

Post-Thematic Events report

Thematic event #1: “Breaking ground together: Solutions for urban and post-industrial soil de-sealing”

Partner coordinator: Polimi

Main Sources (web links)

Elements	Links
Event page	https://nati00ns.eu/events/thematic-event-soil-sealing
Youtube video	https://youtu.be/rbjime5zjjY?si=7EF1m7BHbOnv9Zh9
Slides	https://zenodo.org/records/10391033
Miro (when available)	https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVNG4RpiM=/

Agenda and speakers

Schedule	Name & Affiliation	Role/scope in the event
Welcome and introduction to the event and the theme	Eugenio Morello Associate professor, POLIMI	Presenter, moderator, event coordinator
	Anita De Franco Research fellow, POLIMI	Moderator, event assistant
Keynote speech 1: “Addressing soil de-sealing at the EU level”	Luca Montanarella Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, ESDAC	Representative of transnational organizations, data-driven discussion and introduction on the theme
Keynote speech 2: “Green with Gray”	Federico Broggin Latitude Platform, Brussels	Representative of professional organizations, practice-focused discussion on desealing activities
Presentation 1: “De-sealing and healthy soils”	Chiara Ferrè Research Fellow, UNIMIB	Representative of academic organizations, engaged in consultancy for urban regeneration projects
Presentation 2: “Living labs for soil de-sealing”	Dolinda Cavallo ENOLL	Representative of international networks, engaged in establishing and promoting LLs

Participants

Elements	Numbers
Registrants on the online form (by the day of the event)	179
Participants during the event	89
Respondents to the feedback survey	11

Stakeholders

Target audience (based on templates)	Specific break out (based on registrants)
Academics and cultural figures: 82	Academia (76); Agricultural schools/vocational training centre (1); Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (2); Research (3).
Civil society (e.g. NGOs, citizens' associations): 27	Category association (12); Citizen (5); Thematic association/organization (7).
Governments: 11	Local authority (3); National authority (4); Regional authority (3); Other/EU authority (1).
Other: 59	

Transnationality of registrants

Elements	Specific break out (based on registrants)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total: 42 countries 179 registrants 	Albania (1); Argentina (1); Austria (4); Belgium (10); Bosnia & Herzegovina (1); Burkina Faso (1); China (2); Croatia (1); Cyprus (2); Czechia (2); Denmark (1); France (2); Georgia (1); Germany (5); Greece (5); Hungary (1); Indonesia (1); Israel (1); Italy (65); Latvia (1); Lithuania (2); Malta (1); Moldova (3); Nepal (1); Netherlands (1); North Macedonia (2); Norway (2); Poland (10); Portugal (4); Qatar (1); Romania (3); Serbia (2); Slovenia (2); South Korea (1); Spain (13); Sri Lanka (1); Sweden (6); Tunisia (5); Turkey (3); Ukraine (3); United Kingdom (3); United States (2).

Engagement

Elements	N°
Questions (received from the audience)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration form: 5 • In the chat: 0
Answers (to quizzes/polls)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you have any experience on de-sealing? (33) 2. In your opinion what is the most challenging aspect of soil de-sealing (39) 3. Have you ever been involved in a Living Lab? (40) 4. What kind of stakeholder do you represent in the quadruple helix? (41) 5. Which pf the LL essential blocs do you find most difficult to apply in urban/industrial soil? (36)

Networking

Elements	N°	% on the total
Registrants searching for collaborations (61)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium Representative looking for Coordinator (5) • Coordinator looking for Partners (11) • Single Partner looking for Consortium (45) 	34% of the total registrants

Evaluations

Questions	n° of answers (total: 11) ranked by highest
Event usefulness: Knowledge on the topic addressed during the event	Improved moderately (5) Improved significantly (3) Remained the same (2) Improved a little (1)
Event usefulness: Actual opportunities of getting to know and connecting with other active participants on this issue	Improved significantly (5) Improved a little (4) Improved moderately (2)
Event usefulness: Understanding of how to address healthy soil challenges through the EU Soil Mission	Improved moderately (5) Improved significantly (3) Improved a little (2) Remained the same (1)
Event format: What do you think could be improved?	It was optimal duration and time distribution between the sessions was appropriate (6) It was optimal duration but the collaborative session was too short. Time distribution could be improved (4) The event was too short; it would be useful if we had more time to discuss/ask questions/network (1)
Event evaluation: Overall evaluation of the event	7 (4) 8 (3) 9 (3) 10 (1)

A-synchronous fruition of the event

Elements	Within 1 month from the event (February 25 2024)	After 7 months (September 25 2024)
Nr. of visualizations on youtube	40	116
Nr. of downloads of the slides (Zenodo)	105	290

Considerations by event organizers: did the event meet the premises?

