

## EJP SOIL – EU Policymaker Workshop

Strengthening the science to policy interface – meeting policy needs now and in future

*½ Day Workshop: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January starting at 9.00 – 13:00 CET*

Venue: ON-LINE Workshop

Registration: <https://events.au.dk/ejpsoilworkshop>

Website: [www.ejpsoil.eu](http://www.ejpsoil.eu) (attendance per invite only)

Europe has committed to improving the management of agricultural soils to achieve ambitious goals on reducing greenhouse gases, environmental pressures and land degradation from agriculture and food production while enhancing multiple ecosystem services such as biodiversity and water purification etc. Critical policy decisions on climate smart and sustainable soil management will be needed to reach these goals for agricultural soils and increased science based policy advice will be in high demand, but may vary across the different climatic regions of Europe. The aim of this EU Policymaker Workshop is strengthening evidence based policy formulation across Europe. This workshop will facilitate a conversation on policymaker needs and the exchange of experiences, challenges ideas and best practices on science to policy interaction.

The European Joint Programme for Soils (EJP SOIL) aims to enhance the contribution of agricultural soils to key societal challenges such as climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainable agricultural production, ecosystem services provision and prevention and restoration of land and soil degradation. Join us in an interactive half-day EU Policymaker workshop where you inform us of your key needs to reach ambitions for the policy perspective.

The workshop will address policy realisations and needs under the current policy framework, policy needs to realise emerging policies and have your say in our final session on future horizon scanning of policies towards 2050.

<b>Workshop Programme</b>	
<i>Time (CET)</i>	<i>Session details</i>
9.00	<b>Log on to virtual workshop link, test weblink, audio etc.</b>
9.10	Welcome & opening address by Claire Chenu ( <i>Coordinator of EJP SOIL, INRAe</i> )
9.25	<b>Session 1: “Identifying current policy ambitions and future soil aspirational goals”</b>  <i>Goal: to identify the soil aspirational goals at the EU level and related policy needs, by addressing three questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>How wide is the gap between EU policy targets and realisations?</i></li> <li>- <i>Are the current EU policy targets futureproof with a horizon to 2050?</i></li> <li>- <i>Which soil challenges should be prioritized in the EU?</i></li> </ul> <i>Co-led by EV-ILVO and WUR</i>

	<p>Session introduction (5min) <i>Group sessions with input and expert opinion from policymaker participants</i></p> <p>Policy realisation and aspirational goals (40 min)</p> <p>Policy prioritization (30 min)</p> <p>Session 1: final conclusions (15 min) <i>Rapporteurs in each group will take note specific policies discussed, targets that need to be reviewed and soil challenges that should be prioritized.</i></p>
11.00	Coffee break (15 mins)
11.15	<p><b>Session 2: “Aligning EJP SOIL research with EU Policy Stakeholder needs and requirements for emerging and future soil policy”</b></p> <p><i>Goal: to identify emerging and future soil policy needs and requirements by addressing these questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What knowledge, implementation, monitoring and reporting needs are required for emerging soil related policy?</i></li> <li>- <i>What new policy options &amp; innovations could support climate smart and sustainable soil management in future?</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Co-led by CREA &amp; Teagasc</i></p>
	<p>Session introduction (5 min) <i>Group sessions with input and expert opinion from policymaker participants</i></p> <p>Needs for emerging agricultural soil policy (CAP, EU Green Deal etc.) (35 min)</p> <p>Horizon scanning activity – future soil related policy needs &amp; ideas (35 min)</p> <p>Session 2: final conclusions (15 min) <i>Rapporteurs in each group will take notes specific of policy needs, scientific gaps and information requirements, and ideas for future soil policy, for evaluating and monitoring policy and new initiatives &amp; incentives for supporting soil policy.</i></p>
12.45	Workshop Close