



THEMATIC EVENT

24 January 2024  
10:00-12:00 CET

# Smart Soils: Smart Specialisation meets EU Soil Mission

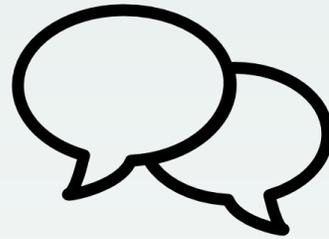
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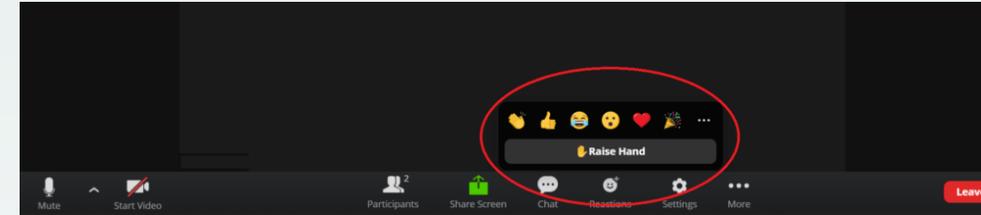
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**Rise your hand** and  
open your micro  
when you would  
like to intervein in  
the **Q&A round**  
after every block of  
interventions



- Habilitating a Europe-wide discussion about the relationship, at regional level, between the Smart Specialization Research and Innovation Strategies (RIS3) and the Soil Mission (SM).
- Stimulating local and regional stakeholders, including regions in Soil Health Living Labs with real examples
- Setting a seed for projects from the regional partnership level to think about soil health challenges

Part 1	Contextualisation of Smart Soils
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome and introduction to the event and the theme <b>Cristina Gallardo</b> - <i>FUNDECYT-PCTEX on behalf of NATIOONS</i>
10:05 - 10:25	Mission-oriented innovation policy, and novel forms of Smart Specialisation <b>Mr Matthijs Janssen</b> , <i>Utrecht University</i>
10:25 - 10:40	Introduction to the Soil Mission and its linkage to the Smart Specialisation Strategies <b>Luis Sánchez Alvarez</b> , <i>European Commission, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development</i>
10:40 - 10:55	The Smart Specialisation Strategies and its impact on the Missions <b>Susana Elena Pérez</b> , <i>S3 Community of Practice</i>
10:55 - 11:05	<b>Q&amp;A</b>

Part 2	Good Practices RIS3
11:05 - 11:15	Regional Good Practice Agro <b>Ms Lucila Castro Rovillard</b> - <i>FUNDECYT-PCTEX (Extremadura – Spain)</i>
11:15 - 11:25	Regional Good Practice Forestry <b>Eva Skagestad</b> , <i>Forestry and Wood Dpt. County Governor of Innlandet (Norway)</i>
11:25 - 11:35	Regional Good Practice Post-industrial <b>Sophie Patrício</b> , <i>Head of Division for Promotion, Innovation and Regional Competitiveness CCDRC</i> <b>Edgar Carvalho</b> , <i>Director of the Technical Department of EDM - Mining Development Company (Centro - Portugal)</i>
11:35 - 11:50	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:50 - 12:00	Conclusions