1) Convey and tailor the messages of the Mission Soil for specific and diverse audiences

Elements	Short comment
Healthy Soil Living Labs and Lighthouses concept	An entire section has been dedicated to this topic. There exist many diverse definitions of these concepts, which are subject to varying experiences and expertise in the field.
8 Mission Soil Objectives	The objectives appear clear and systematic; however, there are multiple interrelations and definitions of them that merit attention.
Mission's Implementation Plan	The mismatch in timing between the opening of calls and the occurrence of thematic events is not an impediment to the possibility of discussing the issues at hand and capturing emerging interests among participants.
Overall self-evaluation on how the messages of the Mission Soil have been conveyed during the event	The messages of the Mission could have been expressed more precisely; however, given that it was a thematic event, the aim was to provide a holistic understanding of the theme of de-sealing in urban and post-industrial contexts.

2) Support match-making activities, clustering and stimulating stakeholders in Soil Health Living Labs

Elements	Short comment
Participants	The number of participants was satisfactory considering it was the first of the thematic events.
Engagement	The level of engagement was rather disappointing, likely due to the limited time available following the interventions of the speakers and the lack of developed communication and pitching strategies with the audience.
Stakeholders	The presence was predominantly academic, possibly due to the nature of the organizing partner and/or the fact that universities and research centers have more experience in European funding calls, cooperation, and transnational consortia.
Transnationality	Almost half of the participants were from the same nation as the coordinating partner (Italy), probably because the speakers were also of this nationality. However, other European and non-European nations were also represented.
Evaluations (feedback)	Feedback was positive, albeit in limited numbers.
Evaluations (a-synchronous fruition)	TBD

Networking opportunities	Networking is difficult to evaluate solely based on the event. Being online, this aspect is inherently limited and depends on the activities of individual participants who may have made contact with others according to their personal needs.
Match-making opportunities	Matchmaking opportunities were repeatedly mentioned and emphasized. There is a decent presence of Italian partners registered on the platform. The challenge will be to understand how and to what extent they become coordinators or more structured consortia.
Overall self-evaluation on how the event was able to stimulate networking among participants	The event may not have stimulated networking among participants as hoped. Further communications will be made to achieve this goal closer to the opening of calls in 2024.

3) Mobilize knowledge, resources and capacities in the specialized topics

Elements	Short comment
Knowledge presented during the event	The event aimed to offer diversified forms of knowledge in both source and application. Discussions addressed the theme of de-sealing through data, experiences of architects and designers, and ongoing work by soil scientists in urban interventions. Practical examples were also presented to reinforce the notion that LLs (Living Labs) focusing on de-sealing in urban areas already exist and are relatively "easier" to implement, considering the availability of actors within cities.
Resources made available to the audience	Obtaining information, resources, etc., from speakers that they would deem "necessary" and "useful" is not always easy or straightforward. More effort in selection and prompting to share such resources may be required.
Capacities mobilized	
Overall self-evaluation on how knowledge, resources and capacities have been mobilized during the event	



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Thematic event #2: “Beyond gender barriers in the agrifood system: Innovative women improving food & soil health”

Partner coordinator: EIT Food

Main Sources (web links)

Elements	Links
Event page	https://www.nati00ns.eu/events/beyond-gender-barriers-agrifood-system
Youtube video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvLj3Vk4jE0
Slides	https://zenodo.org/records/10495815
Miro (when available)	https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVN7T-izk=/
Resources	-

