scales to ensure concerns regarding different land uses and up-scaling can be considered.

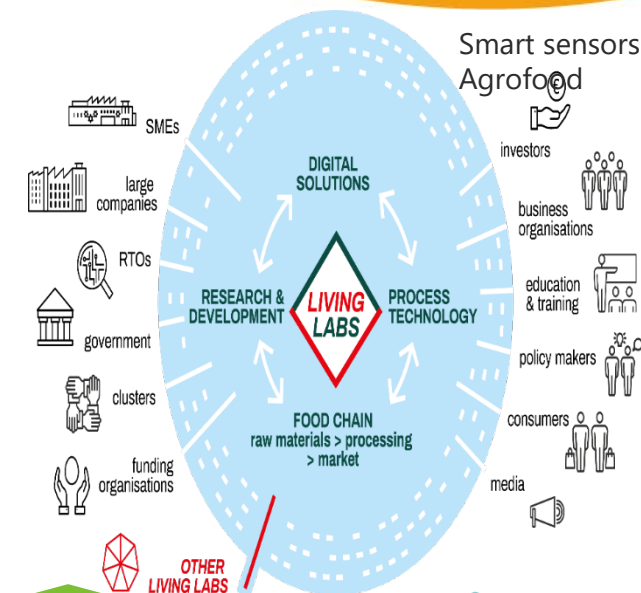
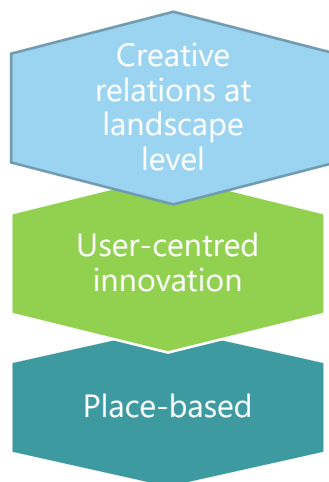
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Living labs are... open innovation arrangements

3 Principles

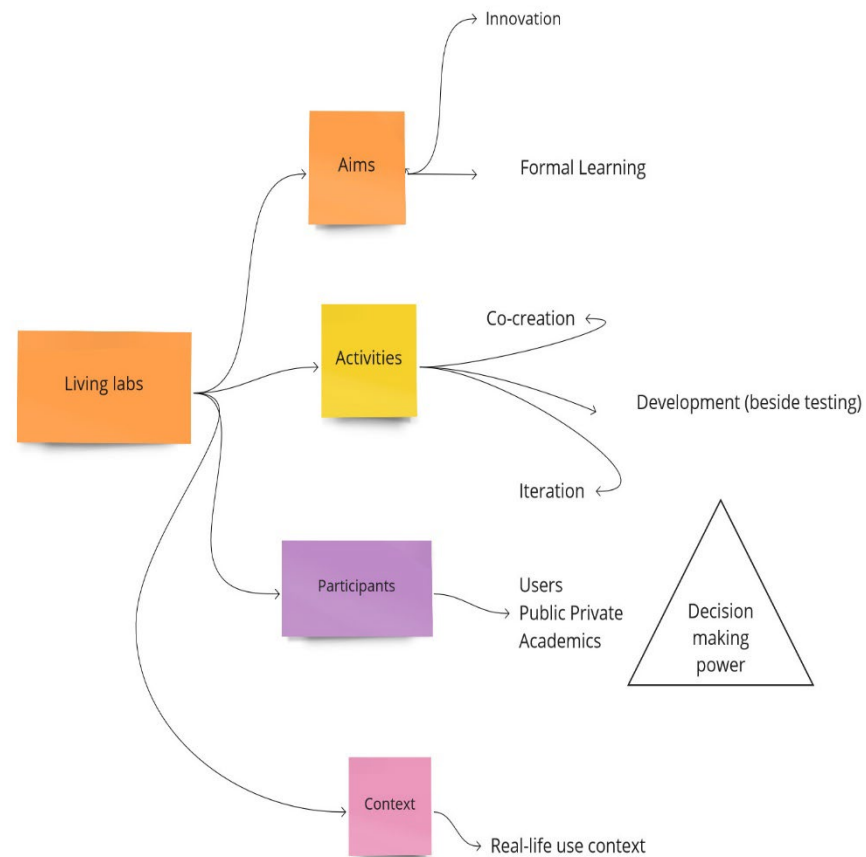
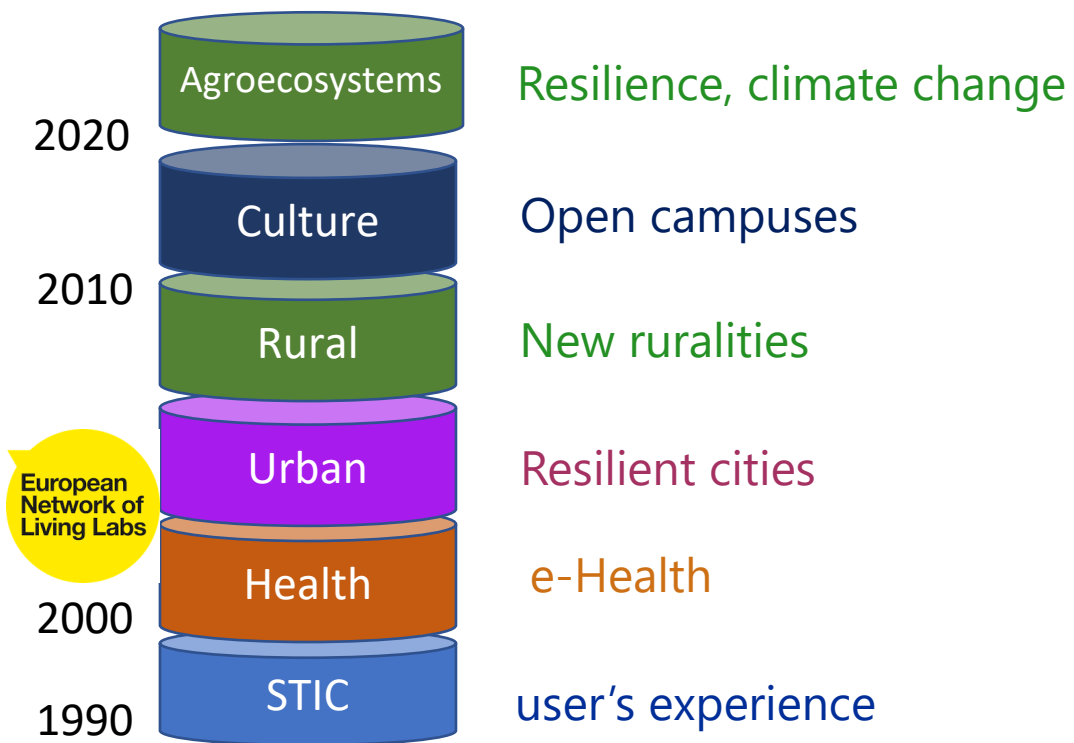
- Co-creation
- With users
- In reality



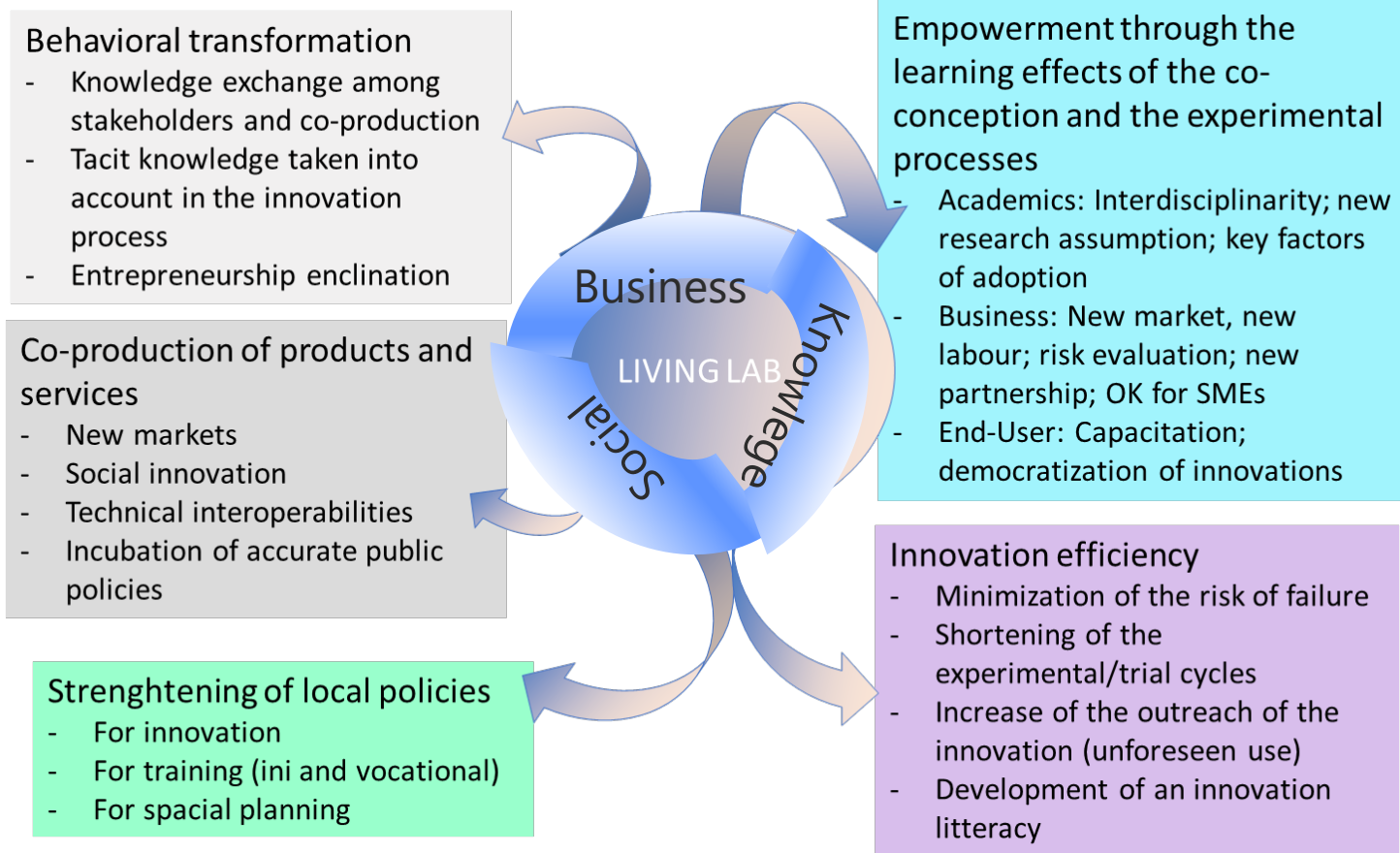
Multiple actors with complementary knowledge

Social and behavioural sciences

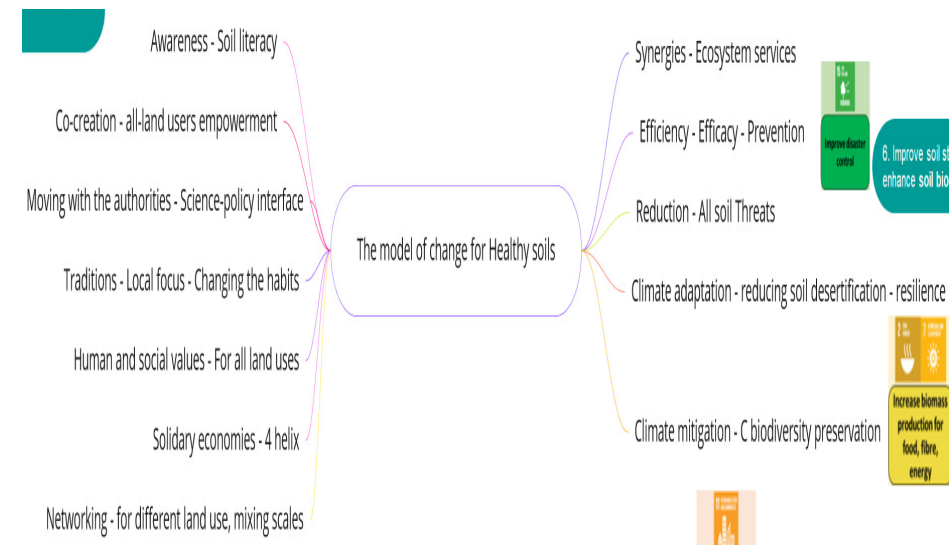
A long history, communities of practices



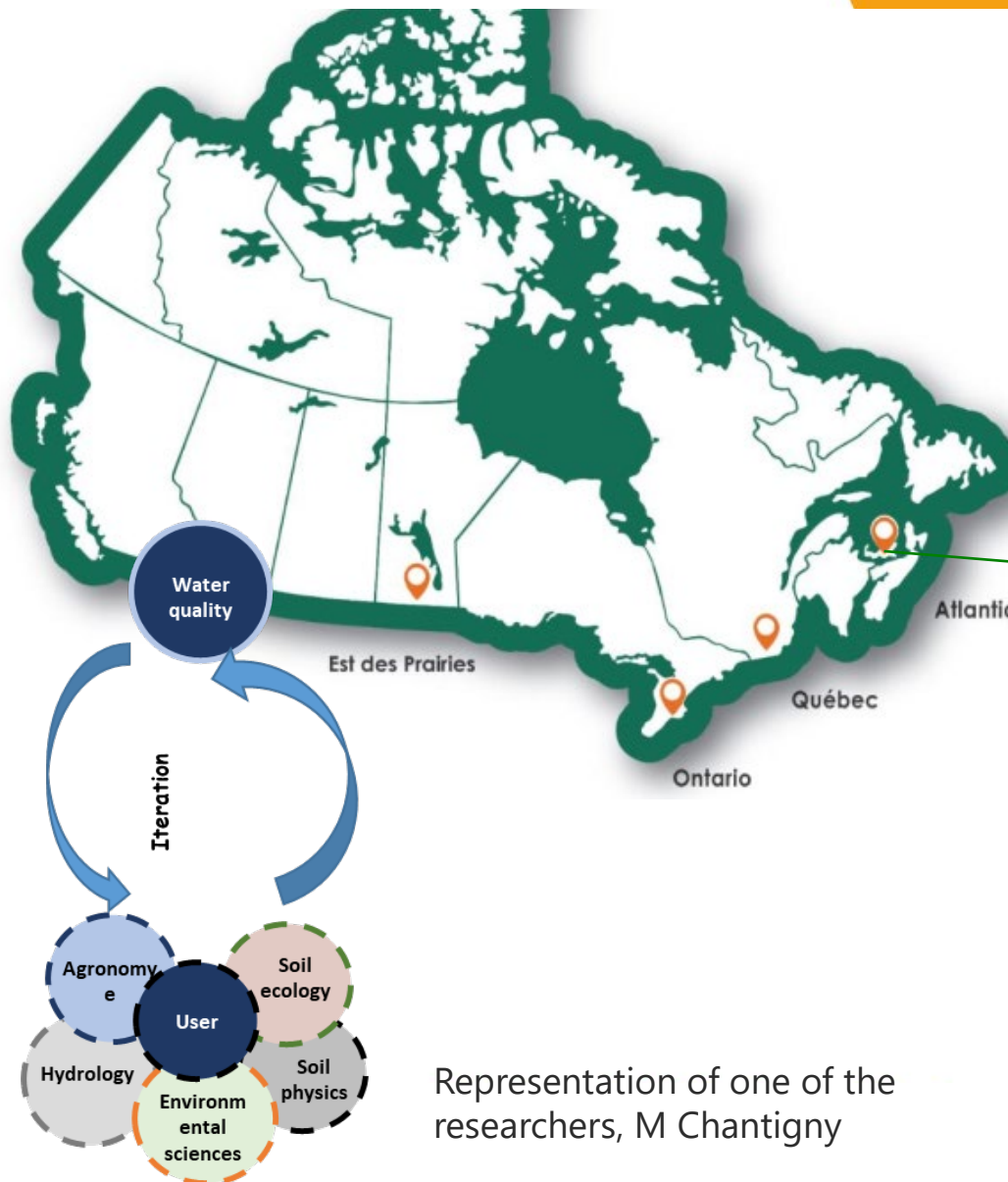
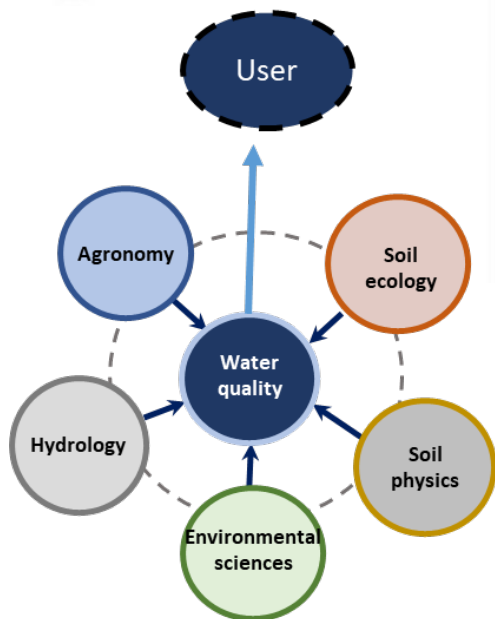
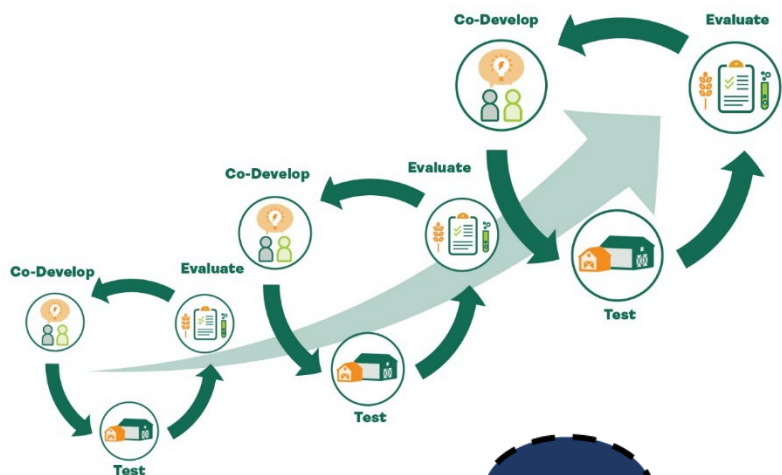
With a large set of impacts



Accelerator of transitions



Some proofs of concepts

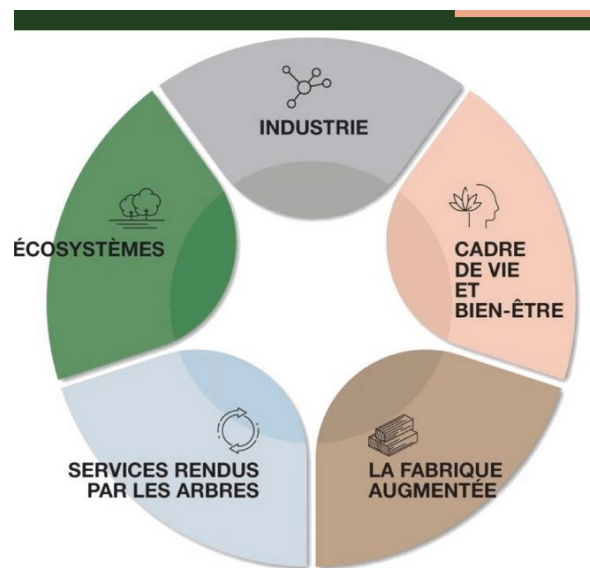


Representation of one of the researchers, M Chantigny

SOIL HEALTH & WATER QUALITY
75 à 85 participants (32 labs, 15 partners)

- On going innovations
- Crop rotations conserving organic matter
 - Using drone thermal imagery to detect drought stress in crops
 - Creation of new wetlands on farm
 - Test fertilizers which decrease contaminants ...

