

# NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU MISSION SOIL IN AUSTRIA

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# GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



## Ministries & Key Research Institutions

~ 50 people

Working Groups representatives, Mission Action Group co-chairs, and wider stakeholders from innovation system

~ 50 people

Co-chairs from research and sectorial ministry, sectorial stakeholders

~ 350 people



**November 2022**  
Publication of the National Implementation Framework and adoption as Austrian mission strategy

**November to December 2023** Update and further development of the recommendations; reorganisation of the Mission Action Group Soil

**May - June 2024**  
Visit to all federal states and presentation of the missions

**May 2025**  
Soil Forum Spring Meeting 2025

**November 2021**  
First meeting of the Mission Action Group

**Dec - Oct 2022**  
Development of the National Implementation Framework, in co-creation with the MAG Soil

**December 2022 to August 2023**  
Establishment of the MMU (Mission Management Unit) in FFG and commissioning of the MMG (Mission Management Group)

**January to August 2024**  
Implementation of the recommendations in task-specific action plans

**February 2025**  
Finalisation of the Mission Action Plans

**September 2025**  
Planning submission of a LIFE project to implement parts of the Mission Action Plan



# MISSION SOIL AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

- Action plan developed by relevant ministries and stakeholders
- **Objective:** Synergistic and measurable progress in implementing the Mission “Healthy Soils” in Austria
- Three thematic pillars



# AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

## THREE THEMATIC PILLARS



### 1. Soil Competence and Education

- Development of a collection of teaching materials on the topic of soil for the education of children and young people
- Development of training courses for soil ambassadors, who act as knowledge carriers in society, and their sustainable establishment
- Bundling and sustainably implementing already successful initiatives for soil knowledge transfer

#### Use of existing instruments

- Online available material, several national initiatives
- Results of selected EU projects: LOESS, CURIOSOIL, PrepSoil, HuMUS

#### New measures

- Development of an **educational material platform** with all stakeholders (as part of the networking and knowledge platform)
- **Soil ambassadors:** Define requirements and content, joint module, specialization modules



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### 2. Soil Research and Networking

- Continuation and increase of support for innovative R&D projects about soil in Austria
- Integration of the topic of soil into the Austrian Climate Research Programme (ACRP)
- Institutional anchoring of soil research in academia through incentive - initiatives
- Funding of living labs and lighthouse projects after project finalization and financing them on a long-term basis
- Developing a knowledge and networking platform, which includes all relevant stakeholders
- Implementing an efficient portfolio management

#### Use of existing instruments (examples)

- Several national initiatives: [Unser Boden](#), [Padlet ÖBG](#) and [Bodenforum](#) (a biannual event of the soil community)

### 3. Soil Protection

- Continuous support of activities in the quantitative and qualitative soil protection
- Establishing a soil monitoring system and facilitate access to soil estimation data



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## Implementation activities 2025

- Mobilisation of federal states, cities and municipalities
- Organization of expert talks and studies
- Portfolio management = analysis of European and nationally funded research projects
- Calls for proposals from national funds, e.g. Research data infrastructures in Waters and Soil as well as Data stewards
- Training and events
- Citizen Science and Citizen Engagement activities
- Stakeholder mobilisation, activation and support
- Information, communication and funding consultancy for experts
- Knowledge transfer
- Mobilisation of new and unusual actors for mission oriented research and implementation
- Thinking national and European level together – strong cooperation with Mission Soil NCP



# THANKS TO ALL ORGANISATIONS IN THE MISSION ACTION GROUP SOIL



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land



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