Agenda and speakers

Schedule	Name & Affiliation	Role/scope in the event
Welcome and introduction to Nati00ns	Nestor Etxaleku, Regional Project Manager, EIT Food	Presenter, moderator, event coordinator
Keynote speech 1: ‘Agriwoman: The female presence in the agrifood system’	Amparo de San José, Regional Business Creation Portfolio Manager, EIT Food	Representative of EIT Food and woman investors in the agrifood sector
Keynote speech 2: ‘The role of agrifood in soil and healthy eating’	Damien Jourdan, Director of Open Innovation, Danone	Representative of professional organizations, focused on soil health and food quality
Presentation 1: ‘EWA Programme’	Lara Rodríguez, Senior Regional Project Manager, EIT Food	Representative of EIT Food and woman entrepreneurship in the agrifood sector
Success Story 1: “ ‘GILL (Gendered Innovation Living Lab)	Francesca Spagnoli, ENoLL	Representative of international networks, engaged in establishing and promoting LLs
Success Story 2: ‘EWA winner, a female-led agrifood company’	Sultan Gül, Microhobist	Representative of agrifood startup centred in soil health and bacterias
Wrap-up and End of session	Paula Hafner, KAM, EIT Food	Moderator, event coordinator

Participants

Elements	Numbers
Registrants on the online form (by the day of the event)	129
Participants during the event	80
Respondents to the feedback survey	15

Stakeholders

Target audience (based on templates)	Specific break out (based on registrants)
Academics and cultural figures: 45	Academia (38);

	Agricultural schools/vocational training centre (6); Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (0); Research (1).
Civil society (e.g. NGOs, citizens' associations): 15	Category association (12); Citizen (3); Thematic association/organization (0).
Governments: 11	Local authority (1); National authority (6); Regional authority (3); Other/EU authority (1).
Other: 58	

Transnationality of registrants

Elements	Specific break out (based on registrants)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total: 39 countries 129 registrants 	Albania (2); Andorra(1); Argentina (1); Armenia(2); Austria (2); Bangladesh (1); Belgium (6); Bulgaria (4);Canary Islands (1); Costa Rica (1); Denmark (1); France (1); Georgia (2); Germany (5); Greece (2); Hungary (1); Ireland (7); Israel (4); Italy (15); Japan (1); Kosovo (1);Latvia (1); Lithuania (1); Luxemburgo (1); Moldova (1); Nepal (1); Netherlands (4); Nigeria (1); North Macedonia (3); Norway (2); Poland (6); Portugal (13); Romania (5); Slovenia (2); Spain (16); Switzerland (1); Tunisia (4); Turkey (5); United Kingdom (1).

Engagement

Elements	N°
Questions (received from the audience)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration form: 3 In the chat: 0
Answers (to quizzes/polls)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which percentage of the running farms in Europe are managed by a woman? (34) How many different bacterias can be found in a single gram of soil? (30)

Networking

Elements	N°	% on the total
Registrants searching for collaborations (45)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consortium Representative looking for Coordinator (2) Coordinator looking for Partners (3) Single Partner looking for Consortium (40) 	%35 of the total registrants

Evaluations

Questions	n° of answers (total: 11) ranked by highest
Event usefulness: Knowledge on the topic addressed during the event	Improved moderately (2) Improved significantly (5) Improved very significantly (3) Improved a little (5)

Event usefulness: Actual opportunities of getting to know and connecting with other active participants on this issue	Improved significantly (2) Improved very significantly (6) Improved a little (2) Improved moderately (2) Remained the same (1)
Event usefulness: Understanding of how to address healthy soil challenges through the EU Soil Mission	Improved moderately (5) Improved significantly (3) Improved very significantly (4) Improved a little (2) Remained the same (1)
Event format: What do you think could be improved?	It was optimal duration and time distribution between the sessions was appropriate (11) It was optimal duration, but the collaborative session was too short. Time distribution could be improved (3) The event was too short; it would be useful if we had more time to discuss/ask questions/network (1)
Event evaluation: Overall evaluation of the event	6 (2) 7 (3) 8 (2) 9 (2) 10 (6)

A-synchronous fruition of the event

Elements	After 1 month (February 25 2024)	After 7 months (September 25 2024)
Nr. of visualizations on youtube	57	85
Nr. of downloads of the slides (Zenodo)	80	192

Considerations by event organizers: did the event meet the premises?

