

# WHAT IS THE SOIL COMMUNITY PLATFORM?

**The SoilCommunity platform**, developed through InBestSoil and BIOservicES, two EU-funded projects under the EU Soil Mission, is an online collaborative space open to all stakeholders and partners involved in soil health projects and initiatives. Beyond knowledge sharing the platform fosters knowledge the co-creation of business models, carbon market solutions, and the exchange of best practices. It supports collaboration on a variety of soil health topics, including soil indicators, monitoring, policy recommendations, stakeholder engagement.

## Who can join the platform?

The SoilCommunity Platform is open to anyone involved in soil health initiatives — whether you are:

- A researcher or expert working on soil-related topics
- A project coordinator or partner from an EU or national soil health project
- A practitioner or soil steward managing Living Labs, Lighthouses, or experimental sites
- A policymaker, advisor, or organization supporting soil-related activities

You can create a profile for yourself, your project, or your organization, and use the platform's features to join or host events, post content and share insights, connect with peers and experts, collaborate across Europe's soil health community.

## Core values

Every activity, discussion, and collaboration action within the [SoilCommunity](#) is aligned with the goal of improving soil health.

### Collaboration

We believe in the power of working together. By fostering a collaborative environment, we can achieve greater impact in our efforts toward soil health.

### Engagement

Active participation is key to our success. We encourage members to be proactive in discussions, share insights, and participate in or organize events.

### Knowledge sharing

Our community thrives on the free exchange of knowledge, experiences, best practices, and innovative solutions.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

### Join & create events:

- **Participate in webinars and trainings** hosted on the platform to gain insights into soil health topics. These events feature expert presentations, contributions from soil health project partners, and insights from local and regional practitioners. To join an event, simply click on it in the calendar, visit the event page, register, and join by using the provided meeting link.
- **Organise your own event and invite the community to join.** Whether it's a webinar, workshop, or a meetup to discuss specific topics related to soil health, we are here to help you set it up!

### Post on the platform:

- **Introduce yourself:** Share your background, expertise, and interests. Let others know how you are contributing to soil health or what you hope to learn.
- **Showcase your work:** Share insights about your research, projects, or experiences in advancing soil health. Your contributions can inspire other community members!
- **Ask for ideas:** Engage with the community to brainstorm, seek advice, or gather support for your initiatives. Whether you have specific questions or are looking for general input, the SoilCommunity offers a rich environment for collaborative problem-solving.

### Join or create specialised groups:

Join or create groups provide space for in-depth discussions on targeted issues. You can join existing ones or propose new groups. Current Public Groups include:

- **Communication & Networking:** Align cross-project communication to reach larger audiences.
- **Soil Health Indicators, Analysis Procedures and Soil Monitoring.**
- **Living Labs and Lighthouses:** Collaboration and innovation for sustainable initiatives.
- **Economic Valuation of Soil Health:** Explore ecosystem service benefits.
- **Policies on Soil Health:** Policy analysis and recommendations.
- **Events and Meetings:** Coordinate attendance, planning, and organization.

## A HUB FOR EU PROJECT COLLABORATION

The Soil Community is more than a platform - it is a shared space where EU soil health projects and initiatives can thrive together. By joining forces here, projects can:

### Build strong networks

Connect directly with stakeholders, practitioners, and decision-makers across different projects, Light Houses, Living Labs, and Experimental sites across Europe.

### Co-create innovation

Collaborate with other, share your expertise and connect with a diverse, network of experts to share ideas and approaches.

### Showcase achievements

Share outcomes, success stories, and insights that inspire others and increase your project's visibility, by posting on the dedicated groups or presenting at a webinar! There is dedicated knowledge repository where project results, papers, research, other insights and tools can be gathered.

We warmly encourage projects to use the SoilCommunity as a collaboration hub to coordinate joint activities, amplify results, and work towards a stronger collective impact on soil health.

### TIPS:

Turn on notifications to stay updated on community activity. Simply click menu > settings > notifications > ON.



### CONTACT US!

Want to take action or have a question? Contact our community admin.

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