**157** Registered People

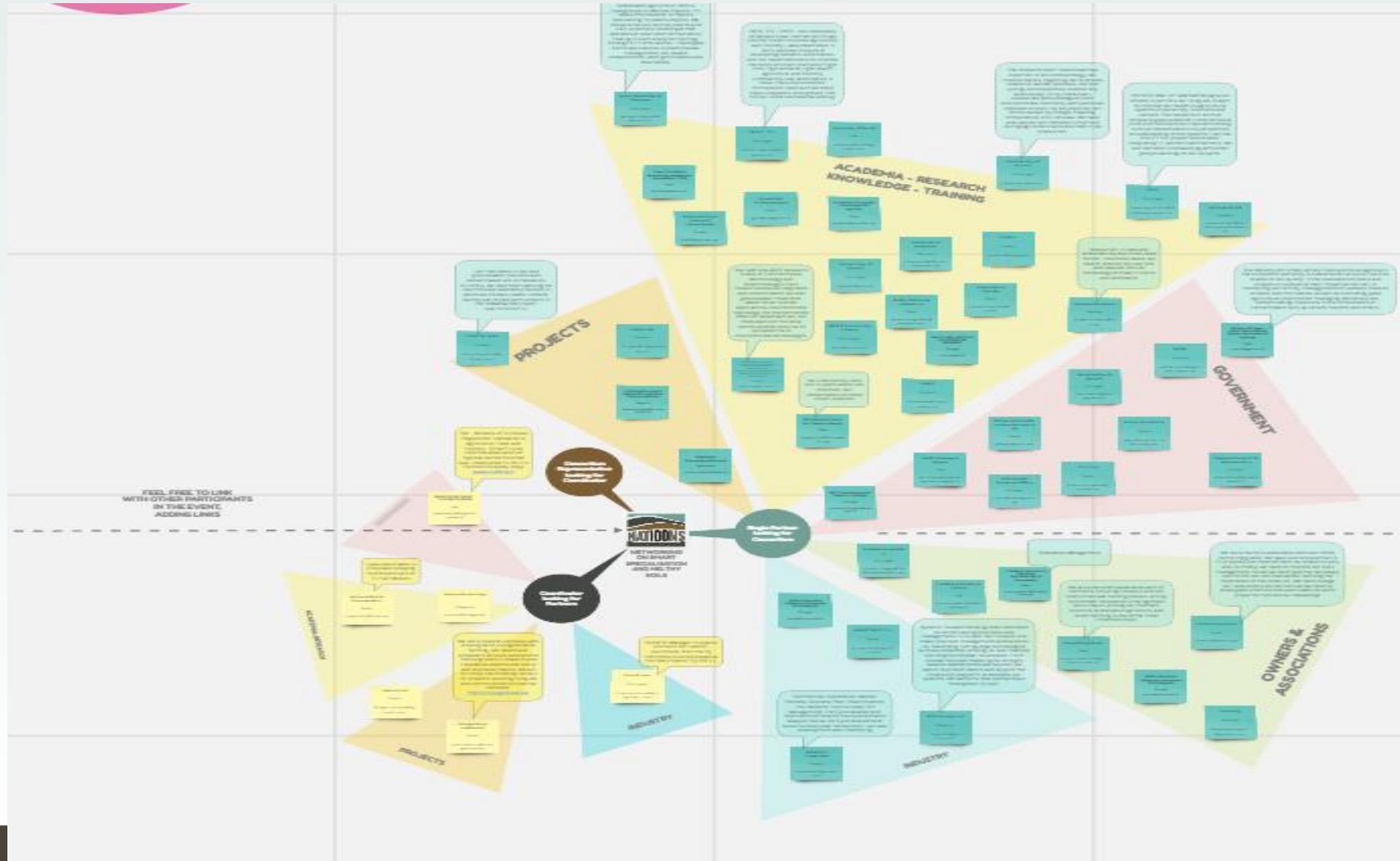
**28** Countries (3 out of EU ME or Associated countries to HE)

**5** Coordinators looking for Partners



# Tool to find the participants and network with them

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NATIOONS supports **potential applicants** to the **calls of the Soil Mission** aiming to establish **100 Living Labs** on healthy soils by 2030.

It acts as a messenger of the Mission, **raising awareness** among national and regional stakeholders, **providing access** to capacity-building **materials** and **information**, spurring the discussions on the **best Living Lab setups** to address regional soil needs, and fostering early **matchmaking** for cross-regional LL clusters.



	<b>Engagement events</b>	<b>Inform, involve and promote.</b> 43 countries (EU member states + associated countries)
	<b>Matchmaking (national)</b>	<b>Facilitate the creation of local Living Labs.</b> Engagement events online and along the way
	<b>Factsheets &amp; online training</b>	<b>Inform and train.</b> Open calls, types of peculiarities of Living Labs
	<b>Helpdesk &amp; FAQ</b>	<b>Online support.</b> Answering questions about the creation of LLs
	<b>Living Labs methodology</b>	<b>Training.</b> How to create, develop and expand a LL.
	<b>Coaching</b>	<b>Support.</b> Available in local language, tutors appointed.
	<b>Webinars &amp; thematic events</b>	<b>Inform, train and involve.</b> Different themes for specific uses of the areas.
	<b>Matchmaking (transnational)</b>	<b>Facilitate the creation of LLs partnerships.</b> Through online events and networking.



# Part I

## Contextualisation of Smart Soils





**Rise your hand** and open your micro  
when you are invited to speak

Are soil health challenges clearly defined in the specialization of the regions in Europe ? What is missing in the strategies to advance soil health transformation?