- 1) Convey and tailor the messages of the Mission Soil for specific and diverse audiences

Elements	Short comment
Healthy Soil Living Labs and Lighthouses concept	There was a slot specifically talking about their case within Living Labs, which I think it helped to have a better sense of the topic
8 Mission Soil Objectives	Not all missions were addressed, however, we got to talk about mission 2,6,7 and, mainly, mission 8: <i>'Improve Soil Literacy in Society'</i> .
Mission's Implementation Plan	We didn't have much time to talk about the implementation plan as we delved into more specific/thematic topics
Overall self-evaluation on how the messages of the Mission Soil have been conveyed during the event	The message about soil health was opened, however, there wasn't much about LL.

2) Support match-making activities, clustering and stimulating stakeholders in Soil Health Living Labs

Elements	Short comment
Participants	There were participants from many places, however, they weren't active in the chat
Engagement	On the contrary of open questions, engagement was easier when it comes to polls. People didn't have to put a lot of effort into it, so they engaged more.
Stakeholders	Their topic was of great interest; however, they could engage more with participants.
Transnationality	The event was immersed in global issues that affected the whole world, hence its transnationality was a success.
Evaluations (feedback)	Comparing to all the participants we had, we didn't receive many feedbacks; however, their response has been positive overall.
Evaluations (a-synchronous fruition)	x
Networking opportunities	Thanks to Miro and the link to Nati00ns platform we enabled participants to encourage networking.
Match-making opportunities	Same as networking, during the event people could make use of the many match-making resources we placed.
Overall self-evaluation on how the event was able to stimulate networking among participants	The event stimulated engagement in a certain way, but it could have encouraged it even more with breakout rooms, for instance.

3) Mobilize knowledge, resources and capacities in the specialized topics

Elements	Short comment
Knowledge presented during the event	The knowledge shared was diverse and of public interest.
Resources made available to the audience	We didn't hand in many resources, only the ones related to Nati00ns. That being said, we should have shared more relevant resources about the topics discussed.
Capacities mobilized	x
Overall self-evaluation on how knowledge, resources and capacities have been mobilized during the event	Very interesting and useful information was passed on, but more extra resources should have been shared.



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Post-Thematic Events report

Thematic event #3: Industry Engagement for Sustainable Soil Health: Joining Living Labs

Partner coordinator: BUSINESSMED

Main Sources (web links)

Elements	Links
Event page	https://nati00ns.eu/events/industry-engagement-sustainable-soil-health-joining-living-labs
Youtube video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFGNlkp5sck
Slides	https://zenodo.org/records/10528386
Miro (when available)	https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVN4uqTHs=?share_link_id=338949967959
Resources	

Agenda and speakers

Schedule	Name & Affiliation	Role/scope in the event
Welcome and introduction to the event and the theme	Mahdi Khomsi, International relations coordinator, BUSINESSMED	Presenter, moderator, event coordinator
	Eugenio Morello Associate professor, POLIMI	Presenting Soil Mission, Nati00ns project and setting the Scene of the Webinars
	Anita De Franco Research fellow, POLIMI	Event assistant & coordinator
Panel Discussion: Industry Perspectives on Soil Health (50min)	Monika Machowska, Deputy director of the technology park department	Presentation of Krakow Technology Park and Krakow Living Lab than to show some examples of solutions coming from startups that have been implemented in industrial companies from ecosystem.
	Ricardo Chagas, Technical and Scientific Director, Food4Sustainability CoLAB (10min)	Showcasing the work of food4sustainability in providing regenerative and circular systems in this path to carbon neutrality in food production and highlighting the role of companies and Connexion between business and academia in promoting living labs.
	Aymen Frija, ICARDA The International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas	Sharing with us your experience in Tunisia in the implementation of the living labs and the development of innovative solutions that address real-world needs in the field of Agriculture and agri-food.