Soil
Mission
Support



Public-Private-
Participants Academics-
People

Participants

40 Action holders and 60 supporting partners: training and research & development players; local authorities, Metropolitan areas, Nature Parks; associations, third-party sites and fablabs; small and large companies; architects and developers, social landlords; inter-professional organisations, competitiveness clusters; representatives of forest owners and managers; investors and business coaches

Aims Innovation
Formal learning

Common Vision

Trees are an essential asset of our territory, in the city, in the forest and in the countryside.

Understand, preserve and develop the services they provide is a source of well-being, innovation, prosperity and ecological transformation.

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Context Real life use
context

Activities Development
Co-creation
Iteration

Nos Actions

Filtrer par : **Axes** > **Publics** > **Domaines** > **Autres Mots clés** >

Axe 1 - services rendus par les arbres Axe 2 - écosystèmes Axe 3 - Industrie Axe 4 - cadre de vie & bien-être Axe 5 - la fabrique augmentée

Portail pour la connaissance du végétal
Permettre à tous de partager, consulter et visualiser des données géospatiales sur les espaces arborés.

écosystémiques sur une agglomération urbaine - valorisation et stratégie de végétalisation
Mieux connaître le patrimoine arboré et les services qu'il rend, pour améliorer la planification

Bourse des services écosystémiques
Valoriser les services rendus par les espaces arborés comme une nouvelle source de revenus pour encourager les pratiques de gestion favorables à ces services.

HOMMES ET LES ARBRES Accueil Notre ambition **Nos Actions** Actualités Qui sommes-nous ? Contact **Rejoignez-nous**

CITIQUE
Prévenir et réduire les risques zoonotiques par la surveillance participative et les sciences ouvertes

Ilots d'Avenir
Tester de nouvelles essences résilientes aux changements climatiques

TERRAF
Expérimenter et co-développer l'agroforesterie dans les territoires
Territoires agroforestiers

coop*ETF
Favoriser et faciliter un regroupement entre entreprises de travaux forestiers

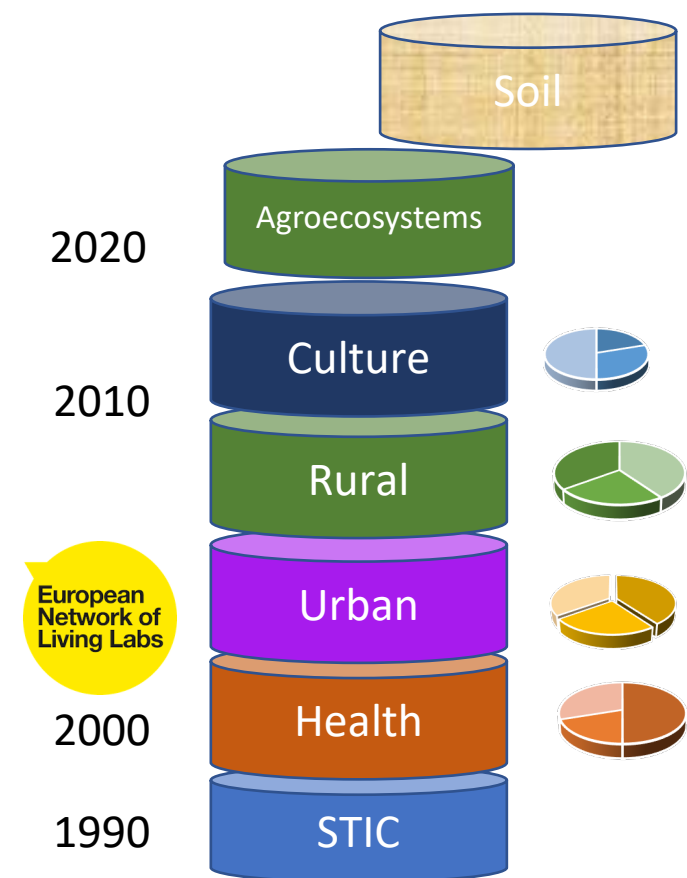
Neosylva
Remettre en valeur des forêts en déprise en investissant au côté des propriétaires

Forest-tract
Développer une machine forestière pour travailler en sécurité, en moindre pénibilité, et avec un impact minimisé sur l'environnement

Living labs for soil health, special requests

- Aim: LLs under the same project should contribute to at least one of the eight specific objectives of the Mission and work together on thematically related soil health challenges. LLs should seek to improve soil health without moving problems elsewhere or generating negative impacts in other spheres.
- Participants: the participants should include land managers and land users, academics coming from different disciplines (including those not directly concerned by soil), industry representatives as well as a mixture of public and private body representatives in particular those involved in local policy making and governance. The involvement of citizens should also be foreseen.
- Activities: on top of activities usually developed in LLs, special attention should be put on services to extend the social, economic and environmental outcomes and impacts and contribute to soil literacy.

The future in motion





Living lab for soil health

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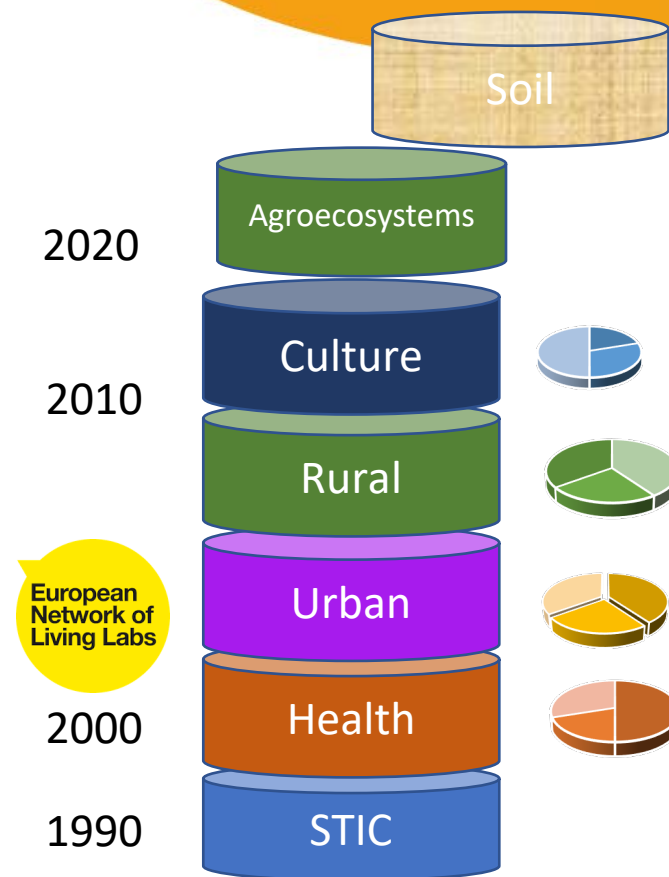
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The future in motion





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Goal of the mission

100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030

Specific objectives

1. Reduce **desertification**

2. Conserve **soil organic carbon stocks**

3. Stop **soil sealing** and increase re-use of **urban soils**

4. Reduce **soil pollution** and enhance **restoration**

5. Prevent **erosion**

6. Improve soil structure to enhance **soil biodiversity**

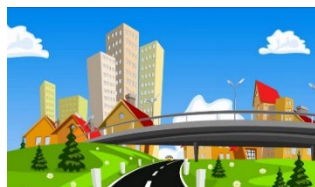
7. Reduce the **EU global footprint on soils**

8. Improve **soil literacy** in society

- Objectives apply to **all types of land use and all territories** and are relevant for a **range of sectors**.

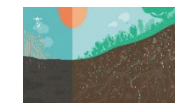
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Agriculture, forestry



Urban and spatial planning; housing, transport territorial development

Industries: food and beverage, pharmaceutical; decontamination, fertilisers, climate neutral products and services

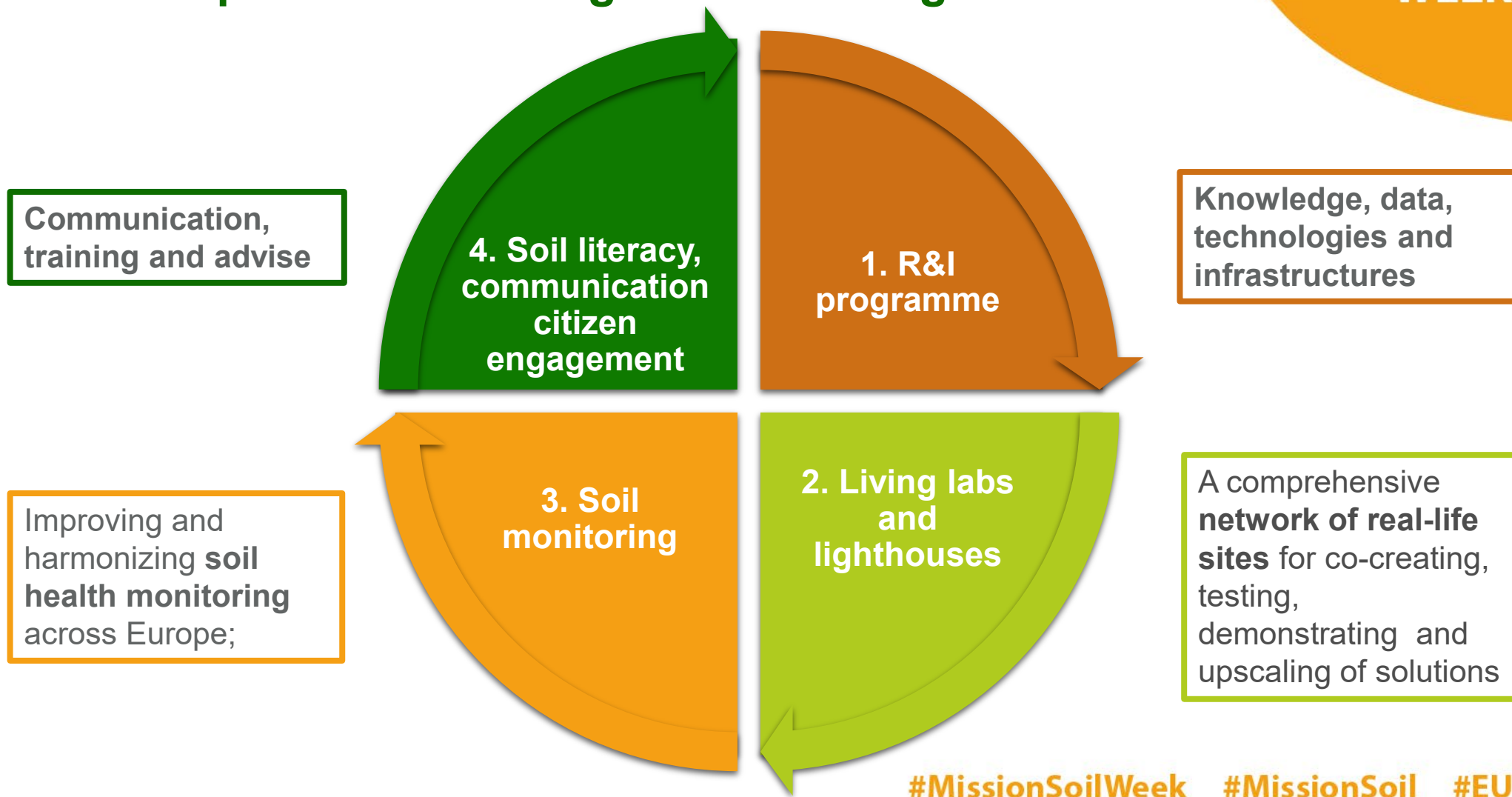


Earth observation and digital industries

Nature and climate protection



Mission implemented through four building blocks



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Living labs and lighthouses according to the Mission Soil (1)

Living labs are a core element of the mission

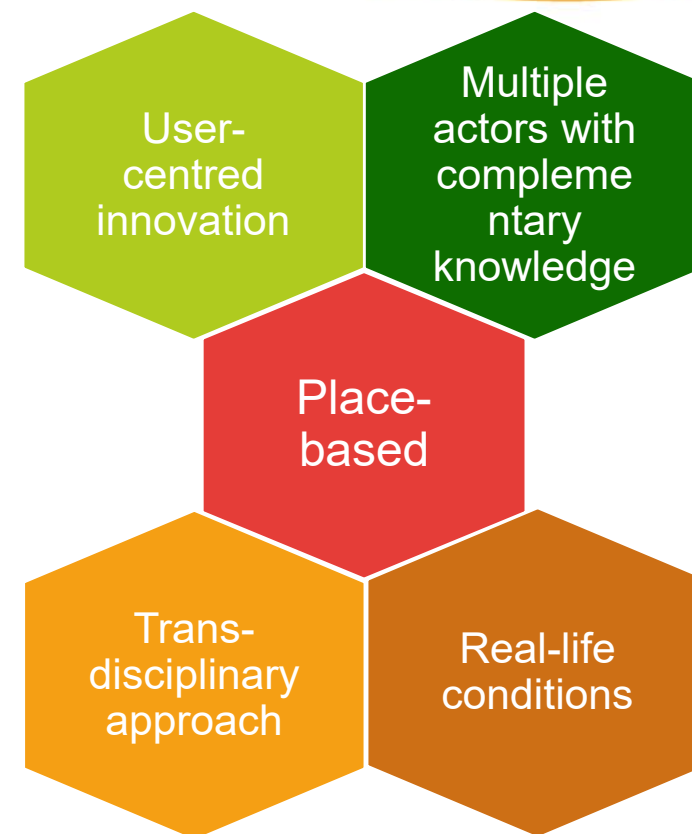
- **Aim:** innovation, co-creation, improving soil health and ecosystem services
- **Activities:** co-design/co-development/co-creation, networking, knowledge exchange (Demonstration for LH)
- **Participants:** Public-private partnership (science, policy, practice, citizens)
- **Context:** transdisciplinary, multi-method and multi dimensions, place-passed, real life, scientific set up, openness, communication, dissemination

Lighthouses are individual sites of exemplary performance

- Individual sites, such as a single farm
- Showcase good practices, training and communication

Living labs and lighthouses are key to **accelerate the adoption of sustainable practices by users** and co-developed methods adapted to the local conditions.

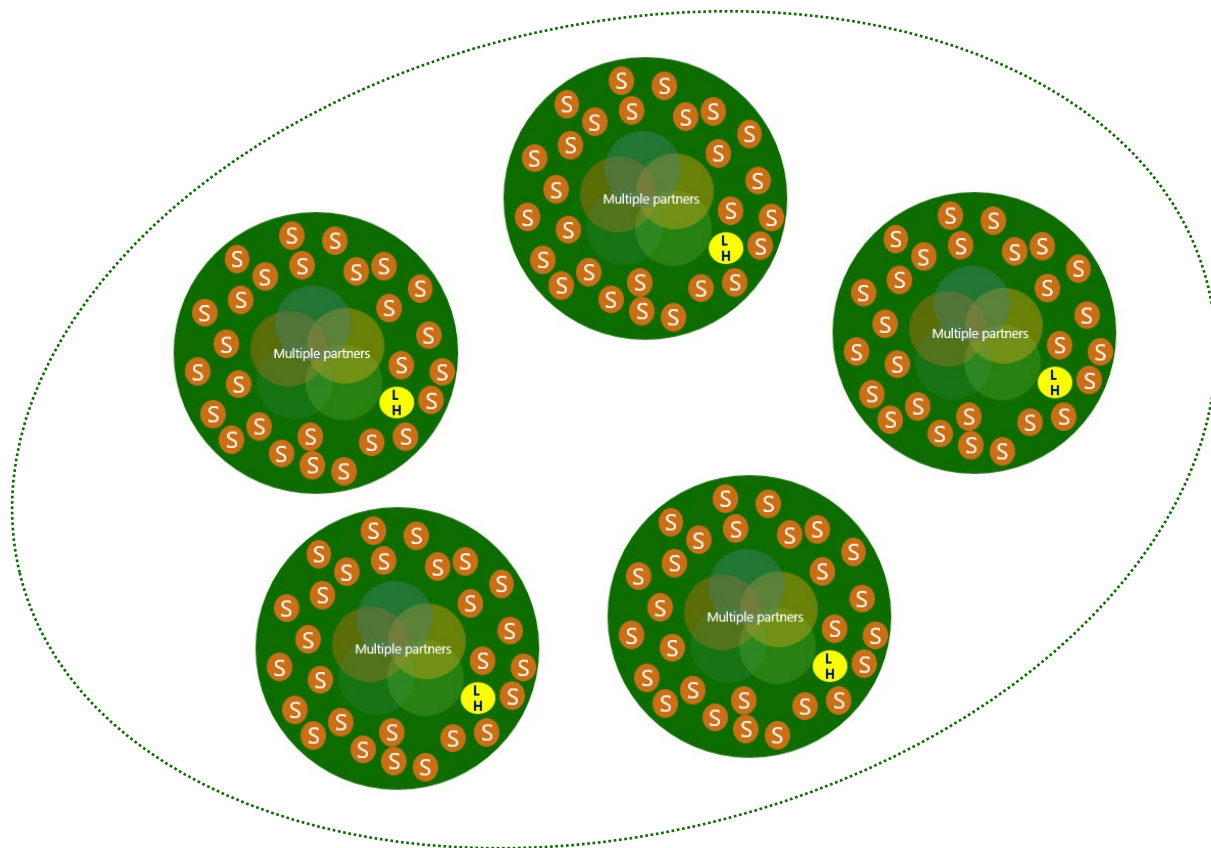
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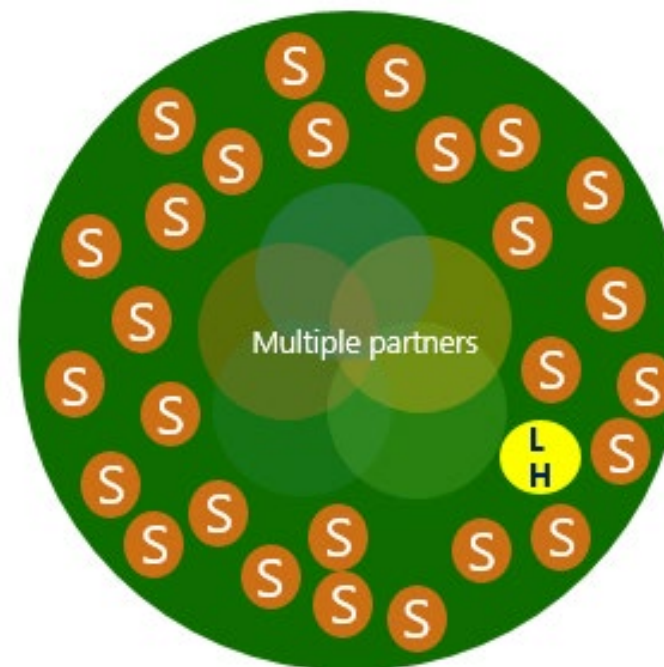
Living labs and lighthouses according to the Mission Soil (2)

1 project (LL cluster) with 5 Living labs



Each LL cluster covers at least 3 **Member States** and/or **Associated Countries**

Each living lab with 10-20 sites

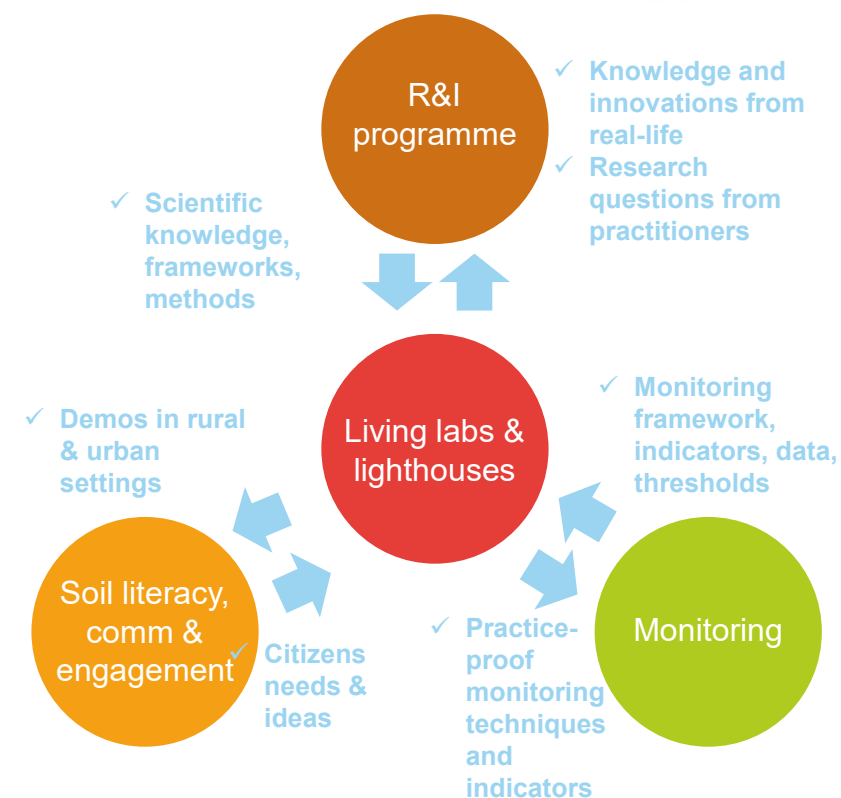


LLs can be located in **rural or urban areas**, covering one or several land types

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Why living labs?

