

BENEFITS FOR SIGNATORIES

1. **Visibility and recognition:**

Signing the Mission Soil Manifesto publicly demonstrates support for the EU's vision, strengthening credibility with partners, funders, and stakeholders.

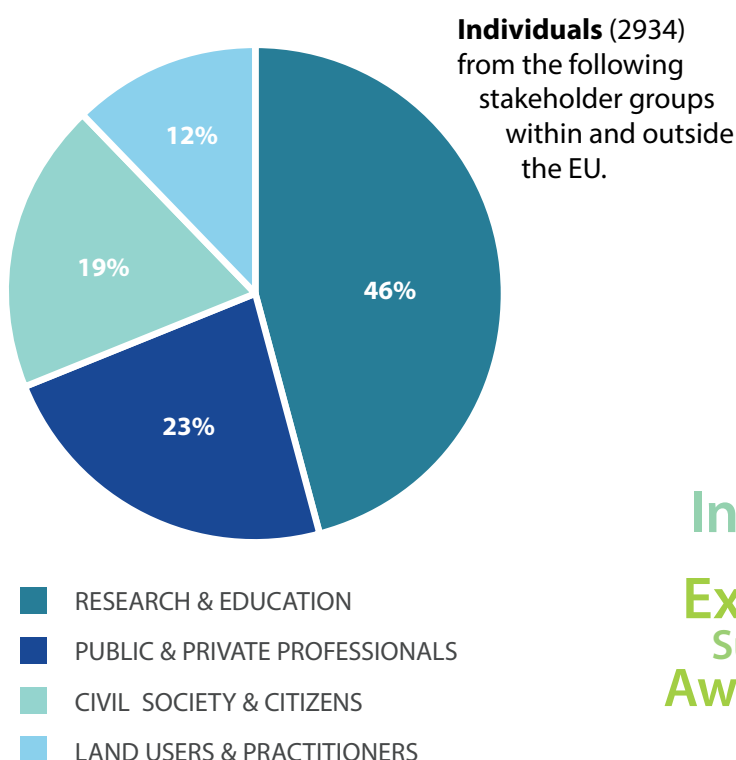
2. **Access to knowledge and events:**

Signatories are kept informed about Mission activities, research, and policy developments, and can participate in workshops or events related to soil health.

3. **Support innovation and transition:**

The Manifesto encourages engagement in sustainable practices, circular bioeconomy solutions, and innovation contributing to healthier soils.

THE MANIFESTO COMMUNITY INCLUDES:



Legal entities (712), such as private companies, NGOs, research institutions, associations, education bodies, regional and local authorities, municipalities, philanthropic and international organisations.


Signatories are working actively to advance soil health putting their soil commitments into action across a **range of areas**.


Soil protection plans
Indicators & monitoring
 Implement sustainable practices
Exchange & collaboration
 Support sustainable practices
Awareness & education
Research & innovation
Co-creation & living labs
 Policy & funding

REGIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

By signing the Mission Soil Manifesto, public bodies show leadership on soil health, gain visibility at European level, and join a growing community of regions and cities committed to sustainable land use.

Among many engaged municipalities, regional authorities and other public bodies are, **for example**:

 **Ihobe – Basque Environment Agency** (Spain) supports the Basque Government's Soil Protection Strategy 2030, a pioneering regional framework that integrates prevention, restoration, and monitoring to achieve no net land degradation by mid-century.

 **Kolding Municipality** (Denmark) integrates soil-conscious land-use planning and green infrastructure into its local climate and sustainability strategies.

PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

Private sector actors have also signed the Mission Soil Manifesto, expressing their support for the shared vision of healthier soils in Europe. By signing, companies signal an interest in sustainable soil management and acknowledge the importance of soil health for long-term environmental and economic well-being.

The signatories represent a diverse range of sectors, reflecting the broad relevance of soil health to business and innovation across Europe:



- Sustainable agriculture – farms, cooperatives, and advisory services implementing organic, agroecological, regenerative, or carbon-friendly practices.
- Agri-food systems and value chains – enterprises strengthening sustainable food supply chains, local production, and cooperative networks.
- Environmental services and bioremediation – organisations restoring soils, managing land, or cleaning up pollution using environmental biotech or remediation methods.