Matchmaking Platform Training	Mahdi Khomsi, International relations coordinator, BUSINESSMED	Tutorial and Demo of the B2match Platform
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Participants

Elements	Numbers
Registrants on the online form (by the day of the event)	73
Participants during the event	44
Respondents to the feedback survey	8

Stakeholders

Target audience (based on templates)	Specific break out (based on registrants)
Industries:18	Business support organisation, member of ENOLL(1); Consultancy(1); Environmental Consultant(1); External consultant(1) Farmer organisation(1) Industry(8) Land Manager /User(1) Land Owner(1) Private sector consultancy (1) Soil & Groundwater consultancy(1) Agri(1)
Academics and cultural figures: 29	Academia (22); Agricultural schools/vocational training centre (1); Research (3). International Research Center(1) Living lab(1) Knowledge transfer office(1)
Civil society (e.g. NGOs, citizens' associations): 12	Category association (6); Citizen (1); Thematic association/organization (3). Eu Network of regions(1) Foundation(1)
Governments: 7	Local authority (1); National authority (1); Regional authority (1); National Contact Point (3) Mission soil secretariat (1)
Other: 7	Project – Mission Soil (7)

Transnationality of registrants

Elements	Specific break out (based on registrants)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total: 26 countries 73 registrants 	Austria (2); Belgium (5); Bulgaria (1); Denmark (3); Finland (1); Germany (1); Greece (3); Iraq (1); Ireland (1); Italy (11); Jordan (1); Malta (1); Morocco (2); Netherlands (4); North Macedonia (1);

	Norway (1); Poland (5); Portugal (6); Romania (1); Serbia (1); Slovenia (1); South Africa (2); Spain (11); Sweden (1); Switzerland (1); Tunisia (5);
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Engagement

Elements	N°
Questions (received from the audience)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration form: 0 • In the chat: 2
Answers (to quizzes/polls)	<p>In the opening of the first Panel Discussion: Industry Perspectives on Soil Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you rate the current collaboration between Living Labs and the private sector in promoting sustainable soil practices? a) Highly effective b) Moderately effective c) Ineffective d) No experience with such collaborations (21 answers) • From your perspective, what specific benefits have you observed when the private sector actively engages with Living Labs in the context of soil health optimization? a) Accelerated innovation cycles b) Enhanced market competitiveness c) Improved resource allocation d) All of the above e) None of the above (18 answers) • In your opinion, what challenges or obstacles hinder effective collaboration between Living Labs and the private sector in the realm of soil health and agriculture? a) Lack of communication b) Regulatory barriers c) Limited financial incentives d) No significant challenges observed (20 answers) <p>In the opening of the trial of the Matchmaking platform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you currently identify potential partners for collaborative projects in the field of Living Labs ? a) Through personal networks b) Attending industry events c) Online searches d) Using matchmaking platforms e) Other (please specify) (13 answers) • In your opinion, how can a matchmaking platform effectively facilitate the formation of consortia for Horizon calls? a) Providing detailed partner profiles b) Offering networking events and webinars c) Incorporating advanced search filters d) All of the above e) None of the above (12 answers) • What challenges have you encountered in the past when trying to form consortia for collaborative projects, and how do you think a matchmaking platform could address these challenges? (4 answers)

Networking

Elements	N°	% on the total
Registrants searching for collaborations (30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium Representative looking for Coordinator (2) • Coordinator looking for Partners (5) • Single Partner looking for Consortium (23) 	41% of the total registrants

Evaluations

Questions	n° of answers (total: 11) ranked by highest
Event usefulness: Knowledge on the topic addressed during the event	Improved moderately (3) Improved significantly (3) Improved very significantly (1) Improved a little (1)
Event usefulness: Actual opportunities of getting to know and connecting with other active participants on this issue	Improved very significantly (2) Improved significantly (2) Improved moderately (2) Improved a little (2)
Event usefulness: Understanding of how to address healthy soil challenges through the EU Soil Mission	Improved significantly (3) Improved moderately (2) Improved a little (2) Improved very significantly (1)
Event format: What do you think could be improved?	It was optimal duration and time distribution between the sessions was appropriate (5) It was optimal duration but the collaborative session was too short. Time distribution could be improved (2) The event was too short; it would be useful if we had more time to discuss/ask questions/network (1)
Event evaluation: Overall evaluation of the event	10 (3) 9 (2) 8 (2) 4 (1)

A-synchronous fruition of the event

Elements	Within 1 month from the event (February 25 2024)	After 7 months (September 25 2024)
Nr. of visualizations on youtube	136	158
Nr. of downloads of the slides (Zenodo)	35	131

Considerations by event organizers: did the event meet the premises?

