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Mission Soil Manifesto: a growing community of Soil Friends and Signatories

The **Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe' (Mission Soil)** provides funding for research and innovation, is creating a network of living labs and lighthouses to develop real-world solutions, supports a harmonised framework for soil monitoring, and promotes widespread awareness of the paramount significance of soils.

The **Mission Soil Manifesto** is a call to action from the Mission Soil, aimed at uniting regional and local policymakers, citizens, and stakeholders, such as land managers, farmers, foresters, educators, companies, and researchers, in a voluntary commitment to prioritize and actively work towards improving soil health. Signatories, without the burden of legal obligations, commit to raising awareness, fostering innovation, and taking tangible steps to protect and restore soil.

MISSION SOIL MANIFESTO OBJECTIVES

- **Fostering awareness and action:** The Manifesto seeks to raise awareness about the need to protect soil health and encourages signatories to take action to restore and improve soil health, fostering local knowledge, innovation, and investment.
- **Community building:** The Mission Soil Manifesto strives to connect regional and local policymakers, stakeholders, and citizens to form a vibrant community focused on soil health.





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A growing number of individuals and representatives of legal entities, including municipalities, regions, private and public companies, organisations, education and research institutions, and associations, are showing their commitment by signing the Manifesto. These individuals are referred to as "Friends of the Mission," while the legal entities are recognized as "Signatories." (Statistics as of November 11, 2023).

FRIENDS OF THE MANIFESTO

Over 80% of all signatories are individuals (n=1,476) from the following stakeholder groups within EU Member States and worldwide.

 55 Agricultural Advisors	 94 Students	 12 Journalists/Media
 46 Farmers and Foresters	 42 Politicians/Policy Makers	 289 Other employees from various sectors
 13 Urban/Spatial Planners	 120 Educators/teachers	 271 Others (e.g., entrepreneurs, citizens, activists, self-employed professionals from different backgrounds)
 505 Researchers/Scientists	 29 Artists	

BENEFITS FOR SIGNATORIES

- **Knowledge sharing:** signatories, will have the opportunity to exchange knowledge and collaborate on activities related to soil health.
- **Recognition and commitment:** organisations and individuals signing the Manifesto demonstrate their commitment to soil health protection and restoration, contributing to a more sustainable future and being recognised for their dedication.
- **Momentum building:** by becoming advocates for soil health, signatories can contribute to building momentum and raising awareness about the importance of soil, ensuring that soil health is on top of the agenda in many sectors.
- **Participation in events:** selected Signatories (legal entities) will be celebrated at events like the European Mission Soil Week, providing them with opportunities to showcase their efforts, exchange best practices, and collaborate with other stakeholders.
- **One-stop information hub:** A dedicated Mission Soil Platform website was created to serve as a central source of information and action, facilitating further engagement and collaboration. Signatories have access to the latest research results, knowledge-sharing activities, and events for exchanging best practices related to soil health.

ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTING THE MANIFESTO

264 Signatories as representatives of legal entities¹

Signatories based in 24 EU Member States (229)



BELGIUM

B4D
Belgian Biopackaging
BIOEAST Initiative
Boerenbond
Circular Bio-based Europe
Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)
Comité Européen des
Entreprises Vins
EIT Food iVZW
European Agroforestry
Federation (EURAF)
European Bioeconomy
Bureau ASBL
European Biogas Association
European Commission
European Federation
of Geologists
European Regions Research
and Innovation Network
(ERRIN)
Fertilizers Europe
FoodDrinkEurope
Global Soils Interest
Group of the Society of
Environmental Toxicology
and Chemistry (SETAC)
IFOAM Organics Europe
OVAM
PepsiCo
Pomona vzw
Puratos NV
Research Institute
for Nature and Forest
shiftN bv
The Compost Bag
Company NV
UGent
Wervel vzw
WETA



BULGARIA

Association for Sustainable
Development and Regional
Initiatives
Institute of Soil Science,
Agrotechnologies and

Plant Protection " Nikola
Poushkarov"
University of Forestry
КАРБОНСЕЙФ ООД



CZECHIA

Carboneg
CzechHemp
Faculty of Forestry and
Wood Technology Mendel
University Brno
International Union
of Agroforestry
Recetox, Faculty of Science,
Masaryk University
Viability, Verification and
Testing in Science s.r.o. (VTT)



DENMARK

Agreena ApS
Foodprint Nordic
Niels Hansen
Novo Nordisk Foundation



GERMANY

BIONALES Bürger für
regionale Landwirtschaft
und Ernährung eV
Bundesministerium
für Ernährung und
Landwirtschaft
ECT Oekotoxikologie GmbH
En-Crops GmbH
European Land and Soil
Alliance (ELSA)
Forschungszentrum
Jülich GmbH
German Federal Environment
Agency (UBA)
Helmholtz Centre for
Environmental Research (UFZ)
Hochschule Geisenheim
ICLEI European
Secretariat GmbH
Interessengemeinschaft
gesunder Boden e. V.
P. H. Petersen Saatzucht
Lundsgaard GmbH

soilify.org
University of Freiburg
Uptoeath GmbH
Wissenschaftsladen Bonn -
Bonn Science Shop