- Biotech and bio-based solutions – companies developing biofertilisers, biostimulants, microbial products, and other biotechnology innovations for soil and crop health.
- Circular economy and bioeconomy – businesses turning waste or biomass into valuable products such as compost, algae-based materials, or soil amendments.
- Technology and digital innovation – startups providing digital tools, data platforms, or remote sensing for sustainable land management.



- Cultural, educational, or social organisations supporting the Mission Soil vision.
- Other entities supporting sustainability and community engagement.

NGOs, PHILANTHROPIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The signature of these organisations highlights the role of civil society and global actors in advancing the Mission Soil goals. These signatories play a crucial role in advocacy, knowledge sharing and capacity building for soil health.

The Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management (ACR+):

“ACR+ is proud to contribute by raising awareness and promoting sustainable practices in spatial planning, soil conservation, agriculture, and forestry, supporting the transition to healthy soils by 2030.”

[ACR+ commits to soil health by signing the Mission Soil Manifesto](#)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

“The partnership between the EU Mission Soil and UNESCO’s Soil Initiative opens the door to transformative cooperation in science and sustainable management of some of the world’s iconic landscapes.”

[UNESCO signs Mission Soil Manifesto, strengthening global commitment to soil health | Mission Soil Platform](#)

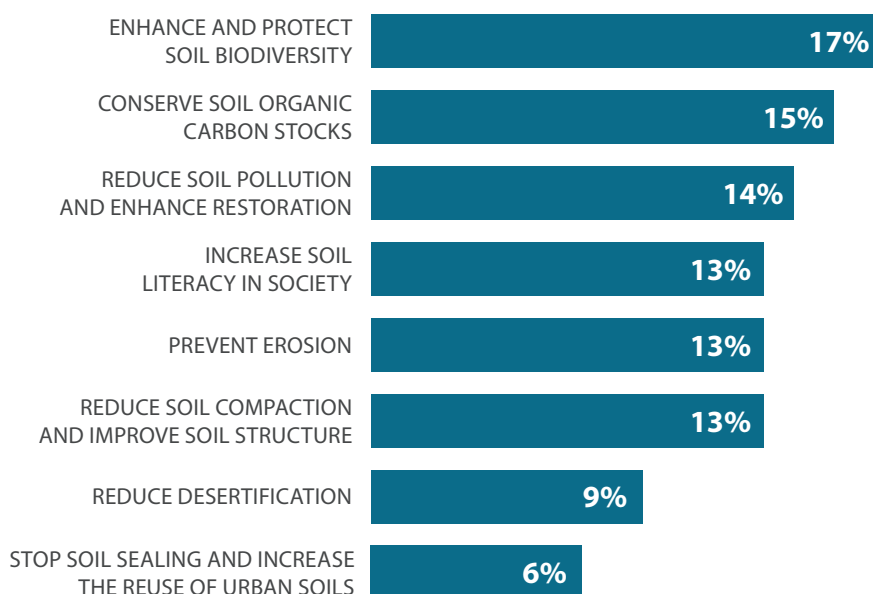
See all the legal entities signing the Manifesto [here](#).

SUPPORT TO MISSION SOIL SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

When asked which Mission Soil specific objectives are most relevant to their work, organisations reported strong engagement across all eight.

The greatest attention is given to **enhancing and protecting soil biodiversity, conserving soil organic carbon, and reducing soil compaction and improving soil structure** – priorities that link directly to sustainable land use, climate action and resilient value chains.

These results show that both public and private actors see healthy soils as essential to their environmental and economic goals.



WHY SHOULD YOU SIGN THE MANIFESTO?

Signing the Mission Soil Manifesto shows support for the protection and restoration of Europe's soils. It links signatories with others taking part in the effort to safeguard this vital resource and helps amplify the call for healthy soils across sectors and countries.

**If you too care about soil health,
sign the Manifesto and get involved!**

Find out more about the Manifesto:
mission-soil-platform.ec.europa.eu/community/mission-soil-manifesto