- To empower a **rapid green transition**
 - Living labs have the potential to accelerate and scale up uptake of solutions
- **No 'one-side-fits-all'**: diversity of pedo-climatic conditions, cropping/production systems, cultural-socio-economic contexts
 - Solutions need to be co-created, tested, adapted and showcased on the ground
- Sustainable farming management practices **fit well with living labs principles**:
 - Adapted to local ecosystems → « Real-life testing»
 - Closing the knowledge-practice divide
 - End-users centric: involving actors at territorial level to achieve large scale impact (multi-actor approach)
 - Social and behavioural dimensions
 - Systems approach



Living labs & lighthouses: what do we expect?

- **Greater involvement of (unusual) stakeholders:** land managers, farmers, foresters, SMEs... (FSTP)
- **Balanced network** of LLs across Europe covering major pedo-climatic areas, land uses and mission's specific objectives
- **Provide evidence of which practices** translate sustainable soil management principles and regenerate soil to healthy conditions
- Help defining the **most cost-effective remediation techniques**
- Provision of relevant **soil data**
- **Lighthouses to provide practical tools** for advisors to best inform soil managers on how to move to SSM practices
- **Support policy making**, in particular, the Soil Monitoring Law implementation
- **Mobilisation of additional funding:** other EU programmes, Member States, private, philanthropy



Living labs gradual development across Europe

Phase 1 (2021-2024)

Work programme 2021:

Preparatory actions

- PREPSOIL
- NATI00NS

Work programme 2022:

LL Support Structure

- SOILL

Work programme 2023:

- **Call for creation of 1st soil health LL**

Phase 2 (2025-2026)

Expansion of LL:

Launch of successive calls for expanding the network of LL

→ Look at wide coverage of geographies (EU and AC), themes (Mission's objectives) and land uses (agricultural, forest, urban, industrial)

Phase 3 (2027 onwards)

Scaling up of LL:

Launch of last calls for setting LL

→ also measures to facilitate the mainstreaming, continuation and sustainability of the LL beyond the Mission timeframe

Living labs gradual development across Europe: Phase 1(2021-2024)

WP 2021: Preparatory Actions



- [PREPSOIL](#): Engagement, co-learning, exchanges, outreach... and identification of **specific regional soil health needs** which may result in priority actions to be implemented in LL.



- [Nati00ns](#): National engagement events, helpdesk service, matchmaking platform, coaching sessions, capacity building material, factsheets, thematic events and webinars

WP 2022: LL Network Support Action

- [SOILL](#) will act as a one-stop shop to assist new applicants as well as the already created LL under the Soil Mission
 - ✓ Give **advice**, help to **harmonise** approaches within and across LL, as well as enhance **exchange** of experiences
 - ✓ **Monitor** and assess activities to **report** on the main developments and outcomes (every 6 months) as well as progress achieved (every 12 months).

WP 2023: 1st Living Labs

- Launch of 1st call for establishing a transnational cluster of LL

First call for co-creation of LL projects (WP23)

Co-creating solutions for soil health in Living Labs

- HORIZON-MISS-2023-SOIL-01-08
- HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions
- Budget: 36 M€
- Indicative number of grants: 3
- Proposals: 37

Carbon farming in living labs

- HORIZON-MISS-2023-SOIL-01-09
- HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions
- Budget: 12 M€
- Indicative number of grants: 1
- Proposals: 7

Living labs & lighthouses: achieving Mission Soil objectives

- Improved **awareness by land managers of soil health challenges** (objectives 1-6) and uptake of innovative solutions in living lab areas and beyond;
- **Measurable improvement of soil health**, at least in the living lab areas, as manifested by criteria developed under the soil health monitoring programme for mission objectives 1-6;
- **Increased social capital** (norms, networks, relations between actors) **in regions where living labs have been developed**, triggering further positive long-term developments in soil health and ecosystem services related domains;
- **Improved citizen awareness** in the regions where living labs have been developed





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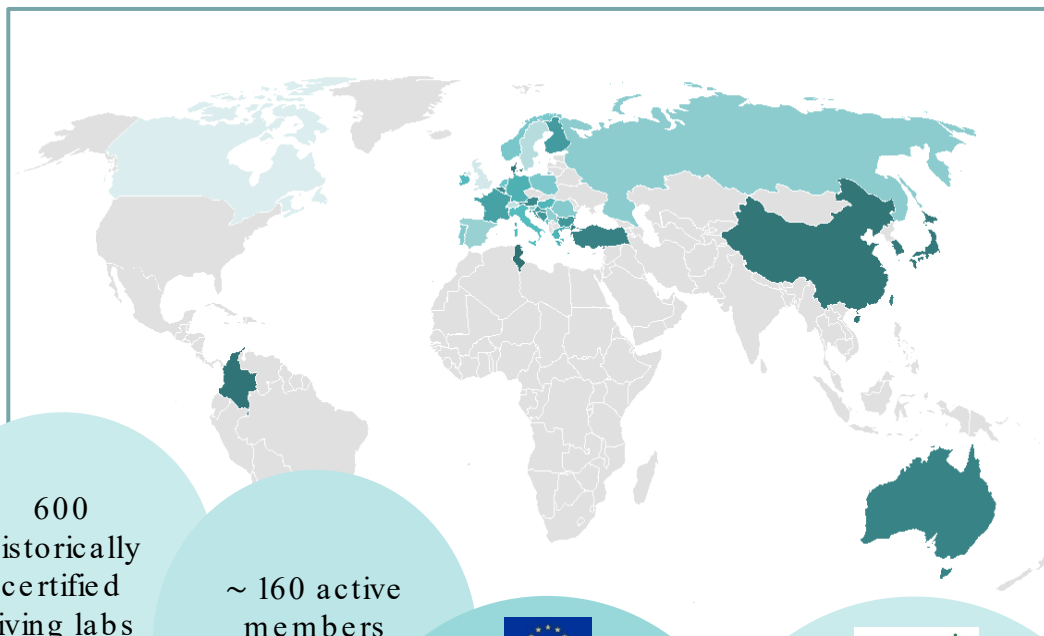


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ENoLL – European Network of Living Labs

ENoLL is the international non-profit association of certified Living Labs



600
historically
certified
living labs

~ 160 active
members
(89% in
Europe)

5
continents
36
countries



Active in 20+EU-
funded projects
to support LL
creation and
strengthen the
impact of LL

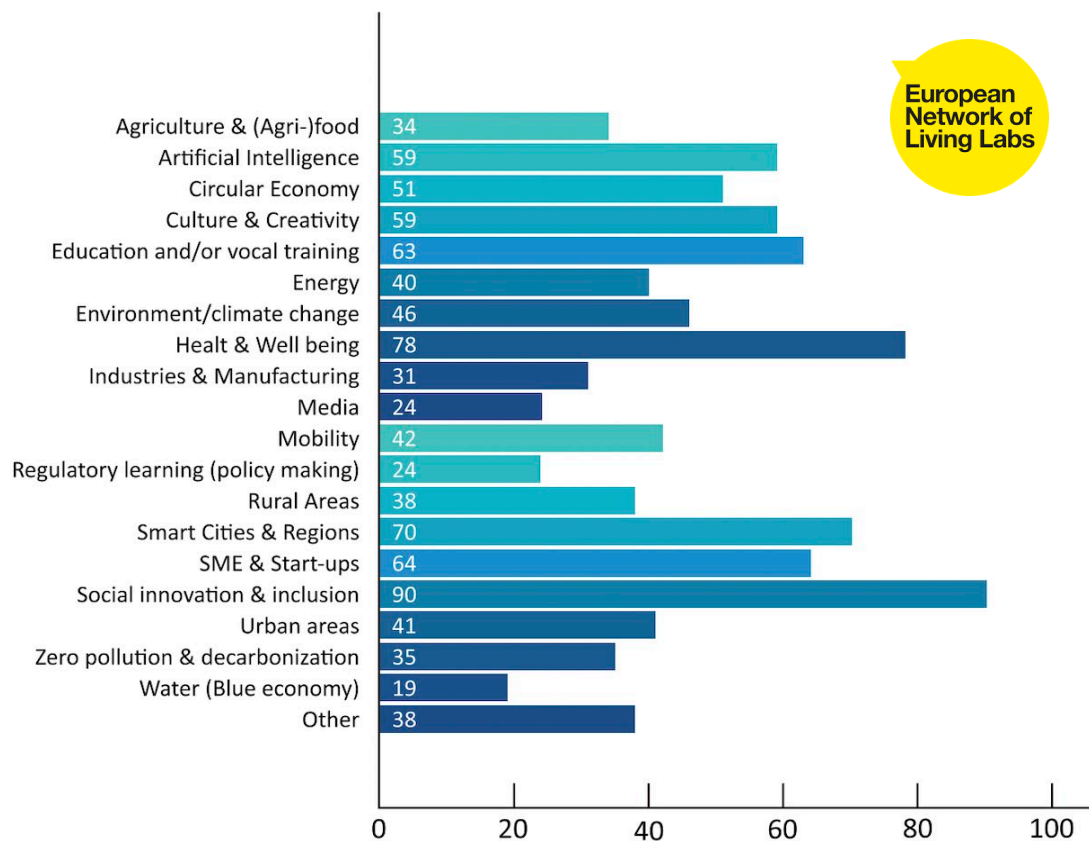


European Network of Living Labs

Living Labs are **open innovation ecosystems in real-life environments** based on a **systematic user co-creation approach** that integrates research and innovation activities in communities, placing **citizens at the centre of innovation**

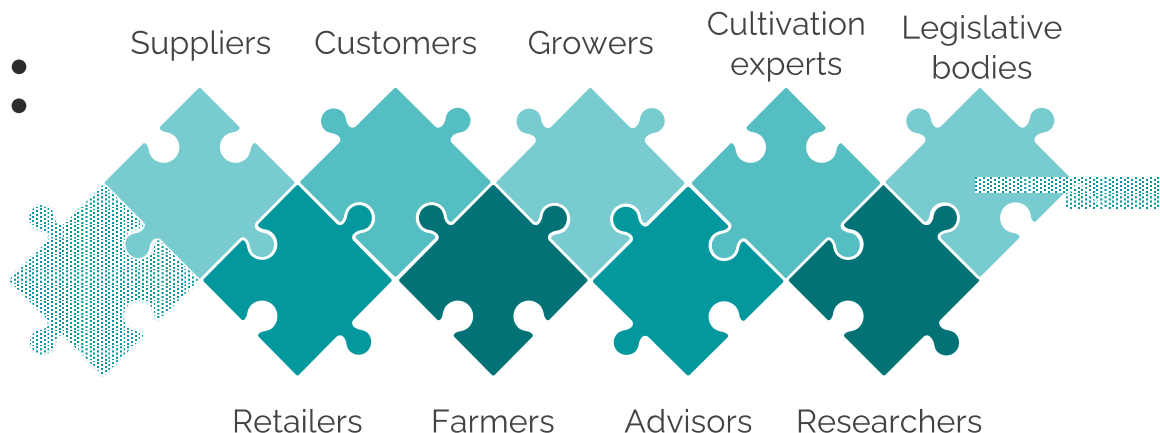
- Founded in 2006 under the auspices of the Finnish European Presidency
- ENoLL focuses on facilitating knowledge exchange, joint actions and project partnerships among its members
- Its aim is to **promote** the Living Labs concept, **support EU policies, enhance Living Labs and their sustainability and enable their implementation at a global level.**
- ENoLL growing community includes members that operate by the main living lab principles such as **multi-stakeholder co-creation, iterative active user involvement and real-life intervention.**

ENoLL Living Labs area of work & services




Multiple areas of work & transversal approach

Living Labs: agri-food




Discovery Center
Hungary

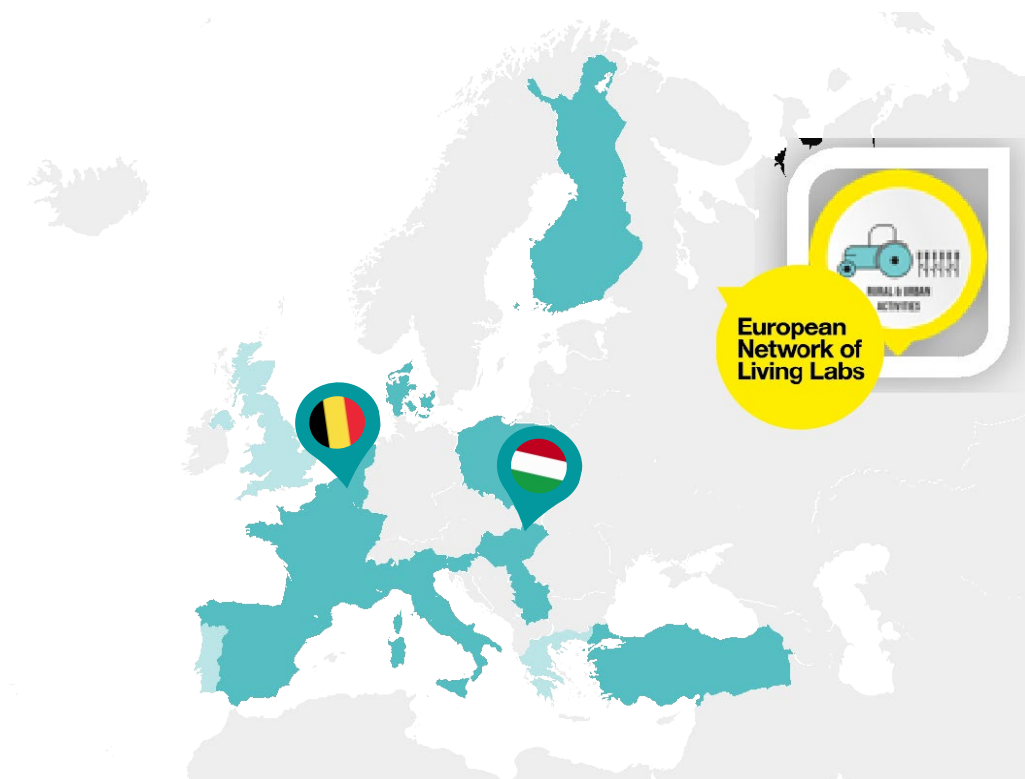


The Discovery Center LL aims to become a prominent research network and hub for sustainable **soil management** and **precision agriculture**, encompassing the core environmental conditions of the Carpathian basin. The LL is dedicated to involving users from diverse stakeholder groups through its inclusive approach, fostering collaboration among users and research ideas. It places a strong emphasis on employing well-defined and documented methods and activities..

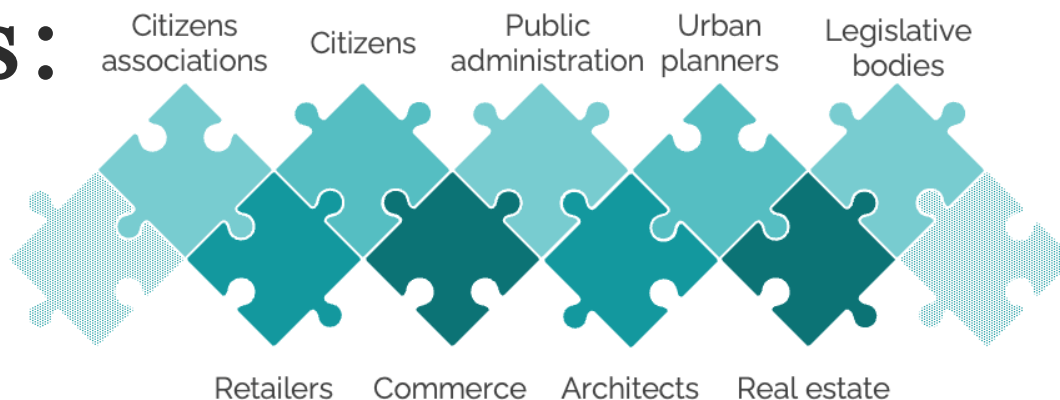
Agrotopia
Belgium




The living lab 'Agrotopia' is supported by the 9000 m² **Agrotopia rooftop research greenhouse** on top of the agricultural market in Roeselare. 6000 m² cultivation area, a compartment for multilayer indoor growing with artificial lighting, and a 12 m high vertical compartment allow to co-create, develop, validate, and demonstrate innovative best practices for vegetable hydroponic systems.



Living Labs: urban




Eindhoven Living Lab
Netherlands



The city of Eindhoven has a strong commitment towards its citizens to enhance the quality of life, by mobilising the creative power of **triple helix parties and citizens/ end users** all together. Bringing together partners on the one hand and creating/ contributing to structures in which partners can meet on the other hand are the two main points that are to characterise 'Eindhoven Living Lab', which is the 'umbrella approach' to incorporate these Living Labs and future ones into one, more integrated and integral approach.