ESTONIA

Eesti Mahepõllumajanduse
Sihtasutus (Estonian Organic
Farming Foundation)
The Centre of Estonian Rural
Research and Knowledge
(METK)



IRELAND

Halbert Research



GREECE

American Farm School
BIOPIKILO Single Member
Private Company
EMPHYTON
Foloi IKE
Green Institute, Greece
Hellenic Agricultural
Organisation- DIMITRA
Hellenic Mediterranean
University
INOFA Support Office Ike
Interbalkan
Environment Center
Mediterranean Agronomic
Institute Of Chania
SFDO Sustainable Food
Destination Organisation



SPAIN

Atens - Agrotecnologias
Naturales SI
Biocarbon Estate
Biome Makers Spain SI
Cartago Ventures SI
Centro De Investigación Y
Tecnología Agroalimentaria
De Aragón (Cita)
Centro Tecnológico Agrario Y
Agroalimentario (Itagra.Ct)

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CIEMAT
CrowdFarming
EDAFOTEC Nature Based Solutions
Evenor-Tech, SLU
Fundació Assut De La CV Per La Sostenibilitat Dels Sistemes Litorals
Fundació Parc Tecnològic del Vi
Fundación Empresa Universidad Gallega, Feuga
Fundación Enxeñería Agronómica Para O Desenvolvemento De Galicia
Fundación Juana de Vega
Generalitat Valenciana
Institute of Agrifood Research and Technology
Instituto Regional de Investigación y Desarrollo Agroalimentario y Forestal (IRIAF)
iuFOR
Macaronesia digital slu
MAS Abogados
Millo e Landras Finca
Orgánica, S. Coop. Galega
Nutralia Solutions SL
oloBion SL
PRIMA
SERIDA
Soil Erosion and Degradation Research Group
Soluciones Agrícolas
Ecoinnovadoras SL
TEPRO Consultores Agrícolas SL
University of Valencia
VisualNACert
ZERYA Producciones sin Residuos S.L.



FRANCE

"4 per 1000" Initiative
Art For Human Rights

Ases Ecological And Sustainable Services
Desertnet International
ELISOL Environnement
European Agroforestry Federation (EURAF)
European Joint Programme
SOIL (EJP SOIL)
GAIAGO
Gama Services
Neo Eco
Netcarbon
Novasol Experts
Practicway
Rita Merkle Consultant
Save Soil
SOL &CO
Terra Innova
Terra Mea
Valorial
Vegepolys Valley



ITALY

1k Hopes
A.N.G.E.V. Sede Operativa OdV
Agreement srl
Araclema soc. Agr. Coop. Cons.
Associazione Strada del Castagno- Itinerario fra i prodotti delle Valli Genovesi.
Azienda Agricola CASA - Center for Agroecology and Social Agriculture
Consorzio Interuniversitario Nazionale per le Scienze Ambientali
Controvento Società Cooperativa Sociale Onlus
Crisp Research Centre University Napoli Federico II
Department of Agricultural Forest and Food Sciences - University of Torino, Italy
DND Biotech
Égalité

European Commission, Joint Research Centre (EC-JRC)
Exeo Lab Srl
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
Il Giardino di Famiglia
Italian Compost and biogas consortium (CIC)
Italian National Research Council-Research Institute on Terrestrial Ecosystems (CNR-IRET)
Kairos Consorzio Di Cooperative Sociali - Società Cooperativa Sociale (O.N.L.U.S.)
Laimburg Research Centre
Monferrato Green Farm
Re Soil Foundation
Regeneration Italia Aps
Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia Direzione Centrale Risorse Agroalimentari, Forestali Ed Ittiche
Restart Soil
Ruralset Srl Stp
Società Agricola Semplice I Prodotti Della Natura
Società Italiana Di Pedologia – Sipe
Tenuta Le Mandorlaie
Toitogo Odv



CYPRUS

Agricultural Research Institute
Agrotech Innovations LTD
Eratosthenes Centre of Excellence
VL Sustainability Metrics LTD



LATVIA

Sapropel Organics SIA



LITHUANIA

Lithuania Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry

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 **HUNGARY**
3R-BioPhosphate Ltd.
Discovery Center
Nonprofit Ltd
Hungarian University of
Agriculture and Life Science
Institute for Soil Sciences,
Centre for Agricultural
Research (ATK TAKI)
Institute of Environmental
Sciences, Hungarian
University of Agriculture and
Life Sciences
ÖMKi, Research Institute
of Organic Agriculture
University of Debrecen

 **NETHERLANDS**
BuitenLeeft
Delphy Group BV
Ecobal Holding BV
FarmOn BV
MycoFarming
Provincie Fryslân
SoilBeat
Stichting TERRAenVISION

 **AUSTRIA**
AIT Austrian Institute
of Technology
Alchemia-Nova
BIENE Boden- BioEnergie-
und Nachhaltigkeits-
Netzwerk NÖ/EU
Global Trade Finance GmbH
Grand Farm for research
and demonstration
MIBIREM Project
University on Life Sciences
and Natural Resources
Vienna
ZSI - Centre for Social
Innovation