- 1) Convey and tailor the messages of the Mission Soil for specific and diverse audiences

Elements	Short comment
Healthy Soil Living Labs and Lighthouses concept	

8 Mission Soil Objectives	
Mission's Implementation Plan	
Overall self-evaluation on how the messages of the Mission Soil have been conveyed during the event	

2) Support match-making activities, clustering and stimulating stakeholders in Soil Health Living Labs

Elements	Short comment
Participants	
Engagement	
Stakeholders	
Transnationality	
Evaluations (feedback)	
Evaluations (a-synchronous fruition)	
Networking opportunities	
Match-making opportunities	
Overall self-evaluation on how the event was able to stimulate networking among participants	

3) Mobilize knowledge, resources and capacities in the specialized topics

Elements	Short comment
Knowledge presented during the event	
Resources made available to the audience	
Capacities mobilized	
Overall self-evaluation on how knowledge, resources and capacities have been mobilized during the event	



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Post-Thematic Events report

Thematic event #4: “Smart Soils: Smart Specialisation meets EU Soil Mission”

Partner coordinator: FUNDECYT-PCTEX

Main Sources (web links)

Elements	Links
Event page	https://nati00ns.eu/events/smart-soils-smart-specialisation-meets-eu-soil-mission
Youtube video	https://youtu.be/h-geCJs7UzA
Slides	https://zenodo.org/records/10560144
Miro (when available)	
Resources	

Agenda and speakers

Schedule	Name & Affiliation	Role/scope in the event
Welcome and introduction to the event and the theme	Cristina Gallardo Project Manager, FUNDECYT-PCTEXI	Presenter, moderator, event coordinator
	Concha Civantos, Project Advisor, FUNDECYT-PCTEX	Moderator, event assistant
Keynote speech 1: “Mission-oriented innovation policy, and novel forms of Smart Specialisation”	Matthijs Janssen, UTRECHT UNIVERSITY	Keynote Speech: Scientific production on the interaction between missions and regional specialization
Keynote speech 2: “Introduction to the Soil Mission and its linkage to the Smart Specialisation Strategies”	Luis Sánchez Álvarez, European Commission, DG for Agriculture and Rural Development	Keynote Speech: mission soil perspective
Keynote speech 3: “The Smart Specialisation Strategies and its impact on the Missions”	Susana Elena Pérez, S3 Community of Practice	Keynote Speech 3: regional perspective
Presentation 1: “Regional Good Practice Agro”	Ms Lucila Castro Rovillard, FUNDECYT-PCTEX (Extremadura - Spain)	Good Practice in a use case from a regional approach
Presentation 2: “Regional Good Practice Forestry”	Eva Skagestad, Forestry and Wood Dpt. County Governor of Innlandet (Norway)	Good Practice in a use case from a regional approach
Presentation 2: “Regional Good Practice Post-industrial”	Sophie Patrício, Head of Division for Promotion, Innovation and Regional Competitiveness CCDRC	Good Practice in a use case from a regional approach
	Edgar Carvalho, Member of the Board of Directors of EDM - Mining Development Company (Centro - Portugal)	

Participants

Elements	Numbers
Registrants on the online form (by the day of the event)	167
Participants during the event	119
Respondents to the feedback survey	18

Stakeholders

Target audience (based on templates)	Specific break out (based on registrants)
Academics and cultural figures: 56	Academia (43); Agricultural schools/vocational training centre (4); Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (6); Research (3).
Civil society (e.g. NGOs, citizens' associations): 17	Category association (8); Citizen (2); Thematic association/organization (7).
Governments: 50	Local authority (3); National authority (7); Regional authority (39); Other/EU authority (1).
Other: 44	

Transnationality of registrants

Elements	Specific break out (based on registrants)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total: 32 countries 167 registrants 	Austria (1); Belgium (9); Croatia (1); Cyprus (1); Czechia (1); Denmark (2); Ethiopia (1); Finland (2); France (3); Germany (3); Greece (7); Hungary (1); Irak (1); Israel (1); Ireland (1); Italy (28); Lithuania (1); Luxembourg (1); Morocco (1); Netherlands (4); Norway (2); Poland (7); Portugal (31); Romania (1); Serbia (1); Slovenia (1); Spain (48); Sweden (2); Switzerland (1); Tunisia (1); Turkey (3); United Kingdom (1).