Torino City Lab
Italy



Torino City lab works as a real-life laboratory aimed at creating simplified conditions for companies interested in conducting **testing in real conditions of innovative solutions for urban living**. Since 2021, the 'House of Emerging Technologies of Turin - CTE NEXT' has been inaugurated, which grafts on Torino City Lab, expanding its purposes towards the acceleration of start-ups and technology transfer in the field of emerging technologies enabled by 5G in verticals of interest to Turin.



ENoLL: a path to grow

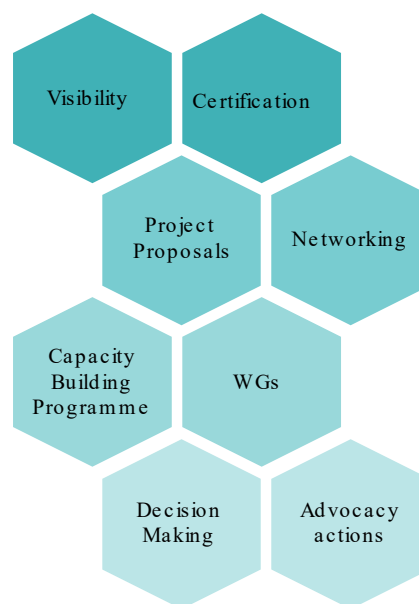
MISSION

ENoLL mission is to be an **Ambassador** of European values of **co-creation** and **open innovation**, to provide value to its **members** and external **stakeholders** by offering them **opportunities** to develop their **capacities & knowledge** in order to strengthen them in **developing and scaling-up** impactful innovative products & services and expanding their own value to their own stakeholders

VISION

ENoLL aims to be the leading organization empowering the **global** development of Living Labs as **enablers** of **impactful** open innovation ecosystems where everyone can **co-create** and **innovate** via **cross-border & cross-sectoral collaboration** in an **inclusive** way

MEMBERS VALUE OFFER



Certification & Labelling
Quality evaluation procedure, formal certification

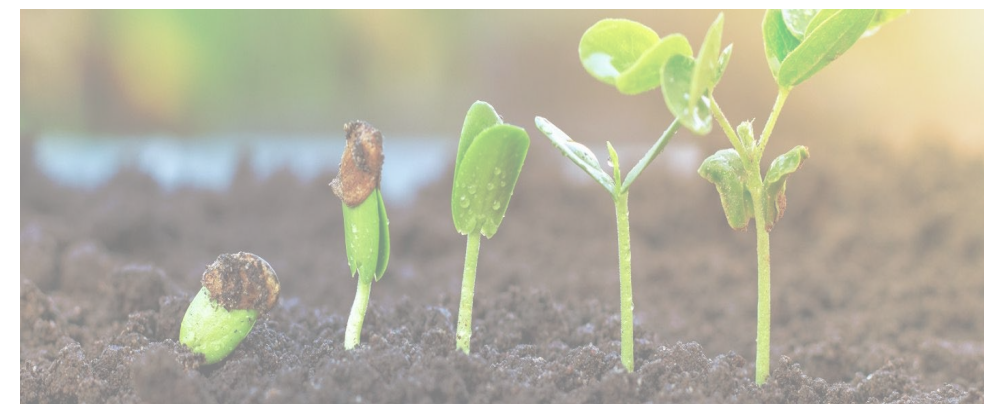


Capacity Building
Learning programmes for LL creation and ENoLL certification



Working Groups
Knowledge exchange & collaboration on hot topics

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ENoLL Working Groups focus on key topics of interest within the ENoLL Community. They are open to members and externals who are interested in working with others in a specific domain.



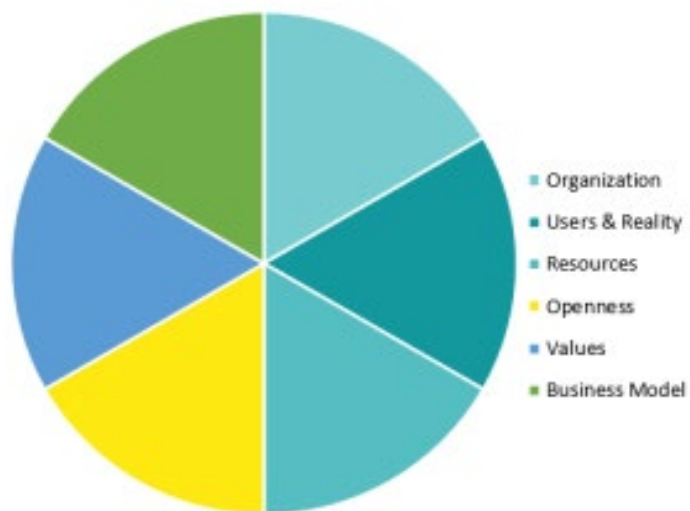
- Agriculture, Agri-food & Rural Living Labs
- Culture & co-creativity
- Digital Sustainability
- Energy & Environment
- Health & Well Being
- Mobility
- Joint Working Group on Living labs as regulatory learning tools
- Social Impact of AI
- Social Innovation & Digital Rights
- Joint Working Group with the European Commission on Digital sustainability, Zero pollution



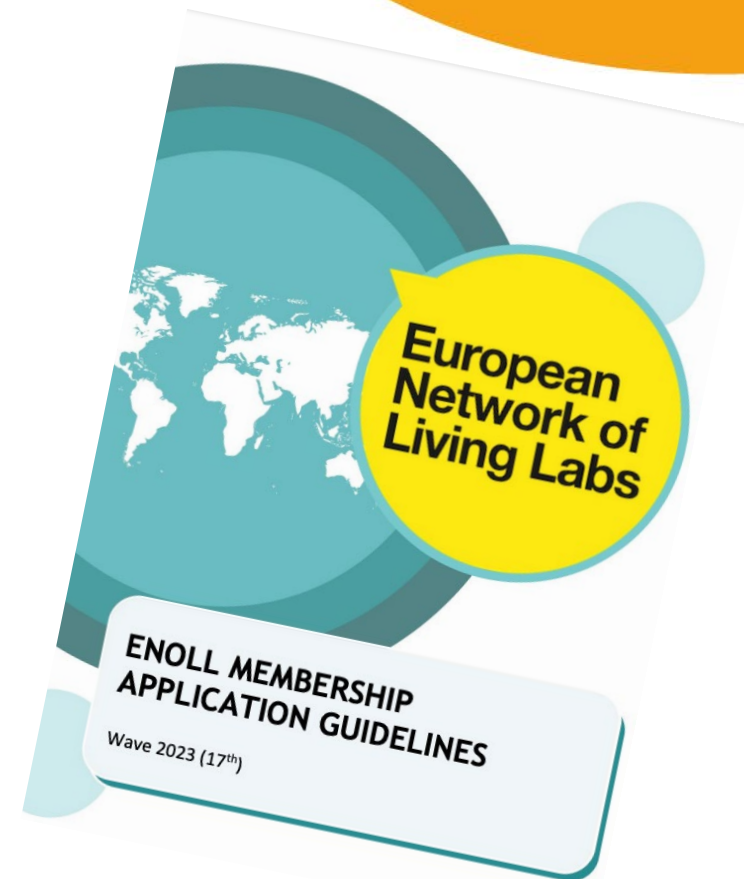
ENoLL Certification and Labelling

All Living Lab organisations that wish to become a member of ENoLL undergo a **rigorous quality evaluation procedure**.

Once they are officially admitted within the network, they are granted the **ENoLL certification**, meaning that they are **formally labelled as a Living Lab**. ENoLL is the only institutional body to be entitled to assess the maturity of a Living Lab.



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ENoLL's road to harmonization

What?

A new ENoLL evaluation framework structure to evaluate Living Labs considering all three levels of a Living Lab (macro-meso-micro - Schuurman, 2015)

Why?

Assess the maturity of all diverse types of Living Labs to help them becoming more impactful & sustainable

Which applications?

- Support structure for harmonised experts' evaluation of LLs across EU projects
- Support structure for experts' evaluation of LLs for ENoLL certification
- Self-assessment tool for LL maturity
- Benchmarking tool of LL across borders and sectors

The harmonized framework

- 1. Strategy (macro)**
 - Governance
 - Business model
 - Culture & collaboration
- 2. Operations (all levels)**
 - Human Resources
 - Operations
 - Equipment & infrastructure
- 3. Openness (all levels)**
 - Innovation partnerships, projects & processes
 - Ownership of results
- 4. Users & reality (all levels)**
 - User-centricity
 - Life cycle & real-life
 - Tools & methods
- 5. Impact & value creation (all levels)**
 - Co-created values
 - Impacts
- 6. Stability & harmonization (macro)**
 - Stability
 - Harmonization & scale-up

Collaborate with us!



Koen Vervoort
ENoLL Sr Stakeholders Strategist



Living Labs EU-wide recognition

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22 topics within
Horizon Europe
explicitly ask to
set-up/ use
Living Labs

Living Labs
recognised as a
research
infrastructure in
the **European
Research Area**

**Joint Working
Groups ENoLL
& European
Commission**

Living Labs cited
as one of the five
flagships of the
**New European
Innovation
Agenda**



Partnership for Agroecology

Structure and support a
network of Living Labs and
research infrastructures to
accelerate the transition
towards agroecology
throughout Europe

A Soil Deal for Europe Mission

Creation of 100 Living Labs
and Lighthouses in Europe,
to lead the transition
towards healthy soils by
2030

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Soil Health Living Labs: Criteria, principles, and synergies

Living Labs*



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AIMS

- **Innovation, co-creation** formal learning
- Contribution to **societal challenges**
- **Improving soil health and related ecosystem services** (=> mission objectives)

Open innovation
Co-creation

Contribution to
Mission Specific
Objectives,
indicators

ACTIVITIES

- **Co-creation, co-development & experimentation** of innovations improving soil health and related ESS
- **Research on impact of these innovative practices on ecosystems**
- **Networking and knowledge exchange**
- **Demonstration** (in particular lighthouses)

PARTICIPANTS

- **Public-private people partnership**
- **Real users (soil managers connected with broad array of stakeholders & decision-makers)**
- **Demonstration:** wider public, policy arena, EIP and relevant networks

Quadruple Helix
Citizen science

Multi-method approach

CONTEXT

- Multiple **disciplines** (-> transdisciplinary, inc. social sciences), **methods, dimensions** (technical, economic, social)
- **Place-based approach and real-life context** : real farms/forest/urban sites
- **Robust and long-term setup for ecosystem assessment**
- **Openness, communication, dissemination**

Real life setting

Set governance,
business model

Living Labs for Soil Health



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Preparing for
the 'Soil Deal for Europe' Mission

July 2022 – June 2025
GA 10 1070045

prepsoil.eu

- Taxonomy & features specification
- Identification & mapping
- Model business plan
- Service package



NATIONS
National engagement activities
to support the launch of
the Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe'
100 LLs and LHs

November 2022 – October 2024
GA 10 1090738
nati00ns.eu

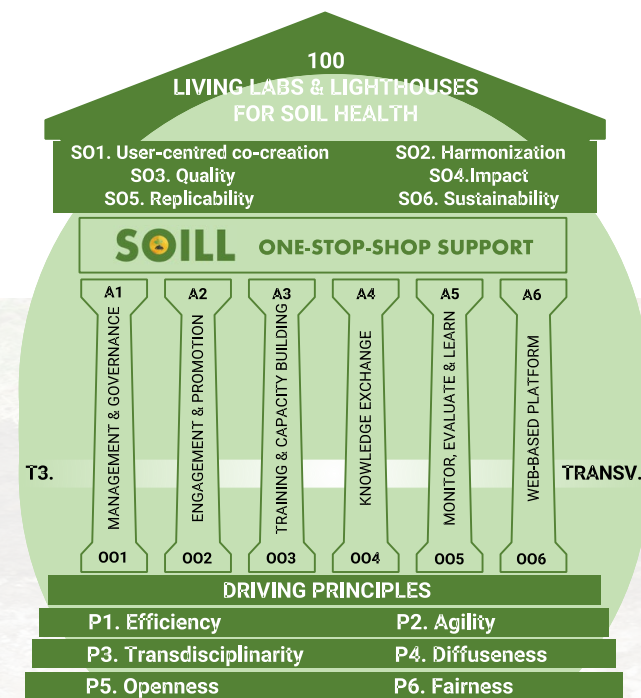
- National engagement sessions
- Supporting applicants
 - Coaching
 - E-learning & capacity building
 - Matchmaking
 - Helpdesk



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Support structure for Soil Health Living Labs

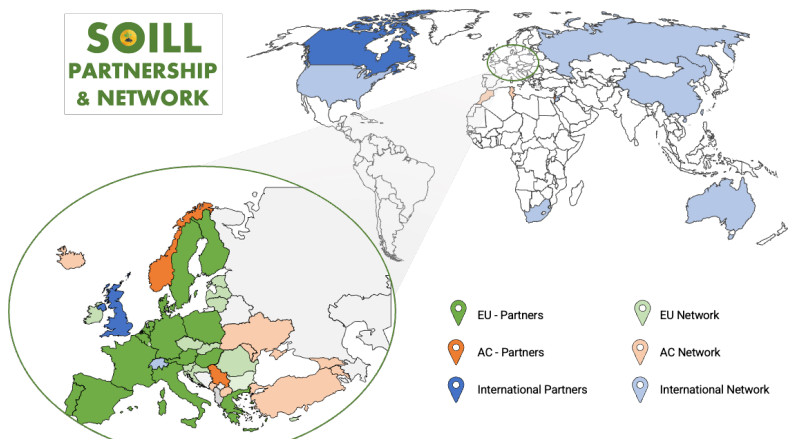
January 2024 2024 – December 2028
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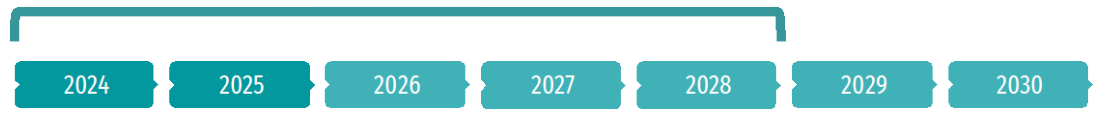
SOILL Support Structure for SOIL Living Labs

To set up and run an **effective, agile, transdisciplinary, diffuse, open** and **fair** one-stop-shop structure to coordinate, support, enlarge, and promote the network of 100 living labs and lighthouses funded under the Soil Deal Mission and ensure their **co-created user-centred, harmonized, reliable, impactful, replicable**, and **sustainable** lead of the transition towards healthy soils.



Calls for SHLLs

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Future Specific Agreements

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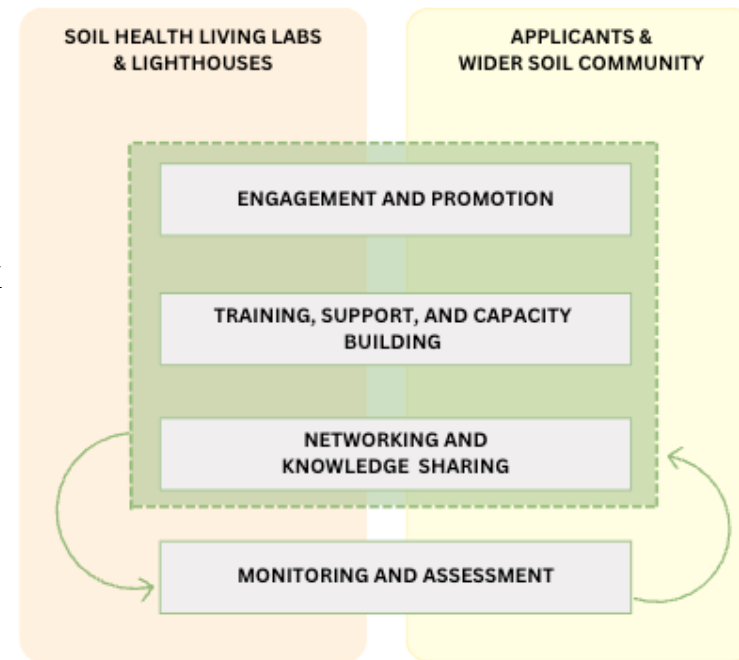
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Startup of the Support Structure for SOIL Living Labs

To co-design and launch the SOILL one-stop structure for coordination, support, enlargement, and promotion of the network of 100 Soil Health Living Labs and Lighthouses in participatory collaboration with the first waves of Living Labs and Lighthouses and key stakeholder and initiatives.

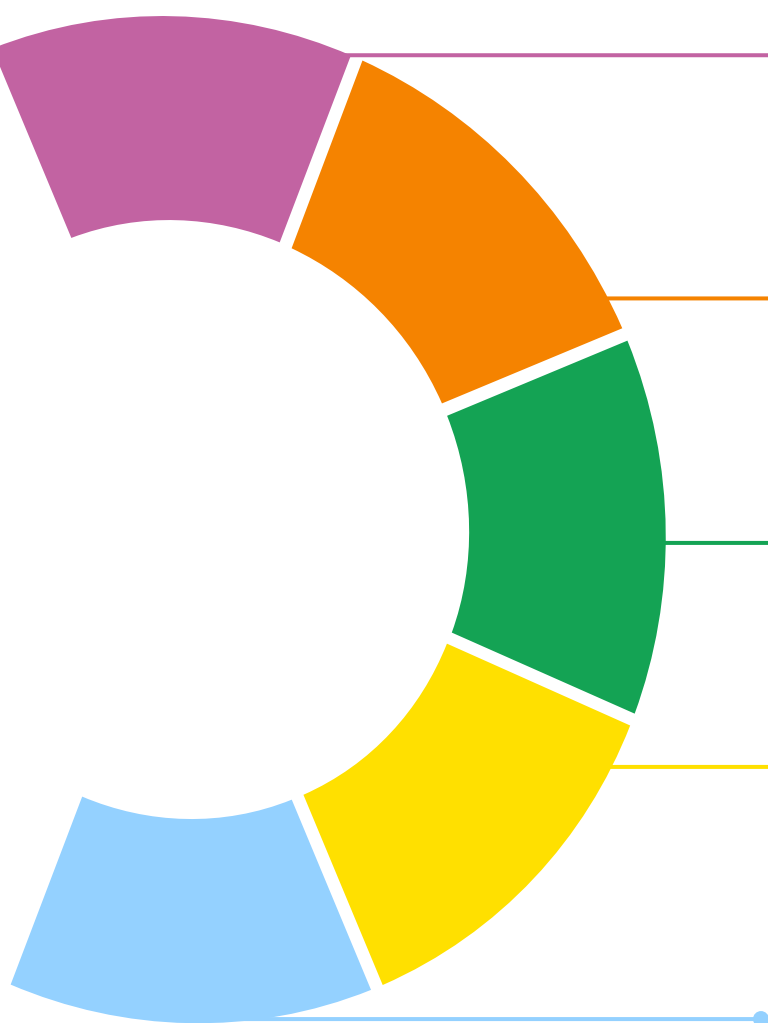


- Living Labs & Lighthouses network
- Applicants
- Soil community
 - EU projects and initiatives
 - Thematic associations
 - NCPs & Soil advisors
 - Research infra
 - Policy makers



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What to expect?



