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## EIP-AGRI SEMINAR 'HEALTHY SOILS FOR EUROPE' 13-14 APRIL 2021 - ONLINE EVENT



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### Monday 12 April 2021

All timings are in CET (Brussels time)

**Networking – participants meet informally and test the event app and virtual platform**  
(Optional, participants may join in either of the two available sessions)

09:30 – 10:30      **Session I**

16:00 – 17:00      **Session II**

### Day 1: Tuesday 13 April 2021

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08:30 – 09:00      **Checking in**

#### Part I: Starting our journey together

09:00 – 10:40      **Welcome and setting the scene**

Welcome and introduction to the topic

- Welcome words by **Nathalie Sauze-Vandevyver**, Director for Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach – DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- 'Soils support life: let's keep them healthy' by **Pandi Zdruli**, coordinating expert, EIP-AGRI Service Point

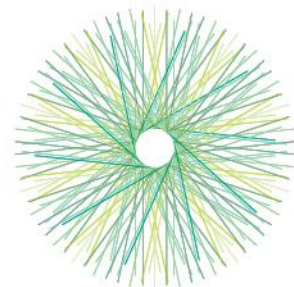
Panel discussion with farmers and advisers involved in soil health initiatives

- **Patricia Mora McGinity** – adviser, LIFE project 'LiveAdapt'
- **Christine Bajohr** – farmer, Operational Group 'KUHproKLIMA'
- **Kylie Magner** – livestock farmer practising regenerative agriculture
- **Geneviève Savigny** – poultry farmer practising agro-ecology on her farm

Panel discussion with representatives from soil health initiatives:

- **Teresa Pinto-Correia** – Mission Board for Soil Health and Food
- **Claire Chenu** – European Joint Programme on Soils
- **Arwyn Jones** – EU Soil Observatory
- **Sébastien Janssens** – B3W initiative, Flemish Land Agency

10:40 – 10:55      **Coffee break**



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### Part II: Interactive breakout sessions: Knowledge building based on results from EIP-AGRI Focus Groups

**10:55 – 12:30**

#### Parallel breakout session 1: Soil productivity and nutrient cycling

Focus Groups [Nutrient recycling](#), [Soil-borne diseases](#) and Workshop [Cropping for the future](#)

##### Presenting results:

- Nutrient recycling: **Hajdu Zoltán**, Soltub Ltd.
- Soil-borne diseases: **Vincent Michel**, Agroscope
- Cropping for the future: **Edoardo Antonio Costantini**, Academy of Georgofili

##### Case studies:

- Nutrient recycling: **Marco Giacomazzi**, Horizon 2020 project Nutri2Cycle
- Soil-borne diseases: **Anna Pollak**, Operational Group 'Alternative methods for wireworm control in potatoes'
- Cropping for the future: **Annette Vibeke Vestergaard**, Danish national project 'Healthy soil for optimised growth'

**12:30 – 13:30**

#### Lunch break

**13:30 – 15:00**

#### Parallel breakout session 2: Carbon sequestration in soils

Focus Groups [Soil organic matter content in Mediterranean regions](#), [Carbon storage in arable farms](#), [Grazing for Carbon](#)

##### Presenting results:

- Soil Organic Matter: **Gottlieb Basch**, University of Évora
- Carbon storage in arable farms: **Íñigo Virto**, Public University of Navarra
- Grazing for Carbon: **Claudia Cordovil**, University of Lisbon

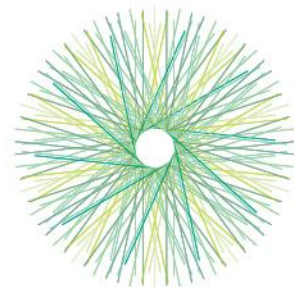
##### Case studies:

- Soil Organic Matter: **Ana Fonseca**, Operational Group 'ECOMONTADO XXI – agro-ecology applied to the design of the new cork-oak forest'
- Carbon storage in arable farms: **Eliisa Malin**, Carbon Action project Finland
- Grazing for Carbon: **Christine Bajohr**, Operational Group 'Grassland'

**15:00 – 15:15**

#### Coffee break





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**15:15 – 16:35**

### Parallel breakout session 3: Soil and water interface

Focus Groups: [Soil salinisation](#), [Soil contamination](#), [Fertiliser efficiency](#)

#### Presenting results:

- Soil salinisation: **Ana Marta Paz**, INIAV
- Soil contamination: **Paula Alvarenga**, University of Lisbon
- Fertiliser efficiency: **Stefaan De Neve**, University of Ghent

#### Case studies:

- Soil salinisation: **Stephan Jung**, Operational Group 'Desalination of greenhouse floors by halophytes'
- Soil contamination: **Vince Lang**, Operational Group 'Development of field soil test methods and rational cultivation techniques to reduce soil degradation'
- Fertiliser efficiency: **Ughetta Bertini**, Operational Group 'FERTIBIO'

**16:35 – 16:40**

### Sharing conclusions and closing Day 1

## Day 2: Wednesday 14 April 2021

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**08:30 – 09:00**

Checking in

### Part III: Recap & inspiration

**09:00 – 09:20**

#### Welcome and harvesting lessons learnt from Day 1

**09:20 – 10:40**

- **Marta Pérez Soba**: Joint Research Centre, Impact of farming practices that can reduce the use of fertilisers

#### Inspirational speakers

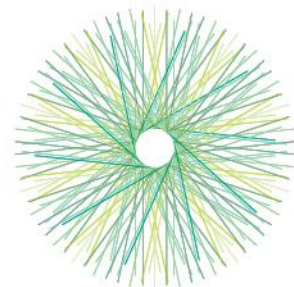
- **Vesna Čuček**: Slovenian examples of soil health restoration with organic agriculture
- **João Coimbra**: Experience on keeping soil healthy on a Portuguese conventional maize farm
- **Mateusz Ciasnocha**: Experience from Polish farms implementing practices to capture carbon in soils and improve soil health

#### Introducing soil functions

- **Pandi Zdruli**: 'Soil functions, what do they offer'
- **Janjo de Haan**: Establishing effects of soil management options on soil functions in arable farming in the Netherlands

**10:40 – 10:55**

Coffee break



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### **Part IV: Interactive parallel breakout sessions** **Digging deeper into soil functions**

<b>10:55 – 12:10</b>	<b>Discussing soil management challenges and promoting practical solutions to enhance soil health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Breakout 1 : Productivity and nutrient cycling</b></li><li>• <b>Breakout 2: Carbon sequestration in soils</b></li><li>• <b>Breakout 3: Soil and water interface</b></li></ul>
<b>12:10 – 13:10</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:10 – 13:45</b>	<b>Sharing conclusions of the morning session</b>

### **Part V: Opening the door to the future**

<b>13:45 – 14:40</b>	<b>Knowledge sharing and networking to open the door to the future: healthy soils for healthy people in a healthy environment</b>
<b>14:40 – 14:55</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>14:55 – 15:40</b>	<b>Sharing outcomes of the networking session</b>
<b>15:40 – 15:55</b>	<b>Closing of the seminar</b>

Closing words by **Kerstin Rosenow**, Head of unit 'Research & Innovation', DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission