

Bioeconomy Working Group Meeting

co-organised with European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Launch of the Mission Soil Manifesto

Tuesday 18 April 2023 | 09.00 - 12.00

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The Horizon Europe Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe' aims to establish 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030. ERRIN has, through its Bioeconomy Working Group, followed the Mission since 2021 through the organisation of information sessions and dialogues with the Mission Secretariat.

In this upcoming meeting, the Mission Soil Secretariat will launch its 'Manifesto', a document that aims to mobilise stakeholders and citizens to become part of a community of practice that cares for soil health. This interactive session will present an occasion to discuss how regions and local authorities can take part in the implementation of the Mission Soil. Additionally, Mission related projects and regional soil initiatives will be showcased.

9:00-9:30	Welcoming coffee
9:30-9:40	Opening of the meeting Ryan Titley, ERRIN Director of Projects - Moderator Simon Fredholm, Region Värmland, ERRIN Bioeconomy WG
9:40-9:45	Welcome video message by Commissioner Wojciechowski
9:45-10:15	Presentation of the Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe' and its Manifesto Kerstin Rosenow, Head of Unit F2. Research and Innovation, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission <i>Followed by a Q&A session</i>
10:15-10:45	The deployment of the Mission Soil across regions and cities Martina De Sole, Director of European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL) - Soil health Living Labs and Lighthouses Irene Palomino, Brussels Delegate of FUNDECYT-PCTEX - HuMUS project
10:45-11:15	Regional examples of local soil initiatives Alain De Vocht, PXL BIO-Research, Flanders region Ana García Randez, Researcher, University Miguel Hernandez, Generalitat Valenciana <i>Followed by a discussion with the participants</i>

11:15-11:45	<p>Panel discussion – Exploring the benefits of the Mission Soil Manifesto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Schneegans, Head of Sector 'New Research and Innovation Concepts', Unit F2. Research and Innovation, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission • Markku Markkula, Vice President, Committee of the Regions • Randi Johanne Høseth, European Advisor – Energy, Climate and Transport, Oslo Region European Office • Irene Palomino, Brussels Delegate of FUNDECYT-PCTEX • Alain De Vocht, PXL BIO-Research, Flanders region • Ana García Ranz, Researcher, University Miguel Hernandez, Generalitat Valenciana
11:45-12:00	Conclusions and official launch of the Mission Soil Manifesto
12:00	Networking lunch