Coordination and support

- SOILL Hub – collaboration / knowledge
- Catalogue of LLs/ LHs
- Helpdesk
- Specific Points of contacts

Engagement and promotion

- Annual engagement event/ conference
- Embedded community events
- Applicants engagement events
- Publishable catalogue
- Dedicated webpages
- Promotional videos

Training, support, and capacity building

- Network training – annual summer school
- Training tools catalogue
- Applicant trainings
- Individual training/ coaching

Networking and knowledge sharing

- Mapping of stakeholders & applicants
- Mapping of common areas & WG launch
- Annual mutual learning events
- Online collaborative space
- Mutual visits organisation
- Matchmaking

Monitoring and assessment

- Framework for monitoring and assessment (LL/ LH + projects KPIs)
- Recommendations and guidelines
- Periodic progress monitoring

Soil Health Living Labs & Lighthouses

- Support in creating/strengthening synergies and collaborations
- Facilitated exchange of knowledge, methods, and experiences.
- Dedicated collaboration space and marketplace.
- Set of tools and training to support operations and scale-up.
- Regular progress monitoring, reporting, and recommendations
- Tailored CB programme and dedicated helpdesk and point of contacts.
- Support in day-to-day operations and harmonization approach.
- Support in developing long-term strategies
- Promotion of the LL/LH, its activities/solutions, achievements, and results.

Applicants

- Up-to-date information on Mission LL concept and implementation, funding, and collaboration opportunities.
- Matchmaking tools and opportunities.
- Dedicated helpdesk.
- Dedicated Capacity Building and mentoring programme.
- Guidelines and recommendations.



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Soil community

- Centralised point of contact and of information on the SHLL/LHs network.
- Regular up-to-date information on SHLL/LHs, progress, activities, solutions, achievements, and results.
- Facilitated exchange of knowledge, methods, and experiences.
- Identification of collaboration opportunities for further development, uptake, and scale-up.
- Access to marketplace and matchmaking tools.
- High-quality advocacy, delivery of policy support documents and recommendations to encourage the political buy-in to support SHLL/LHs development.

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A LIVING LAB FOR OLIVE CULTIVATION IN
EUROPE: INSIGHTS FROM SOIL O-LIVE

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23/11/2023

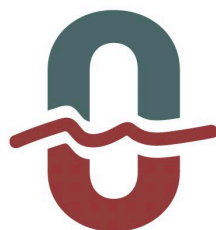


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SOIL BIODIVERSITY AND FUNCTIONALITY
OF MEDITERRANEAN OLIVE GROVES

Call: HORIZON-MISS-2021-SOIL-02-03
Linking soil health to nutritional and safe food

Project Information

SOIL O-LIVE

Grant agreement ID: 101091255

DOI

[10.3030/101091255](https://doi.org/10.3030/101091255)

Start date

1 January 2023

End date

31 December 2027

Funded under

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Total cost

€ 6 988 660,00

EU contribution

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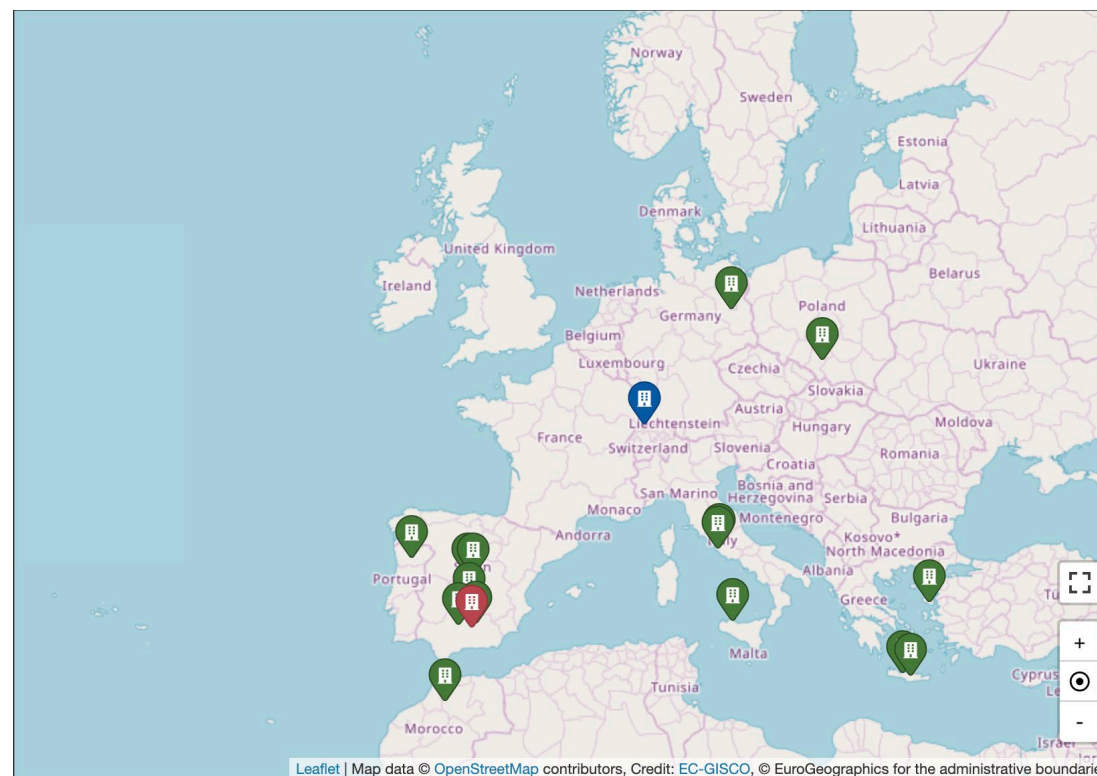
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Olive is the most important fruit tree in Europe, particularly in the Mediterranean Basin, with significant socioeconomic impact.



Olive produces edible fruits and high-quality, storable oil – a crucial part of the Mediterranean diet

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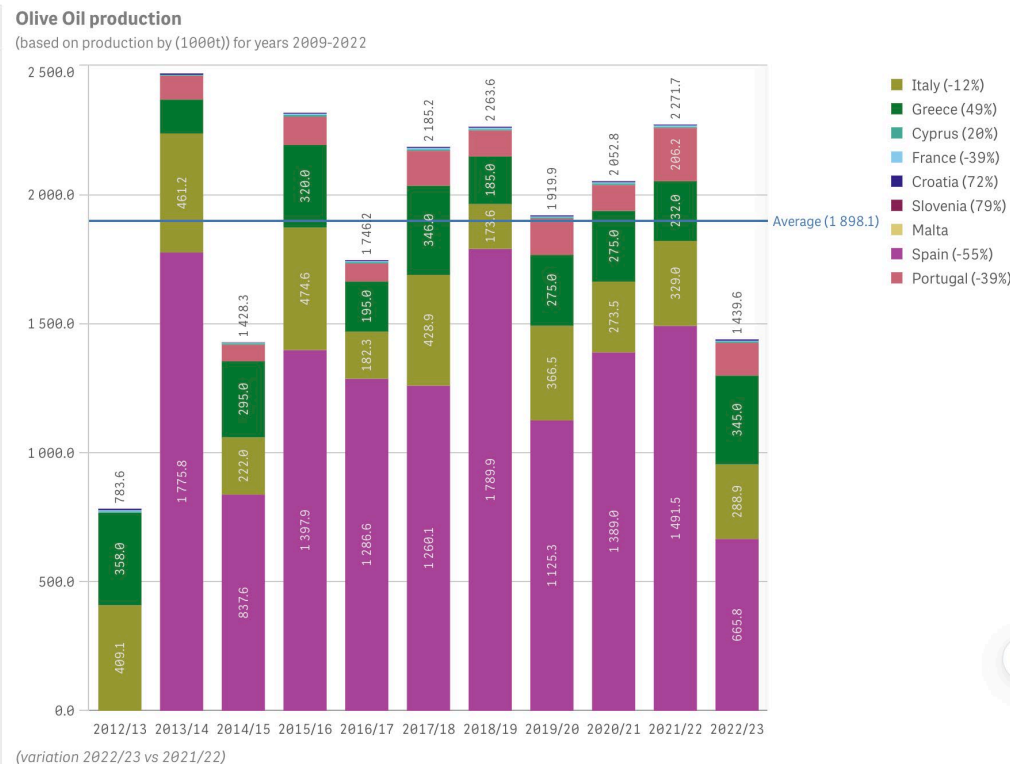
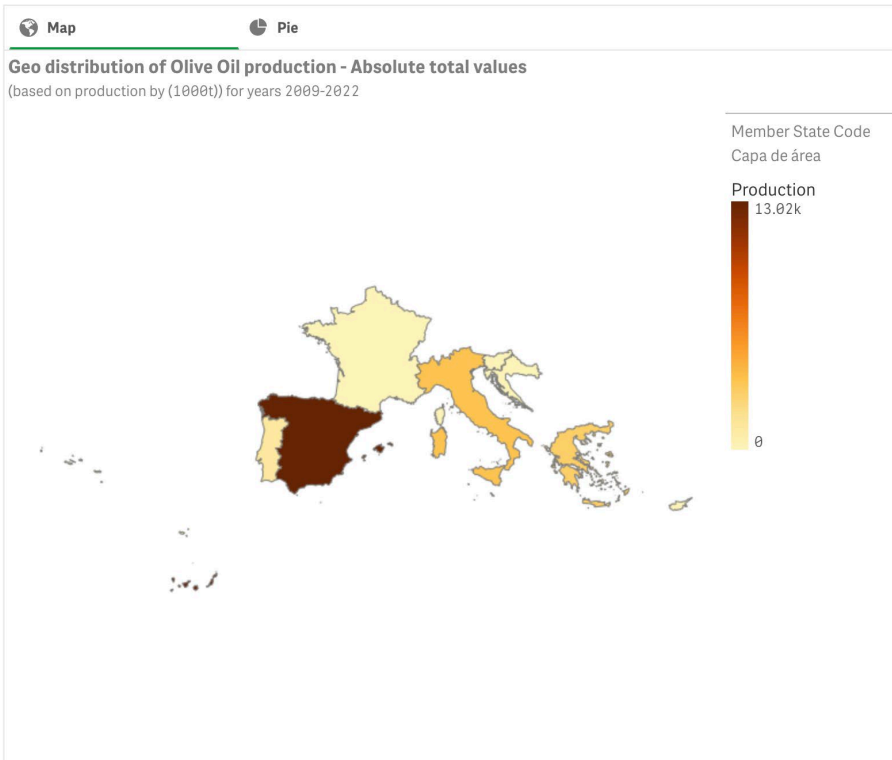
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SELECT VIEW: **Absolute**   

Member State Marketing Year By Year Production Quantity

Latest production data update:
30/10/2023

 Re-set Selections  Print to PDF

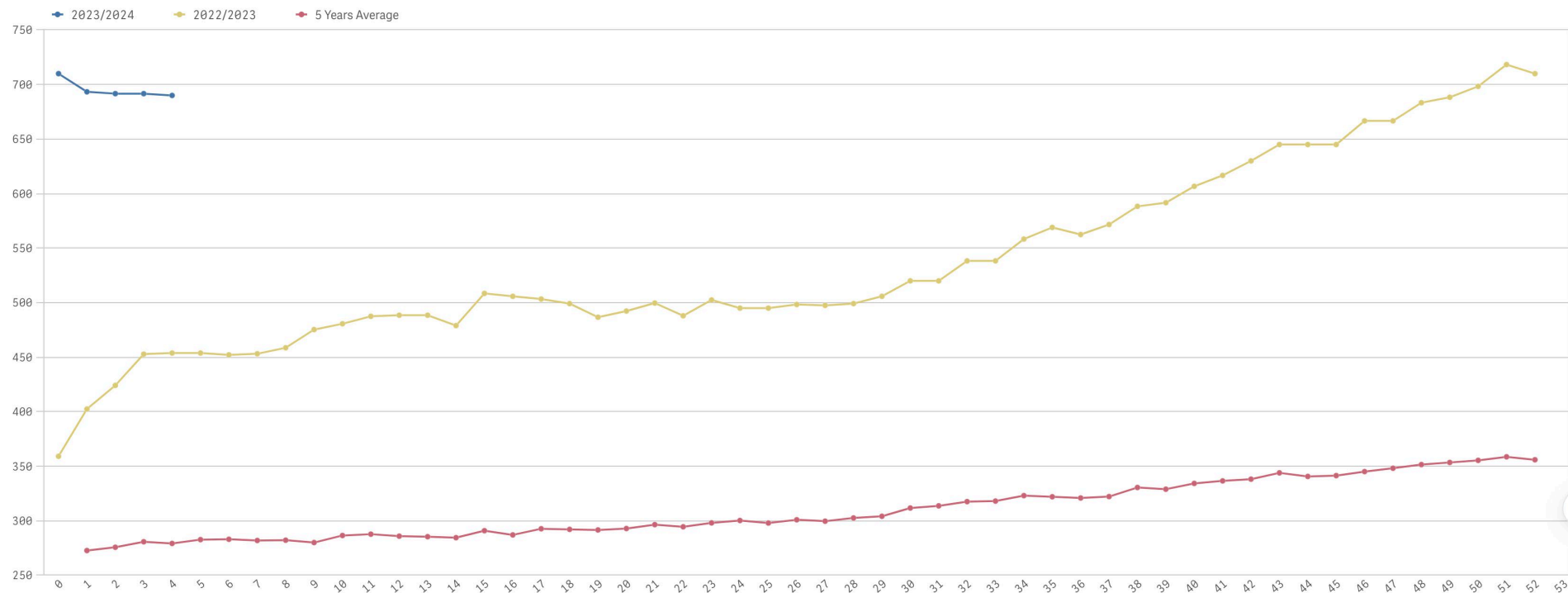




Marketing Year: **2023/2024** |
 Member State: **Spain** |
 Market: **Badajoz (ES431)** |
 Product: **Virgin olive oil (up to 2%)**

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Spain - Virgin olive oil (up to 2%) - Badajoz (ES431)
(€/100kg)



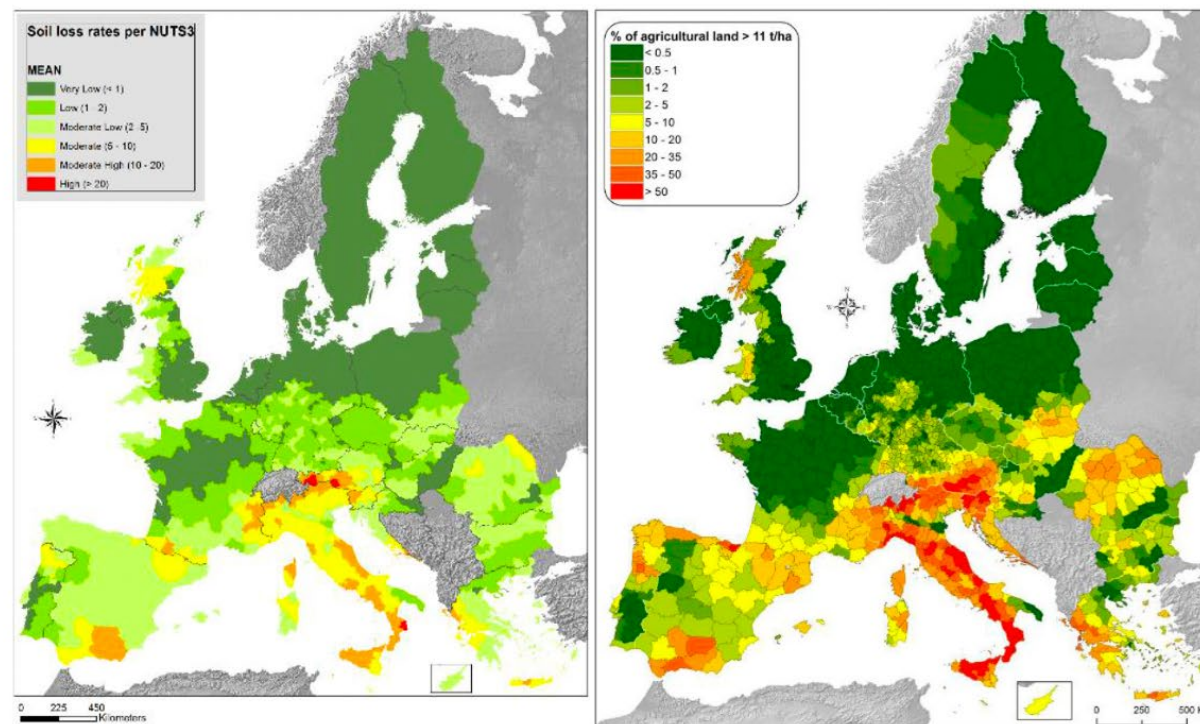
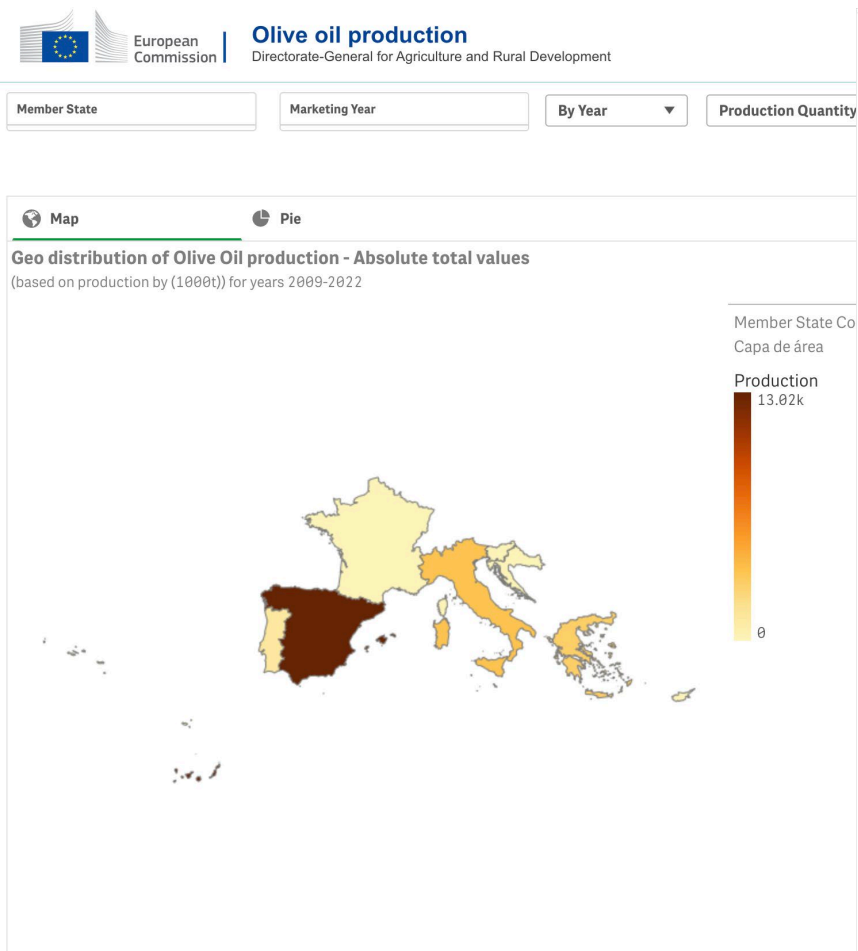


Evolution of land dedicated to olive growth (hectares)

YEAR	WORLD	EUROPE	(%)
1981	5.999.445	3.356.978	55.95
1991	7.432.408	4.311.989	58.2
2001	8.441.532	4.775.994	56.6
2011	10.067.577	4.870.977	48,4
2021	10.338.179	5.045.169	48.8

<https://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/QCL>

Environmental issues – Soil health



*Soil erosion by water (tonnes per ha per year), 2010, EU-28, NUTS 3 (left) and Severe soil erosion in agricultural lands (right) - % of agricultural land with > 11t/ annually.
 Source: Joint Research Centre, European Commission*

Environmental issues – Strong soil erosion



29-47 tones of soil x ha yr⁻¹

29- 40% of fertile soil

Environmental issues – Poor management



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Soil pollution copper & pesticides
Soil compaction
Poor carbon stock
Salinization

Likely:
Excess of N
Diffuse pollution – Microplastics



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To perform the first rigorous diagnostic of the whole environmental situation of olive orchard soils at a broad scale, comprising the most important areas and agronomic modes of olive production across the Mediterranean region and its relationships to olive oil quality across the food chain.