Engagement

Elements	N°
Questions (received from the audience)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration form: 1 In the chat: 2

Networking

Elements	N°	% on the total
What specific areas are you interested in for potential partnerships? (42)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research collaboration (17) Case-study applications (20) Funding opportunities (17) Knowledge exchange (22) Technology transfer (13) Remediation polluted soils (1) 	25% of the total registrants

Registrants searching for collaborations (58)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator looking for partner (6) Single Partner looking for Consortium(52) 	34% of the total registrants
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Evaluations

Questions	n° of answers (total: 18) ranked by highest
Event usefulness: Knowledge on the topic addressed during the event	Improved significantly (7) Improved moderately (5) Improved very significantly (4) Remained the same (2) Improved a little (2)
Event usefulness: Actual opportunities of getting to know and connecting with other active participants on this issue	Improved significantly (8) Improved moderately (5) Improved very significantly (3) Remained the same (2)
Event usefulness: Understanding of how to address healthy soil challenges through the EU Soil Mission	Improved moderately (7) Improved significantly (5) Improved very significantly (4) Improved a little (2)
Event format: What do you think could be improved?	It was optimal duration and time distribution between the sessions was appropriate (12) It was optimal duration but the collaborative session was too short. Time distribution could be improved (3) The event was too short; it would be useful if we had more time to discuss/ask questions/network (2) It was too long; we could have learnt everything presented in a shorter amount of time (1)
Event evaluation: Overall evaluation of the event	9 (7) 8 (5) 10 (3) 5 (2) 7 (1)

A-synchronous fruition of the event

Elements	Within 1 month from the event (February 25 2024)	After 7 months (September 25 2024)
Nr. of visualizations on youtube	40	172
Nr. of downloads of the slides (Zenodo)	105	200

Considerations by event organizers: did the event meet the premises?

1) Convey and tailor the messages of the Mission Soil for specific and diverse audiences

Elements	Short comment
Healthy Soil Living Labs and Lighthouses concept	Co-creation and mission oriented initiatives were presented with experiences at regional level from different realities in different geographies of Europe
8 Mission Soil Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reduce desertification: with the examples in the Agri-region - conserve soil organic carbon stocks: with the example of the forestry region - stop soil sealing and increase re-use of urban soils: With the example of the post-industrial region -improve soil literacy in society: with the motivation for the involvement of regional policy makers in the mission soil objectives
Mission's Implementation Plan	The participants discovered from the Mission Soil Secretariat the status quo of the implementation process
Overall self-evaluation on how the messages of the Mission Soil have been conveyed during the event	<p>Good impression from the audience on the possibilities of the regions to contribute in the achievement of mission soil objectives through the implementation of their smart specialization strategies.</p> <p>Openness to integrate better and more this challenges on their workplans at regional levels.</p>

2) Support match-making activities, clustering and stimulating stakeholders in Soil Health Living Labs

Elements	Short comment
Participants	The bulk of the session's participants stayed connected throughout the event.
Engagement	The chat was dynamized with Q&A during the presentations
Stakeholders	Some of the stakeholders requested the contacts of other speakers to establish direct relationships between them
Transnationality	Good representation across Europe with more presence from Spain and Portugal
Evaluations (feedback)	Very positive
Evaluations (a-synchronous fruition)	Very positive
Networking opportunities	More participative regions in support to their living labs

Match-making opportunities	Interaction were conducted to be followed in the B2match platform
Overall self-evaluation on how the event was able to stimulate networking among participants	Very positive as smart specialization has not been considered as tools for soil health before and this event can be an starting point at EU level

3) Mobilize knowledge, resources and capacities in the specialized topics

Elements	Short comment
Knowledge presented during the event	Mission oriented approach are not new for Smart Specialization technicians and the movements to soil health debates can be a natural following steps for them
Resources made available to the audience	In accordance with the rest of the thematic events
Capacities mobilized	Complementary experiences were achieved
Overall self-evaluation on how knowledge, resources and capacities have been mobilized during the event	Very positive in general, and whith requirements to support some regions on the understanding on the soil challenges