How can we bring closer regional and research policies at regional and local levels to help transformation for more healthy soils in Europe?

What programs from regional and cohesion funds can be used to also contribute to soil health problems solving?



# Part II Good Practices

## RIS3





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What are the main challenge that you identify to foster soil health throught the implementation of specialization strategies in your regions?

Are the stakeholders partipating in your regional governance models aware of soil health challenges?

What specific areas are you interested in for potential partnerships?	Which objective of the Soil Mission are you more interested in or willing to work on?
Research Collaborations; Knowledge Exchange; Case-study applications	Prevent erosion; Reduce the EU global footprint on soils
	Conserve and increase soil organic carbon stocks; Stop soil sealing and increase re-use of urban soils; Reduce soil pollution and enhance restoration; Prevent erosion; Improve soil structure to enhance soil biodiversity ; Improve soil literacy in society
Knowledge Exchange	Prevent erosion; Improve soil structure to enhance soil biodiversity ; Reduce the EU global footprint on soils; Improve soil literacy in society
Research Collaborations; Technology Transfer; Case-study applications	Reduce desertification; Conserve and increase soil organic carbon stocks; Reduce soil pollution and enhance restoration; Prevent erosion; Improve soil structure to enhance soil biodiversity ; Reduce the EU global footprint on soils; Improve soil literacy in society
Funding Opportunities	Reduce desertification; Conserve and increase soil organic carbon stocks; Prevent erosion; Improve soil structure to enhance soil biodiversity ; Improve soil literacy in society



# TOOLS FOR INTERACTION BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS

NATIOONS Soil Living Labs Online Matchmaking

March 13 - October 31, 2024

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13-03-2023 - 31-10-2024

## Transnational matchmaking platform

Supporting the EU  
Mission "A Soil Deal  
for Europe" across  
national communities  
*Establish your Living Lab & consortium*



13 March 2023 - 31 October 2024

## NATIOONS Soil Living Labs Online Matchmaking

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Welcome to

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572 participants waiting for your interactions for EU Mission Soil Living Lab Topics



As part of the EU Soil Mission, the HuMUS project engages and activates municipalities and regions to protect and restore soil health.



**HuMUS**  
Healthy Municipal Soils

## OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS

of local and regional  
soil health initiatives



**€600,000**  
**20 Pilot Projects**

**The HuMUS project is supporting collective spaces of constructive dialogue on soil health with participatory governance methods and tools.**

Open to public authorities in collaboration with farmers, entrepreneurs, SMEs, consumer associations, NGOs, soil experts, researchers and academics, government and public officials, and the general public of the Pilot location, including marginalised people and vulnerable groups.

**Application deadline:  
29 February 2024**

<https://humus-project.eu/open-call/>



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- 1. Breaking ground together: Solutions for urban and post-industrial soil de-sealing**  
14 December 2023, 10:00 - 12:00 CET  
*Organiser: Politecnico di Milano*
- 2. Beyond gender barriers in the agrifood system: Innovative women improving food & soil health**  
11 January 2024 10:00 – 12:00 CET  
*Organiser: EIT Food*
- 3. Industry engagement for sustainable soil health: Joining living labs**  
18 January 2024 10:00 – 12:00 CET  
*Organiser: BusinessMed*
- 4. Smart Soils: Smart Specialization meets EU Soil Mission**  
24 January 2024 10:00 – 12:00 CET  
*Organiser: FUNDECYT-PCTEX*
- 5. Soil health from a forestry perspective**  
25 January 2024 10:00 – 12:00 CET  
*Organiser: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)*
- 6. Soil decontamination**  
15 February 2024 10:00 – 12:00 CET  
*Organiser: Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG)*

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## National engagement events



10 marzo 2023  
Milano (Italia)

**Evento nazionale sulla Missione Suolo dell'Unione Europea**  
verso l'istituzione di 100 living labs e lighthouses

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Events at national level to raise awareness of the Mission in all HE eligible countries and inform about EU mission living lab calls for proposals in 2024.

**Hybrid format**  
**In the 44 EU ME and Associated Counties for HE**  
**Some dates:**

12<sup>th</sup> March in Italy  
17<sup>th</sup> April in Portugal

Receive our **newsletter** to learn more about the EU Mission Soil - "A Soil Deal for Europe" and our support activities across Member States and Associated Countries

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Thanks for your participation

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