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SPECIFIC GOALS

GOAL 1:

To analyze the impact of pollution and land degradation on soils from olive groves in terms of multi-biodiversity and ecological function at different levels of organization and scales.

GOAL 2:

To investigate the relationship of soil health status with the quality and safety of olive oil.

GOAL 3:

To implement effective soil amendments and cutting-edge ecological restoration practices that promote manifest soil biodiversity and functionality enhancements that should be eventually translated to improvements in olive oil quality and safety.

GOAL 4:

To define rigorous ecological thresholds that allow the implementing future explicit norms and regulations to design a novel future certification for healthy soils in European olive oil.

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52 selected olive orchards

We will be able to develop measurable key performance indicators (KPIs) that elicit the connection between soil health and the main food quality-related characteristics for olive oil.



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ÖMKi On-Farm Living Laboratory

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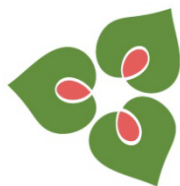
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ÖMKi in a Nutshell



ÖMKi

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Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
Forschungsinstitut für biologischen Landbau

CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH. ORGANIC INNOVATION. SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

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Aim: Fostering scientific research of organic agriculture in Hungary.

- **2011:** Foundation of ÖMKi, the Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture Public Benefit Non-profit Ltd.
- **2012:** Launch of on-farm participatory research network
- **2020:** Living Lab accreditation by ENoLL

What kind of research we do?

- Practice oriented results that can be implemented in everyday farming
- Research that connects farmers, processors, advisors and the actors of the value chain

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ÖMKi On-Farm Living Lab

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- Agroecology-focused nationwide participatory experimentation network variety of field trials technology tests co-designed and co-implemented with farmers with the aim to improve and/or develop new organic/agroecological practices, products, technologies
- Participating farmers gain feedback directly from their own production experiences, creating space for open innovation and dynamic knowledge co-creation between stakeholders



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Research Living Lab Ecosystem

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Crop diversification for food system stability

- Ancient cereal variety tests and product development
- Landrace tomatoes - cultivation technologies
- Soybean and legumes in the crop rotation



Soil-building cultivation technologies

- Species-rich inter-row cover in vineyards and orchards
- Organic nutrient management
- Improving soil management and soil health (reduced-till, cover crops, etc.)



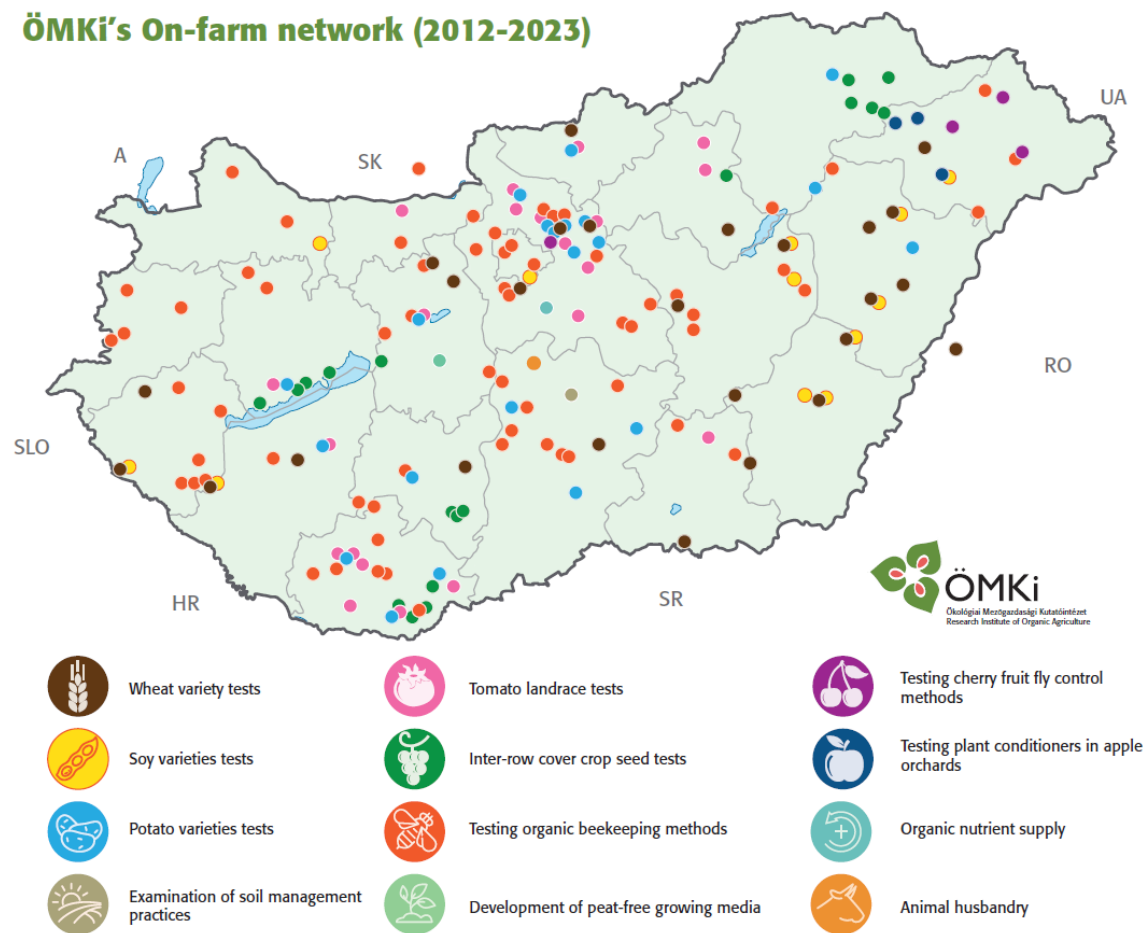
Precision farming solutions for organic agriculture

- Remote sensing for plant protection
- Sensors for developing customized feeding and disease prevention system

Identified challenges related to soils:

- soil degradation in arable organic farms and orchards
- lack of sustainable growing media for organic farmers
- difficulties in nutrient management in organic farms

ÖMKi's On-farm network (2012-2023)





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- Yearly summaries
- Technology publications
- Scientific publications

Defining practice oriented questions together with farmers

- Farmers from around the country, other R&D institutes, breeders, traders etc.

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Publication, open access (ÖMKi)

Simple experiments that fit into the farms' everyday practice

Aim: reaching and sharing new scientific results that are implemented in practice.

- Field days
- Presentations
- Workshops

Evaluation, presentation (ÖMKi) and discussion (together)

Data capturing by ÖMKi and the farmers



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Participatory on-farm research method

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Some achievements and conclusions

Advantage:

- direct relation and open discussion with interested parties
- ready to use solutions in real life setting

Challenge:

- harmonising on-farm research with CAP requirements

Message:

- Sometimes takes more effort to do research with farmers but the common experience during the experiment has a great value.





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Restoring healthy soils in cities through desealing *a living lab approach*

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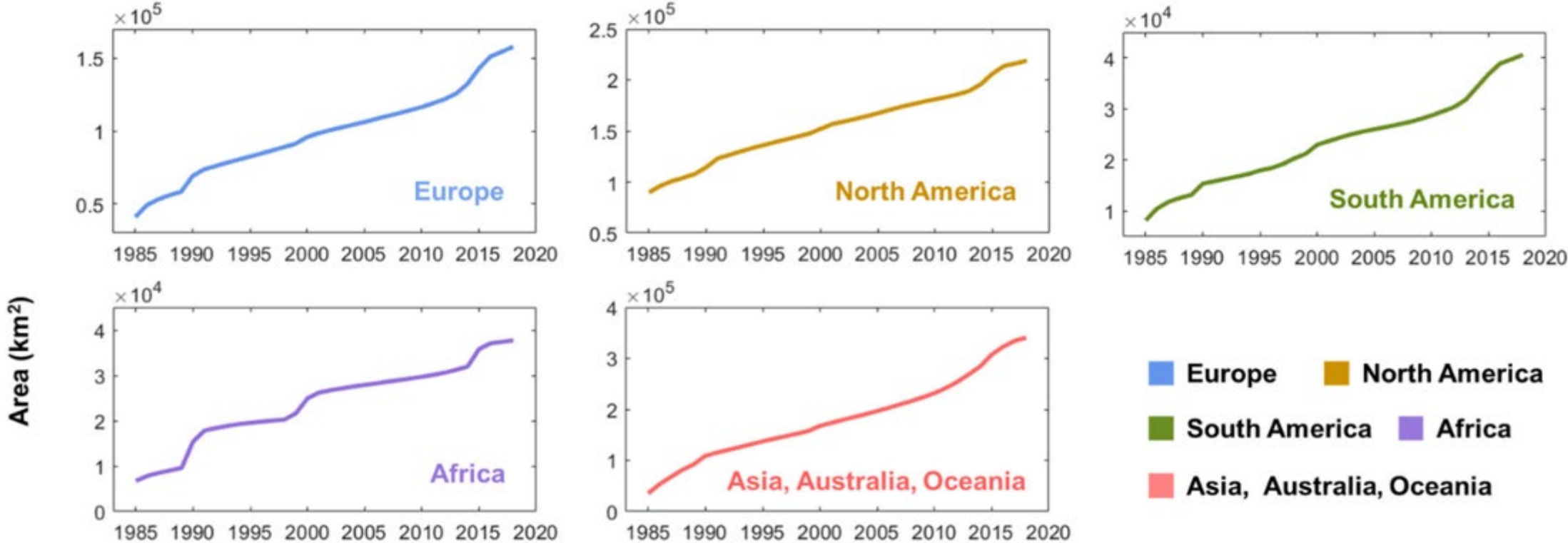


Land artificialisation linked to urban growth



Soil sealing: a major cause of soil degradation and a growing awareness of the issues

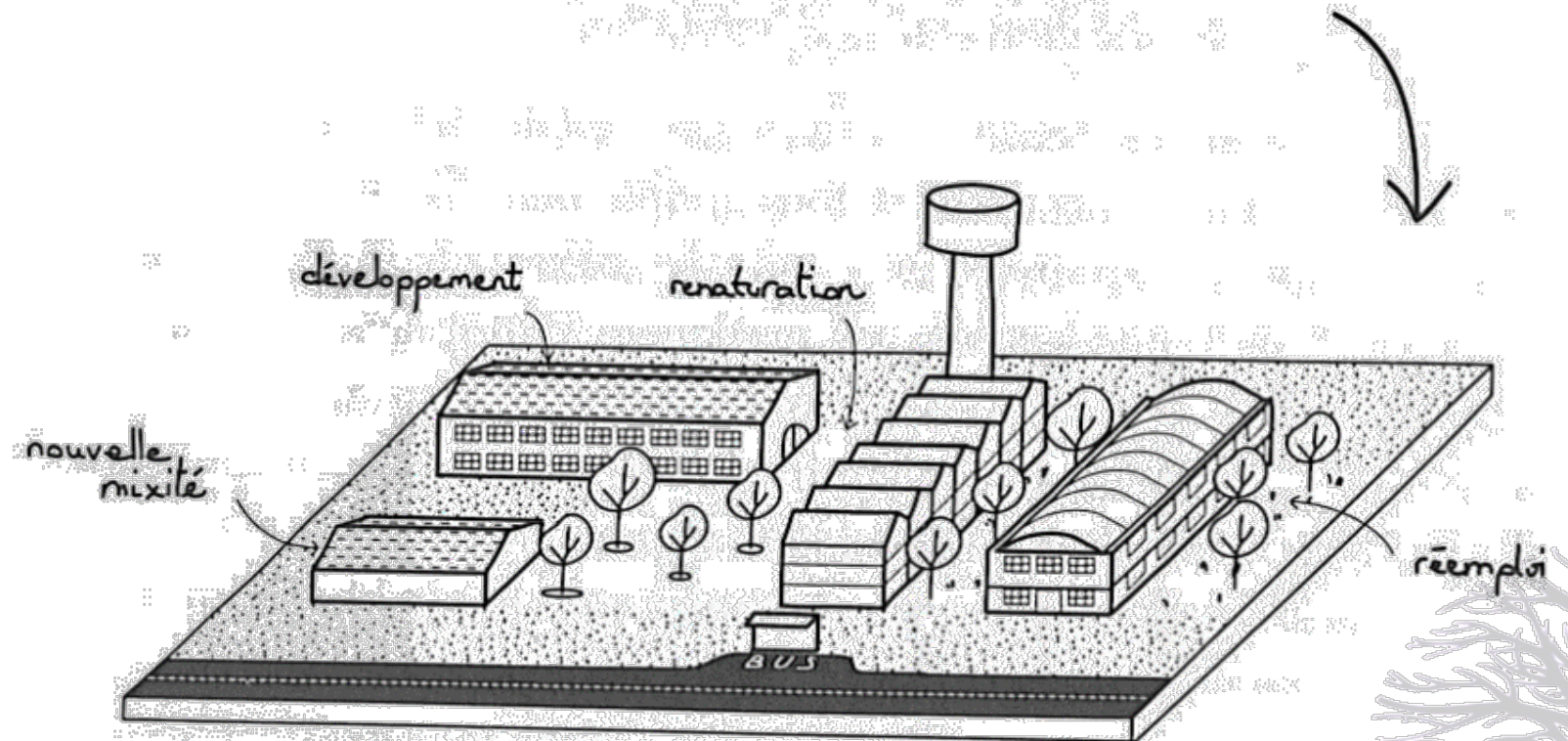
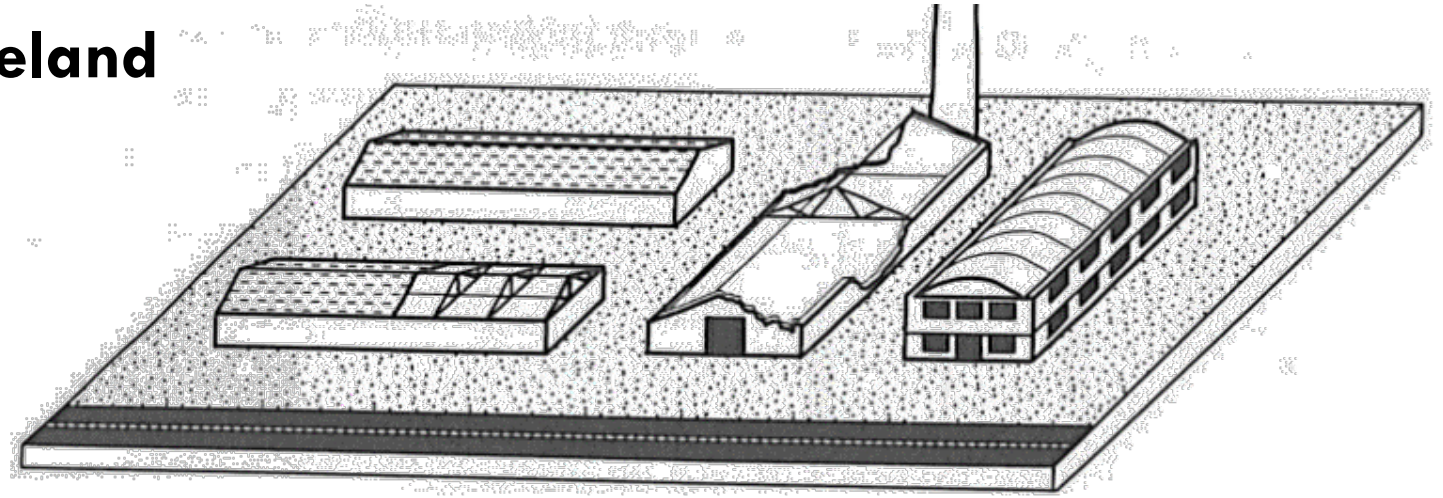
Sealing: disconnection of the underlying soil from the other compartments of the ecosystem (biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, anthroposphere) by covering it with an impermeable material (e.g. asphalt, concrete) or drastically modifying the properties of the soil to make it impermeable (Burghardt, 2006)



Gong et al. (2020)

Requalification of urban wasteland and increasing urban density: a need for fertile soils

How can soil desealing make cities resilient in the face of climate change?



BUT!