 **POLAND**
Agroekoton
Ciasnocha Family Farms

Environmental Association
(ETNA)
European Carbon Farmers
European Rural Development
Network
Family Business Foundation
Grunt Od Nowa
Plantpress Sp. z o.o.
Polish Association
Sustainable
Agriculture and Food
ProBiotics Polska
SensorAI Sp. z o.o.
Stowarzyszenie Ekologiczno-
Kulturalne ZIARNO

 **PORTUGAL**
Ateva Associação Técnica Dos
Viticultores Do Alentejo
Horta dos Peixinhos
Instituto Politécnico de
Santarém, Escola Superior
Agrária
Laboratório da Paisagem
MC SONAE
Nova University of Lisbon
SGS Portugal
Sociedade Agrícola do Freixo
do Meio, Lda.
Sociedade Agrícola Vargas
Madeira, Lda.
Sogrape Vinhos Sa
Solutopus- Recursos e
Desenvolvimento, Lda.
UnAgency
Universidade de Trás-os-
Montes e Alto Douro
University of Évora

 **ROMANIA**
Alcedo SRL
Center of Excellence for
Agri-Food Educational
Resources and Sustainable
Development

Geological Institute
of Romania
HEKS / EPER Romania
Foundation
Institute for Research in
Circular Economy and
Environment "Ernest Lupan"
National Research and
Development Institute for
Soil Science, Agrochemistry
and Environment - ICPA

 **SLOVENIA**
CEDARS Ltd.

 **SLOVAKIA**
Agricultural Knowledge and
Innovation Institute - Slovak
CAP Network
Bioeconomy Cluster
Biograda / Zdroje Zeme a.s.
Slovak University
of Agriculture
Soil Science and
Conservation Research
Institute

 **FINLAND**
Iso-örvokkiniitty (Kurmakka -
Organic Food Ltd Oy)
Suomen
Permakulttuuriyhdistys
ry (Finnish Permaculture
Association)
Vihreä Pourusmäki ry

 **SWEDEN**
Ecoera AB
Swedish University of
Agricultural Sciences
Research Institutes of
Sweden (RISE)


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Signatories based in 16 Non-EU Countries (35)

 **BANGLADESH**
Bogura Cantonment Public
School and College


 **BENIN**
Centre d'Actions Sociales
et Recherche pour le
Développement Durable
(CASReDe-ONG)

 **BOSNIA AND
HERZOGOVINA**
University of Sarajevo

 **CAMEROON**
University of Yaoundé


 **INDIA**
Cooch Behar Panchanan
Barma University

 **ISRAEL**
The Association for
Development of
Regenerative Agriculture
and Agroforestry in Israel

 **MALAYSIA**
Sofield Agrobio Resources
Sdn Bhd

 **NEPAL**
Rural Area Development
Programme (RADP)

 **NORTH MACEDONIA**
Organization for Social
Innovation "ARNO"


 **NORWAY**
Desert Control

 **PAKISTAN**
Government College
University Faisalabad

 **SWITZERLAND**
Global Institute for Water,
Environment and Health
(GIWEH)
Nestlé SA
Syntezia Sarl

 **TURKEY**
Ataturk University
Biopols
Meryem Women Cooperative
Nanografi Nano Teknoloji A.Ş.
Nature And Science
Biyoteknoloji Endustrileri
LTD.
Safa Tarim

 **UKRAINE**
Institute of Soil Protection
of Ukraine
Khmelnyskyi branch State
Institution "Soils Protection
Institute of Ukraine"
Kyiv Agrarian University
Strategic Group Sofia"
Ukrainian Soil Partnership

 **UNITED KINGDOM**
ARENI Global
Bangor University
Claydon Yield-o-Meter Ltd.
Ireland Brownfield Network
Isha Foundation
NatureScot

 **UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**
Global Soils Interest
Group of the Society of
Environmental Toxicology
and Chemistry (SETAC)
Conscious Planet
Elm Dirt
Napa Green

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ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTING THE MANIFESTO

EU Regions and local authorities

14 regions and local authorities, from eight EU Member States
and one Associated Country

 **BELGIUM**
Public Waste Agency of
Flanders (OVAM)

 **CZECHIA**
South Moravian Region


 **SPAIN**
Generalitat Valenciana
Instituto Regional de
Investigación y Desarrollo
Agroalimentario y Forestal
(IRIAF)
Ministry of Climate Action,
Food and Rural Agenda.
Government of Catalonia,
Spain

 **ITALY**
ANCI Toscana - Associazione
Nazionale dei Comuni Italiani
Toscana

Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia
Direzione centrale risorse
agroalimentari, Forestali Ed
Ittiche

Regione Toscana

 **NETHERLANDS**
Provincie Fryslân

 **POLAND**
Województwo Kujawsko-
Pomorskie

 **PORTUGAL**
City of Agueda
Município do Fundão

 **FINLAND**
Regional Council of
Southwest Valonia

 **NORWAY**
Innlandet County

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



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