

# A soil deal for Europe - mission possible in the Baltic Sea Region

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Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian RDI Liaison Offices, and NCBR Poland in Brussels in cooperation with countries National Contacts Points (NCPs) are pleased to invite you to the series of webinars “**A soil deal for Europe - mission possible in the Baltic Sea Region**”. The first webinar will be held on **June 15<sup>th</sup>** dedicated to the EU Soil Mission’s state of play and National initiatives, while the second one on **June 29<sup>th</sup>** will focus on the engagement of citizens and business for the EU Soil Mission.

During both events the experts from the European Commission (EC), Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Polish national authorities, soil research institutions, start-ups and NGOs will showcase the opportunities under “Horizon Europe” funding programme, present best practices on how to contribute to the EU Mission “A Soil Deal for Europe” and how to coordinate implementation efforts at the regional level in the Baltic Sea region countries.

**Date:** 2022, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 - 11:30 am CEST

**Topic:** EU Soil Mission’s state of play and National initiatives

## Agenda:

- 09:30 – 09:35 Opening by Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian RDI Liaison Offices, and NCBR Poland in Brussels
- 09:35 – 09:55 Ambitions of the Soil Deal for Europe Mission - Paola Eulalio, Research Programme Manager, Research and Innovation Unit, Directorate - General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission
- 09:55 – 10:05 Q&A
- 10:05 – 10:35 The Mission coordination actions at the national level:
  - Eike Lepmets, Chief Specialist, Ministry of Rural Affairs, Estonia;
  - Kristīne Sirmā, Head Of Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia;
  - Martynas Navickas, Chief Specialist, Ministry of Agriculture, Lithuania;
  - Bartosz Dąbrowski, Deputy Director, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Grzegorz Siebielec, Professor IUNG, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute, Poland.
- 10:35 – 11:15 Baltic Sea region cases studies:
  - The effect of land use change on interactions between plants and soil organisms (ERC grant), Dr. Marina Semchenko, University of Tartu, Estonia;
  - Enhancement of sustainable soil resource management in agriculture, Lauris Leitāns, E2SOILAGRI leader of the project, Latvia;
  - Climate change research in soil sciences: review and future collaboration possibilities, Dr. Monika Vilkienė, RDI Project Coordinator of Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry, Lithuania;
  - Stabilization of soil organic carbon in agricultural soils: contribution to a Soil Deal, Prof. dr. Vaclovas Bogužas, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania;
  - Phytoremediation as a solution for heavy metal contaminated land, Prof. Marta Pogrzeba, Institute for Ecology of Industrial Areas (IETU), Poland.

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11:15 – 11:25 Q&A

11:25 – 11:30 Closing remarks

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09:30 – 09:35 Opening by Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian RDI Liaison Offices, and NCBR Poland in Brussels

09:35 – 09:55 Participatory Instruments in the Mission Implementation Plan, Directorate - General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), European Commission (TBC)

10:00 – 10:15 CrowdHelix Opportunities in Soil Missions (TBC)

10:15 – 11:00 The Soil Deal innovations. Cooperation between the Baltic Sea region countries:

- Soil Your Undies, Piibe Vaher, eAgronom, Estonia;
- Regenerative farming - benefits by nature, Adam Baucza, "Terra Nostra" Agricultural Development Foundation, Poland;
- Novel monitoring methods and soil management approaches for climate responsible agriculture, Rūta Abaja, Institute for Environmental Solutions, Latvia.

11:00 – 11:25 Q&A

11:25 – 11:30 Conclusions of the event

These events are online and free of charge. Registration is necessary and open until June 13<sup>th</sup>. For registered participants the link to the Zoom meeting will be sent via e-mail on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Registration here: <https://forms.gle/631eUVDpLroZPMGM7>.