Scarce scientific studies on soil desealing

*recent, complex concepts,
little applied and little studied in the context of research*

- Initially, it meets the challenge of the permeable city
 - infiltration of rainwater
 - reducing pollution from sewage networks
 - flood control
- New challenges in adapting the city to climate change
 - greening the city to cool it down
 - modifying surface coverings
 - maintain biodiversity
 - make soils multifunctional



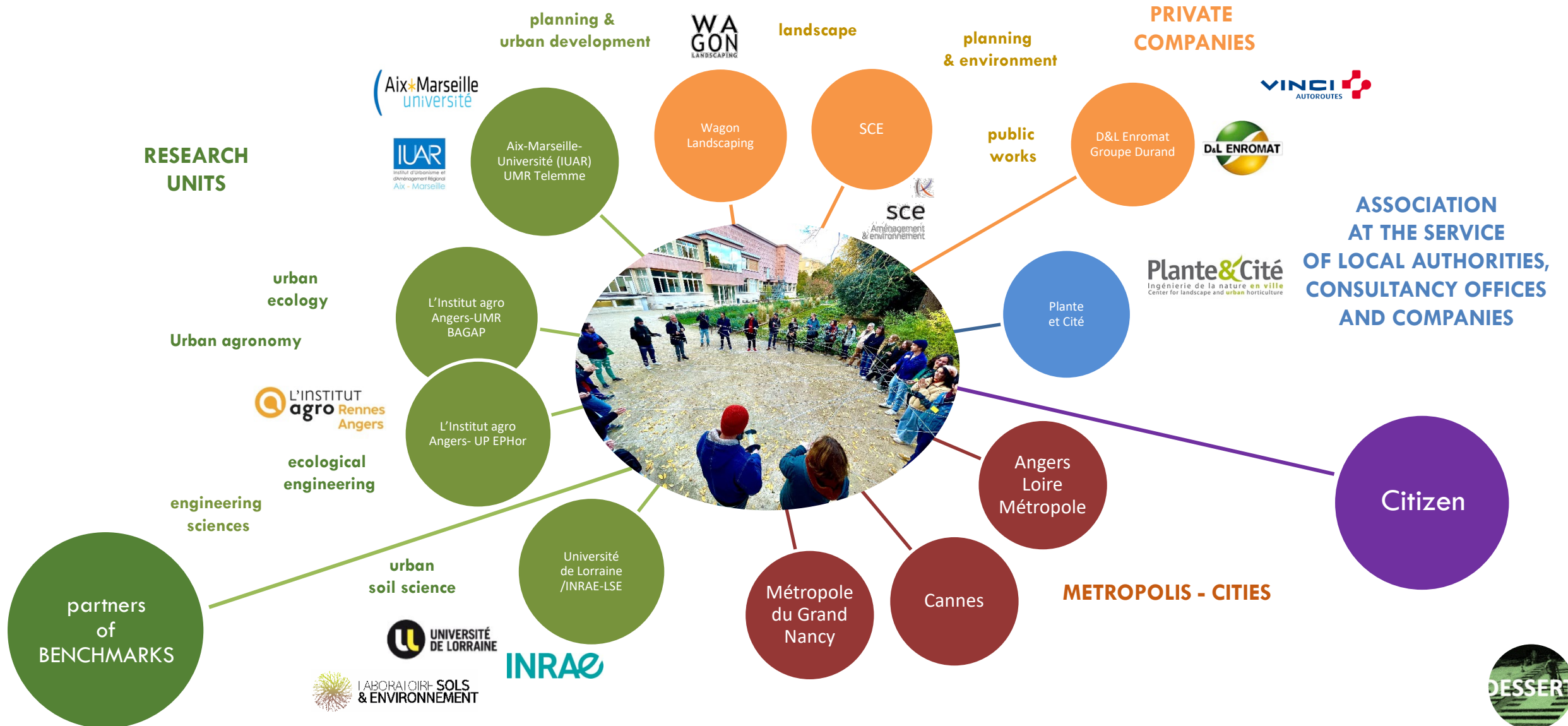
Objectives of the DESSERT project

Desealing of soils, ecosystem services and resilience of territories

- set out the methodological framework for the study of (de)sealed soils at different working scales
- define the representativeness of the soil profiles studied and the soil samples taken from the profiles
- propose a common set of indicators for the physico-chemical fertility and toxicity of (de)sealed urban soils
- demonstrate the feasibility of reversing sealed soils to a multi-functional state depending on the future land use
- propose a technical guide to assist in the design of desealing for designers, developers and managers



A consortium built to encourage essential cross-fertilisation a living lab approach





Digging soil pits to understand the hidden face of sealed soil

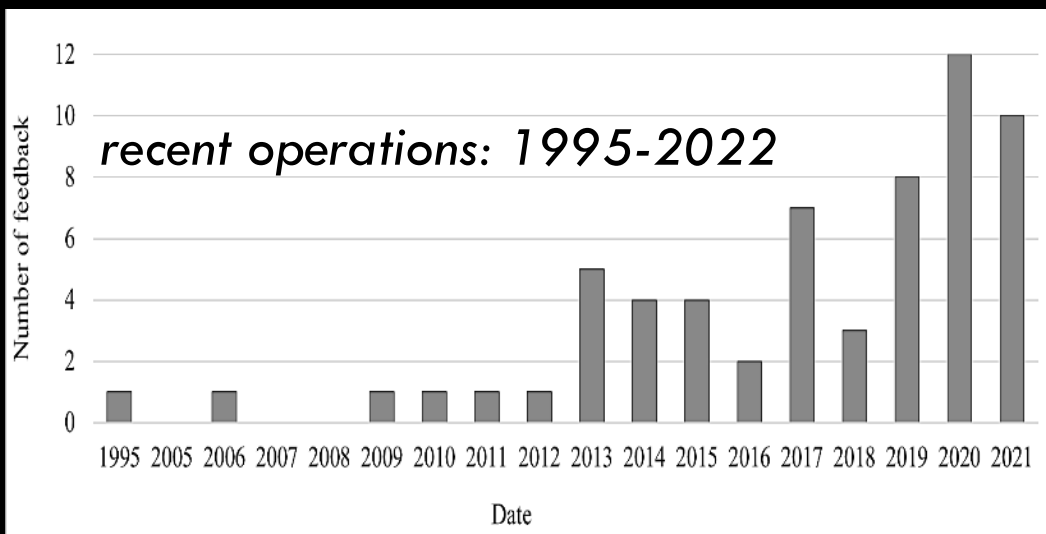
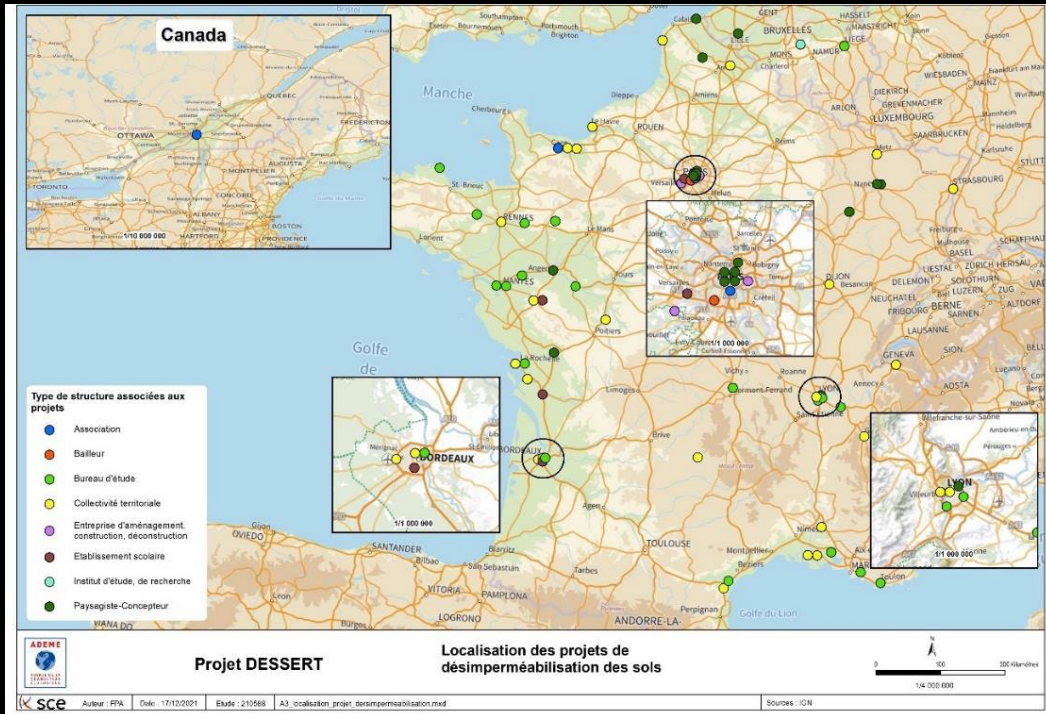
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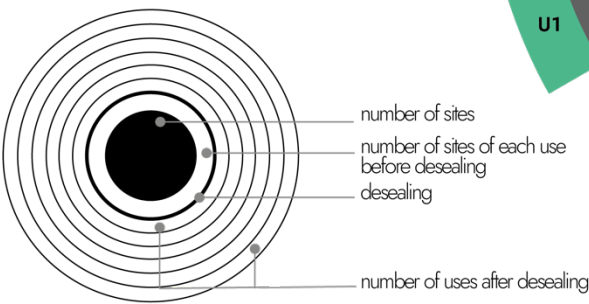
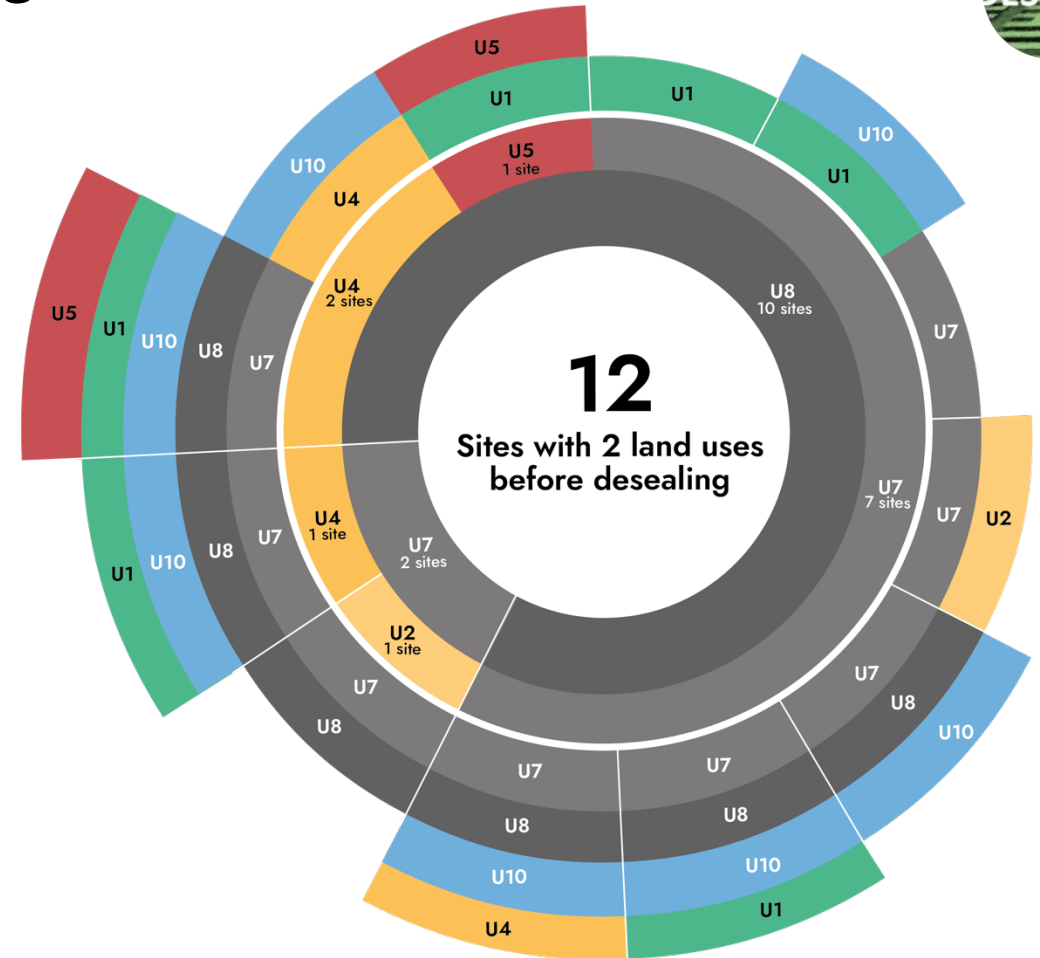
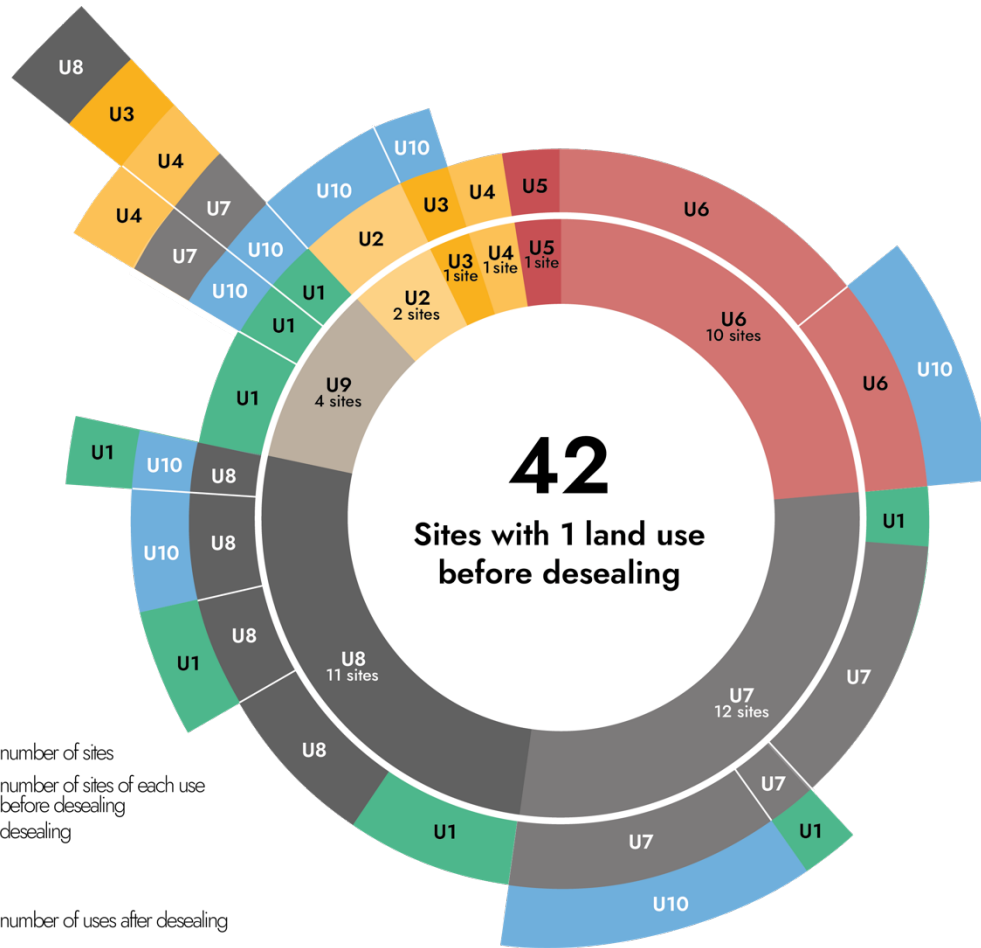
Learning from experience: results of a survey

61 projects identified throughout France and abroad, in towns of all sizes, with a wide variety of surface areas involved



Uses of sites before and after soil desealing

Vieillard et al., submitted

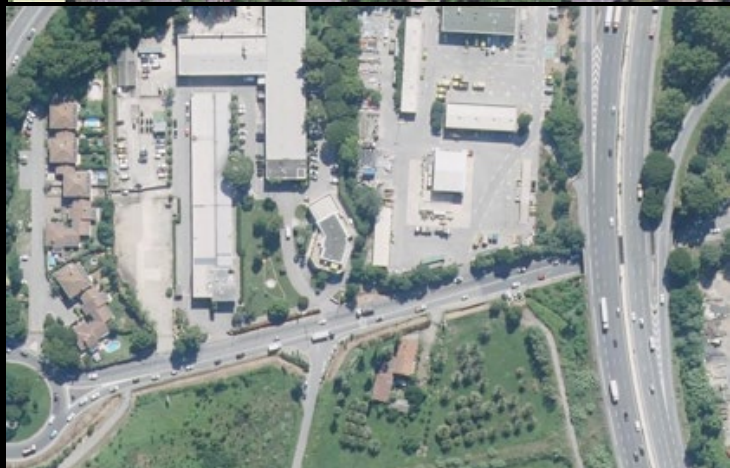
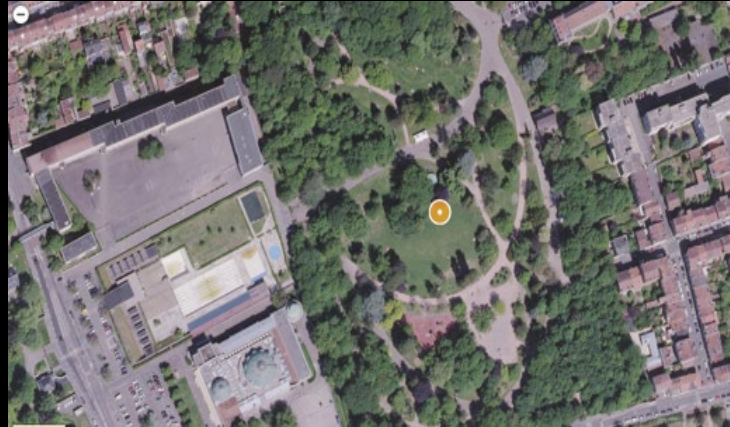
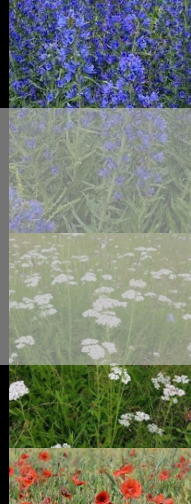


half of the sites gain one to 5 uses after desealing

roads and car parks are mostly accompanied by the use of rainwater management after desealing

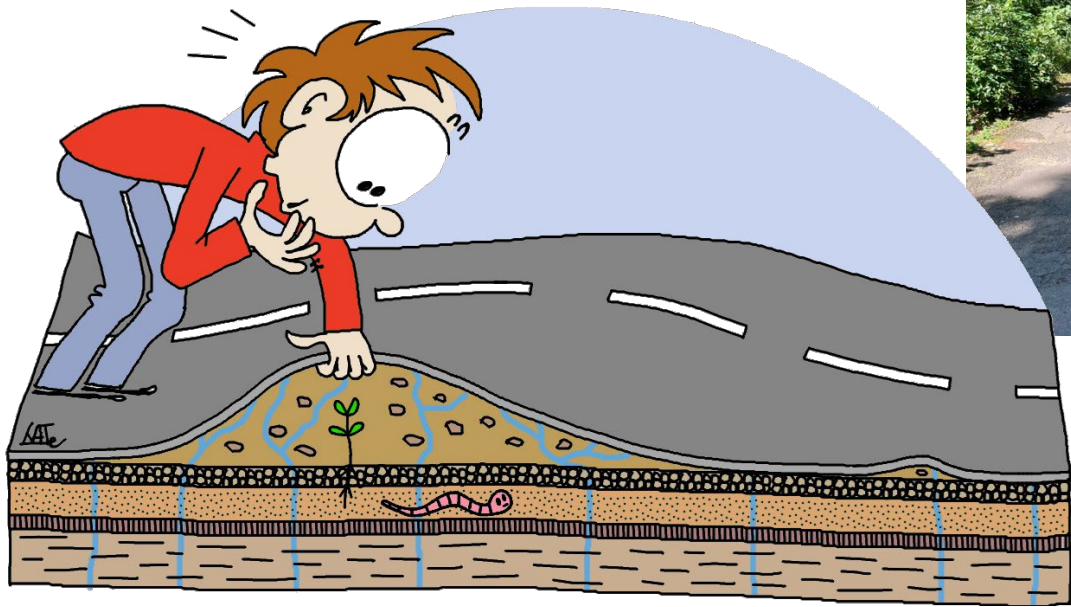
U1 = parks, gardens; U2 = acc. public buildings; U3 = acc. commercial buildings; U4 = acc. housing; U5 = recreational activities, sports; U6 = schools; U7 = acc. roads; U8 = car parks, squares; U9 = brownfield sites; U10 = rainwater management facilities

Experimenting in the field and in the laboratory acquiring our own references



Translate what has been learned into a guide to help with the design of urban soils desealing





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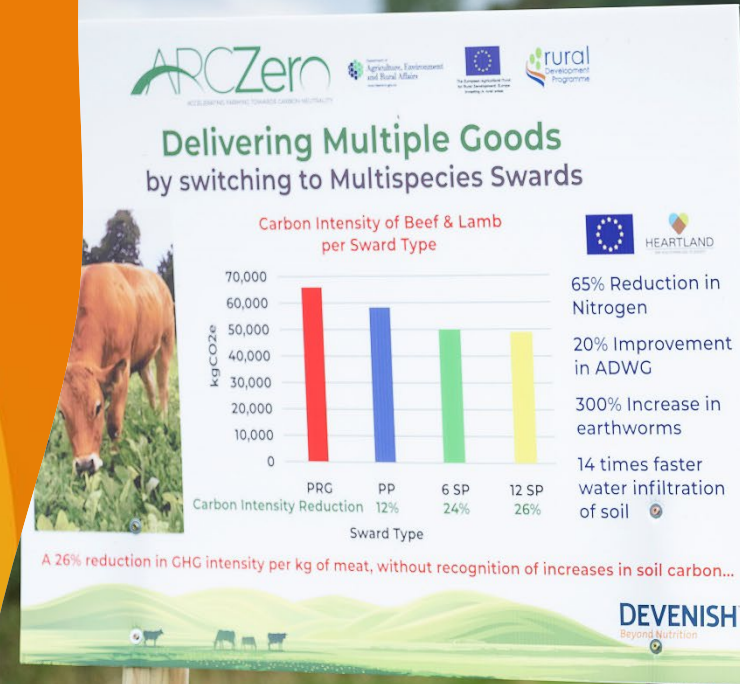
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- Roger & Hilary Bell** *Sheep*
- Simon Best** *Arable & Beef*
- Patrick Casement** *Sheep & Sucklers*
- John Egerton** *Suckler Beef*
- John Gilliland** *Willow & Dry Stock*
- Hugh Harbison** *Dairy*
- Ian McClelland** *Dairy*



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If you Can't Measure, you Can't Manage.....

