



12th EUROPEAN SOIL PARTNERSHIP PLENARY MEETING

06 March 2025 14:00 – 17:00 (Pre-meeting workshop)

07 March 2025 09:00 – 16:00 (Plenary meeting)

Hybrid Meeting
Austria Room (C237) (6th March)
Ethiopia Room (C285) (7th March)
FAO headquarters

Chair: Rainer Baritz, EEA

Secretariat: Nicole Wellbrock and Julia von Guilleaume (Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries)

Zoom Link: <https://fao.zoom.us/meeting/register/zHkAHJmRSICMQi1oJ8XFOW>

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Draft AGENDA

06 March 2025: 14:00 – 17:00 (Workshop)

“Strengthening bridges between science, policy and practice for sustainable soil management in Europe”.

The objective is to explore synergies between science, policy and practice in view of accelerating efforts for sustainable soil management in our region.

We will discuss the main challenges affecting soils, the opportunities for enhancing sustainable soil management in Europe, and the obstacles that stand in our way of applying the available knowledge. The meeting will be a “spring board” for deepening collaboration in and around the European Soil Partnership with a view to accelerating efforts for sustainable soil management in our region.

The meeting will be facilitated by Charlotte Dufour, Practice Advisor of the Conscious Food Systems Alliance (hosted by UNDP).

19:00 Apperitivo (self pay)

Restaurant “Il Pane Di San Saba (Piazza Gian Lorenzo Bernini) (8 min walk from FAO)

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1. Opening (Welcome, agenda)

2. ESP Secretariat

- 2.1 Meeting logistics
- 2.2 ESP website

3. Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS)

- 3.1 Status of the World Soil Resources 2025: key messages about European soils

4. ESP network partners

- 4.1 Subregional soil partnerships
- 4.2 National soil partnerships

5. Action areas

- 5.1 Sustainable Soil Management: statistics, reviews
- 5.2 Governance: soil policy developments and synergies
- 5.3 Research: projects, status of Living Labs and Lighthouses
- 5.4 Awareness raising: projects and products
- 5.5 Soil data: synergies, data infrastructures, best practices
- 5.6 International cooperation: FAO projects in the ESP region

6. GSP activities and involvement from ESP partners

- 6.1 Overview: GSP networks: tasks, ESP participants
- 6.2 EUROSOLAN 2024/2025
- 6.4 GSP writing processes: ISAF¹, Ad hoc WG on GSP institutional matters

7. ESP governance

- 7.1 Terms of reference, implementation, priorities

8. Conclusions and next meeting

¹ Working Group to develop the Indicator System of the GSP Action Framework (ISAF)