

We need your engagement in sustainable soil management

The European Joint Programme **EJP Soil** started in early 2020 involving partners from 24 countries in Europe. EJP Soil will create an enabling environment to enhance the contribution of agricultural soils to key societal challenges such as climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainable agricultural production, ecosystem services provision as well as prevention and restoration of land and soil degradation. Please see www.ejpsoil.org for further information.

With active stakeholder engagement, EJP SOIL can create a platform for cross-European interaction between researchers and stakeholders. This is important to successfully:

- Identify and address knowledge needs and support harmonised soil information
- Develop and deploy strategic research agenda (a roadmap) on climate-smart sustainable agricultural soil management
- Develop best-practice knowledge exchange processes adapted to the needs of farmers, scientists and policymakers
- Generate practical evidence-based recommendations that enhance adoption among agricultural stakeholders and contribute to policy formulation

On this background, EJP SOIL invites you to engage in the programme as a stakeholder representing the breadth of agricultural systems and soil management practices in your country.

Participation in workshops and events

As a stakeholder, you will be invited to participate in workshops held by EJP SOIL. The purpose of the workshops is to ensure that the EJP's activities address current and future needs for knowledge and effective solutions. Furthermore, the workshops will support EJP SOIL in understanding and analysing needs for new research, data or resources.

At a later stage, workshops will be held in order to disseminate findings from research initiated in the frame of EJP SOIL.

Interview or questionnaire

Some (but not all) stakeholders will be asked to participate in an interview or to fill out a questionnaire. The main purpose is to identify aspirational targets in the individual countries, and to identify knowledge on and the use of knowledge on sustainable soil management.

In this case, a researcher from Institute of **Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute (IUNG-PIB)** will contact you. The researcher will inform you about the exact purpose of the activity and ask for your consent. The interview will be done via phone, tablet or computer. Estimated duration is app. 1 hour.

Informed Consent

Before making a decision on whether you wish to participate or not, please read the following carefully. Feel free to ask any questions you may have to ensure that you have full understanding of the purpose and proceedings of the research project, including the risks and benefits.



Please contact dr hab. Alina Syp , IUNG-PIB, tel. 48 81 4786 763; e-mail: asyp@iung.pulawy.pl or dr hab. Grzegorzem Siebielcem; IUNG-PIB, tel. 48 81 4786 910; e-mail: gs@iung.pulawy.pl for any questions you may have.

Compliance with legal and ethical regulations

At all times, we assure full compliance with relevant national and EU legislation on data protection and ethical standards.

Risks

There are no risks associated with this research, as the data collection is completely anonymous. You are taking part in this research as a representative of an important soil stakeholder. The opinions expressed should reflect your own position or the position of your organization and you may consult your superiors, if necessary. No personal information is requested.

Privacy and confidentiality

Responses you give will be recorded and stored digitally on the server of the involved research institute. Your recorded data will not include any personal identification; hence, it will not be possible to identify the source of the information. Information collected will be used for the duration of the project and will be processed during the phase of data analysis. It will be included in project reports, deliverables and promotional materials. These will be accessible through the project website and publication services of the European Commission in the scope of Horizon 2020. The results of the research can also be published in the relevant scientific journals or at conferences and be used in additional research studies.

Voluntary nature of the research

Participation in this research is voluntary. You can revoke your consent any time during the implementation of the project by either contacting dr hab. Alina Syp , IUNG-PIB, tel. 48 81 4786 763; e-mail: asyp@iung.pulawy.pl or dr hab. Grzegorzem Siebielcem; IUNG-PIB, tel. 48 81 4786 910; e-mail: gs@iung.pulawy.pl or the project coordinator dr hab. Bożena Smreczak/ IUNG-PIB, tel. 48 81 4786 918; e-mail: bozenas@iung.pulawy.pl.

Consent

By signing this document, you agree to participate in the research. Please make sure that questions you may have about the research have been answered and that you have a full understanding of what you are being asked to do.

Due to the current CoVID regulations, we kindly ask you to sign the document and send a scanned copy to dr hab. Alina Syp , IUNG-PIB, tel. 48 81 4786 763; e-mail: asyp@iung.pulawy.pl or dr hab. Grzegorzem Siebielcem; IUNG-PIB, tel. 48 81 4786 910; e-mail: gs@iung.pulawy.pl The researcher will keep this copy together with the relevant research records. Please also keep the document for your own records.

This consent form is made pursuant to the relevant national, European and international data protection laws and regulations as well as personal data treatment obligations. Specifically, this consent form complies with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)

Name and surname of stakeholder	Name and surname of the researcher
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