Created Comprehensive Baselines, Repeat Every Five Years



Aerial LiDAR Survey
at 40 scans per metre



Soil Sampling to one
metre deep



Measuring actual
Methane emissions

Empowering Knowledge..... Delivering Behavioural Change.....

Where did we start.... We investigated our Numbers...

Baselined & Benchmarked.... Empowered Behavioural Change

<i>2021 Agrecalc Analysis</i>	Enterprises	Gross Emissions t CO ₂ -e/yr	Gross Sequestration t CO ₂ -e/yr	Net Emissions t CO ₂ -e/yr	% Reduction
Ian McClelland	Dairy	1,101	309	792	28%
Hugh Harbinson	Dairy	2,009	549	1,459	27%
John Egerton	Beef & Sheep	1,475	444	1,031	30%
Roger & Hilary Bell	Sheep with Beef	754	456	298	60%
Simon Best	Arable with Beef	1,799	738	1,061	41%
Patrick Casement & Trevor Butler	Beef & Sheep	492	548	-56	111%
John Gilliland	Willows with Dry Cows	151	156	-4	103%

Every Farm is Different, No Single Silver Bullet
Some Farms are already beyond Net Zero



Where did we start.... We investigated our Numbers...

Baselined & Benchmarked.... Empowered Behavioural Change

<i>Total ARC Zero CO2e Stocks</i>	Soil Carbon	Tree Carbon	Total Carbon	% C in Soil
Ian McClelland	31,813t	1,310t	33,123t	96%
Hugh Harbison	68,054t	1,969t	70,023t	97%
John Egerton	31,813t	1,310t	33,123t	96%
Roger & Hilary Bell	50,819t	688t	51,507t	98%
Simon Best	237,915t	6,493t	244,407t	97%
Patrick Casement & Trevor Butler	54,556t	4,022t	58,578t	93%
John Gilliland	19,468t	4,937t	24,405t	80%
		Total	515,166t	

97% of all Carbon in Soils..... Only 3% in Trees

Delivered Behavioural Change, Collectively....

Baselined & Benchmarked.... Empowered Better Quality Decisions....

<i>GHG Reduction 2021 to 2023</i>	Enterprises	2021	2023	% Reduction in GHGs
Ian McClelland	Dairy	1.3kg CO ₂ e/kg FPC Milk	1.1kg CO ₂ e/kg FPC Milk	13%
Hugh Harbison	Dairy	1.25kg CO ₂ e/kg FPC Milk	1.2kg CO ₂ e/kg FPC Milk	4%
John Egerton	Beef	32.8kg CO ₂ e/kg dwt	25.6kg CO ₂ e/kg dwt	22%
Roger & Hilary Bell	Lamb	22kg CO ₂ e/kg dwt	15.7kg CO ₂ e/kg dwt	28%
Simon Best	Wheat	0.99kg CO ₂ e/kg grain	0.47kg CO ₂ e/kg grain	53%

All Farms Reduced their Emissions.....

Delivering Behavioural Change, Individually

One Change..... delivering Multiple Wins.....

- Planted Multi Species swards in Routes of Overland Flow of Water
- Displaced 100% N fertiliser
- Improved water infiltration
- Improved soil biodiversity
- Improved Soil Organic Stocks



Delivered Behavioural Change, Individually.....

Impact of Different Land Uses on Soil Health & Carbon Stocks



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28yrs old Willow Coppice



120yrs old SilvoPasture



200yrs old Grassland



30yrs old Trees



250yrs old Trees

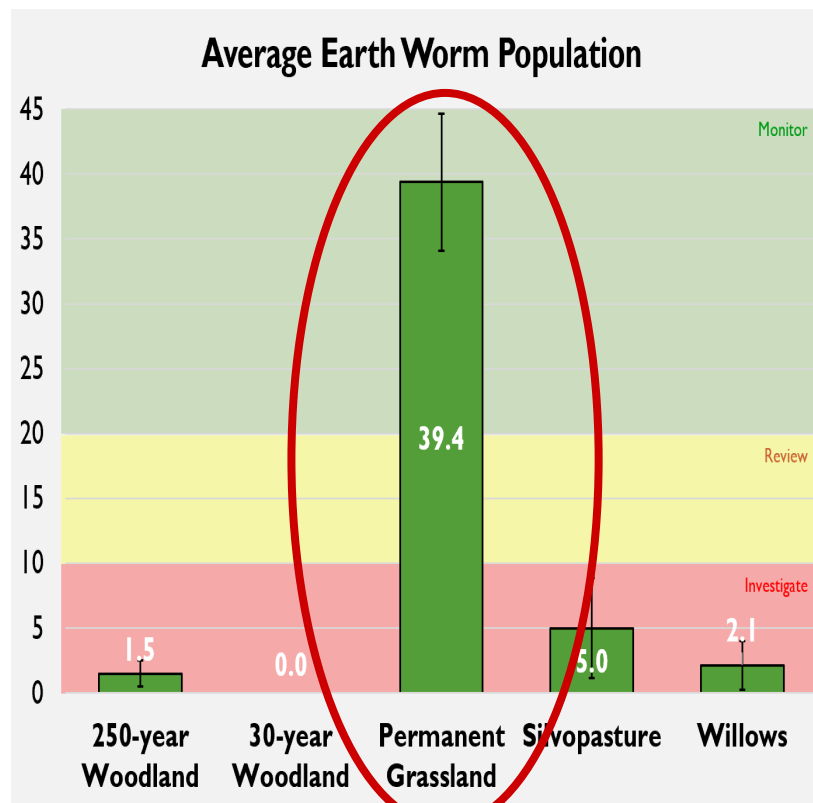
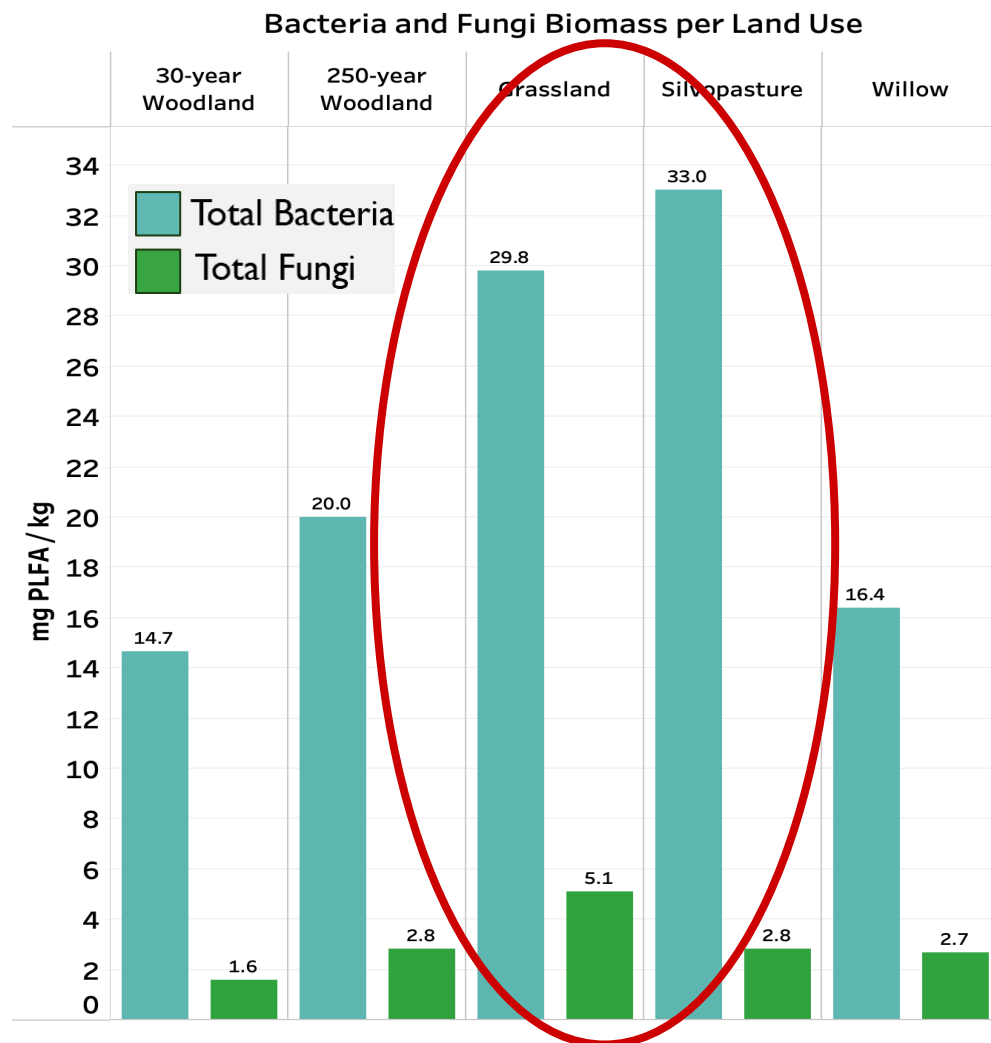
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R. Buffara, WUR, 2023

The Role of
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Faeces On
Soil Biology?

The Collapse of
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Under Trees?

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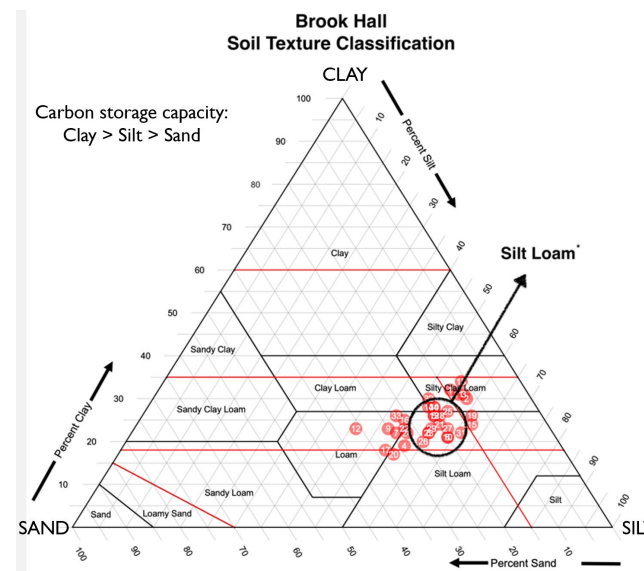
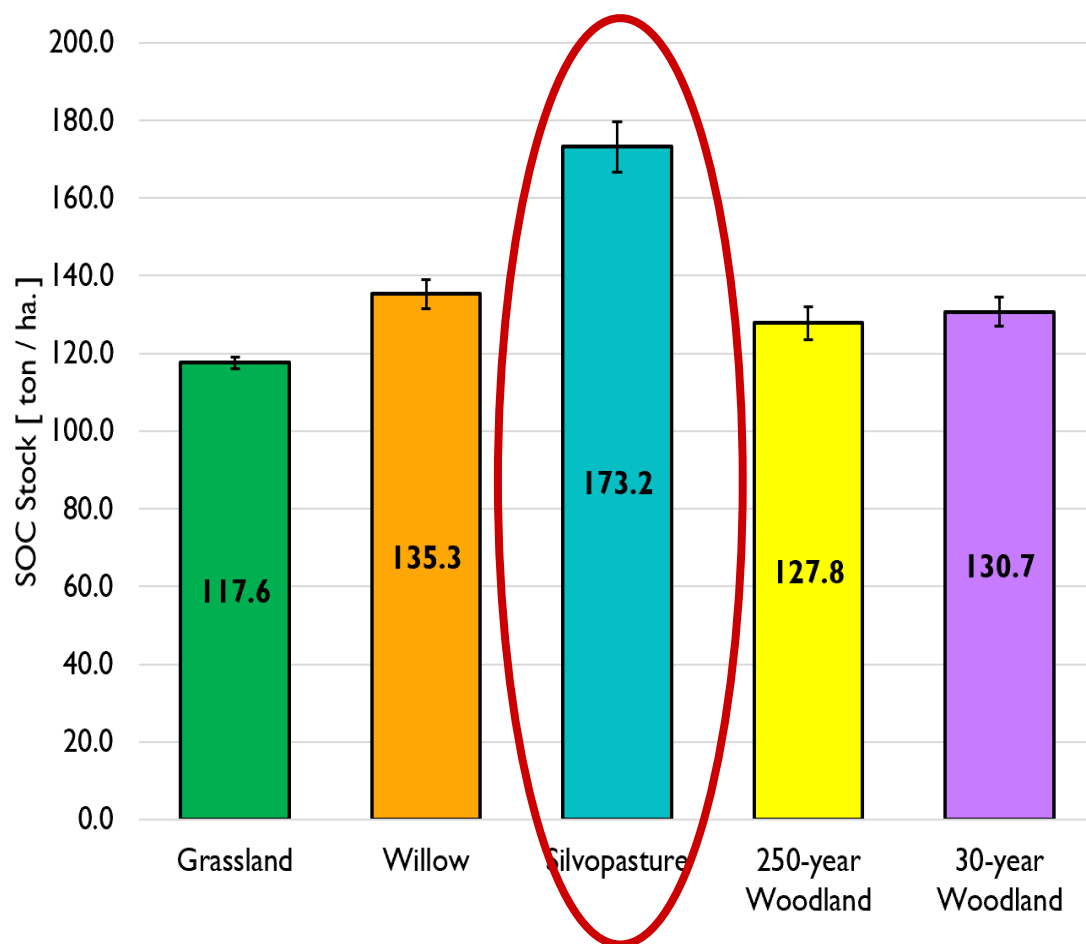
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Mean SOC Stocks for Different Land Uses at Brook Hall



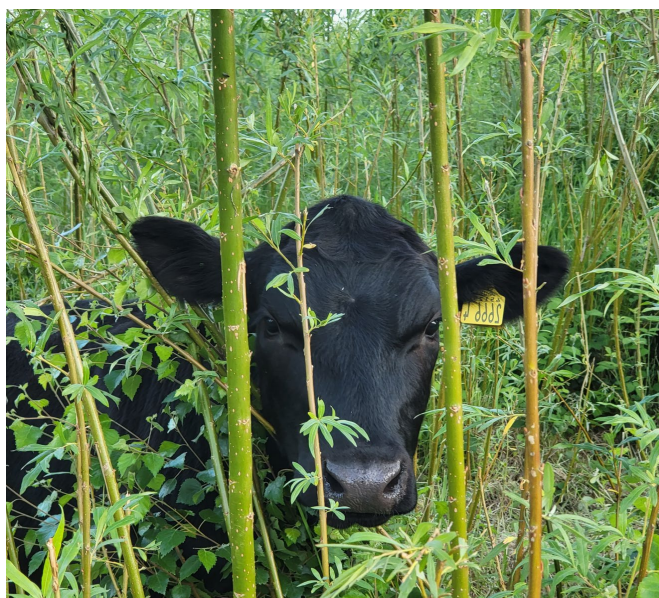
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The Weakness of
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Delivered Behavioural Change, Individually..... Amalgamating Land Uses for Optimal Public Good Outputs.....



Grazing Willow Trees, 27% Mitigating Methane, Stimulating Soil Biology,
Building Soil Carbon Stocks, Producing Food, Simultaneously.....

Delivering Impact from our Living Lab Through Articles, Open Farm Walks & Presentations.....



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8 NI NEWS R1 N IRISH FARMERS JOURNAL Saturday 24 September 2022

Digging deep for soil carbon stocks in Fermanagh



FARMER WRITES:
New soil samples have been taken across the farm to sample for carbon down to 1m, writes John Egerton

A couple of weeks ago I was honoured to be asked to take part in the ASA (Agricultural Science Association) conference in Kilkenny. My brief was a farmer's perspective on the whole issue around climate change and how farmers are going to deal with it. I told conference attendees a little about the history of our farm and the fact that I have three sons who all hope to obtain a living from

it. Then I went on to talk about the work that we are doing in the ArcZero (Accelerating Ruminant Carbon to Zero) project, alongside six other NI farmers. To be honest, I think they were shocked at the amount of detailed information that we have already gathered and how far down the road we are in relation to a proper, verifiable balance sheet for our farms that accounts for both carbon emissions and sequestration. I think many were a little envious of what we have already achieved.

The one thing that forced this home was when I told them I was storing over 9,000t of carbon in the top 30cm of my soil, as well as in my trees and hedgerows. Very few farmers anywhere in the world know how much carbon they are storing.

Soil cores

Last spring, we had a young man come out and take soil cores to 30cm at multiple locations from every field that I own. Every time he took a sample, he GPS marked it



Soil carbon being sampled down to 1m on the Egerton farm.

for future reference to enable us to go back to the same place to resample a few years down the line. It was a very labour-intensive operation, as he had to physically hammer in each cylinder and dig the sample out. The samples were then sent away to ascertain how much carbon was stored in the soil. We could then multiply up to get a total carbon figure for each field, and ultimately, the whole farm.

Our intention is to come back to the same sites in the future and resample to see what changes have occurred. The hope is that we will be able to identify what farming practices have led to these changes, which will help inform us about the best practices for getting more carbon stored in the ground.

Back to the conference in Kilkenny, I left them with a parting thought: We farmers are looking after the country's carbon within our farms. We need to be rewarded for that instead of being vilified because our cows recycle carbon when they are trying to digest some forage. It seems to be getting lost in the whole environmental debate, but the farmers are no the problem – instead we are very much part of the solution

why my attempts at draining had failed. I had 6cm of topsoil and then it was pure blue clay, best described as a complete impermeable sticky mess. Then we went to other fields and the drill could only get down around 20cm before it hit rock and couldn't get any deeper. I am curious to see if, long-term, my wetter soils have the potential to store more carbon than the drier soils. The guys that took the samples told me it was the first time they had operated on a farm in NI.

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- 92% Farmer take up in 1st Two Zones
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