Addition: Key messages for the Mission Secretariat emerging from the event

- Regions are already participating in the EU Mission Soil throught projects as Prepsol and HUMUS. At this stage, the impact is still limited.
- Regions has a relevant role in the dinamization and facilitation of co-creation stable structures by supporting the soil living labs after mission implementation and supporting the huge number of applicants in Europe that will not get fund from the mission.
- Co-founded solutions with tools as the ERDF can be created to support the maintenance of living in the near future. Living labs proposals must include them in their exploitation plans.
- Coordinated initiatives at Comission level between Regional and Cohesion Policy, on one hand, and Research and innovation departments, on the other hand, for instance, with pilots of sinergies of funds to use ERDF to foster soil health living labs creation and conservation could be explored.
- Smart Specialization Strategies are not sufficiently considering soil health challenges in their current narratives, however, the enterpreneurial discovery methodologies as well as their collaborative platforms can serve as ideal leverages to integrate mission soil in the regional debates.
- Soil Health literacy can be perfectly addressed at regions levels with promotional and communication campaigns.



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Post-Thematic Events report

Thematic event #5: Soil health from a forest land-use perspective

Partner coordinator: SLU

Main Sources (web links)

Elements	Links
Event page	https://nati00ns.eu/events/soil-health-forest-land-use-perspective
Youtube video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCVDzNInD-k
Slides	https://zenodo.org/records/10391033
Miro (when available)	https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVNG4RpiM=/
Resources	Raisa links: https://holisoils.eu/policy-briefs/ http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4681574

Agenda and speakers

Schedule	Name & Affiliation	Role/scope in the event
Welcome and introduction to theme and nati00ns	Hjalmar Laudon, SLU Johan Stendahl, SLU	Professor and moderator Associate Professor
Keynote: Soil health and forest climate change mitigation potential	Raisa Mäkiöää, LUKE	Keynote speaker, Research Professor
Panel discussion	Liisa Pietola, SITRA José Ramón Olarieta, Universidad de Lleida Raisa Mäkipää, LUKE Hjalmar Laudon, SLU	Board member of mission soil Lecturer of Forest Soils and Land Evaluation Research Professor Moderator
Wrap-up and matchmaking	Hjalmar Laudon, SLU	Moderator

Participants

Elements	Numbers
Registrants on the online form (by the day of the event)	136
Participants during the event	97
Respondents feedback survey	10

Stakeholders

Target audience (based on templates)	Specific break out (based on registrants)
Academics: 26	Academia (63); Agricultural schools/vocational training centre (1); Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (1); Research (5).
Civil society (e.g. NGOs, citizens' associations): 2	Category association (8); Citizen (2); Thematic association/organization (11).

Governments: 5	Local authority (3); National authority (8); Regional authority (9); Other/EU authority (1).
Forest company: 3	Other: 22
Other: 7	

Transnationality of registrants

Elements	Specific break out (based on registrants)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total: 40 countries 135 registrants 	Austria (2); Belgium (6); Burkina Faso (1); Burundi (1); Canada (1); Chile (1); Estonia (1); Ethiopia (1); Fiji (1); Finland (11); France (2); Germany (5); Ghana (1); Greece (2); India (1); Iraq (1); Ireland (1); Israel (1); Italy (7); Kenya (2); Latvia (1); Morocco (1); Nepal (1); Nigeria (2); North Macedonia (1); Norway (5); Pakistan (3); Paraguay (1); Poland (7); Portugal (5); Romania (1); Slovakia (1); Spain (17); Sudan (1); Sweden (30); Switzerland (2); Tunisia (1); Turkey (2); Uganda (1); United States (3).

Engagement

Elements	N°
Questions (received from the audience)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration form: 5 In the chat: 3
Answers (to quizzes/polls)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What sector do you work in? (43) Are you working a Living Lab or Lighthouse with soil health focus in forest land-use? (50) What barriers need to be overcome to achieve this? (10) Are you interested in preparing a consortium for the Soil Mission call? (25)

Networking

Elements	N°	% on the total
Registrants searching for collaborations (41)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consortium Representative looking for Coordinator (1) Coordinator looking for Partners (6) Single Partner looking for Consortium (34) 	42% of the total registrants

Evaluations

Questions	n° of answers (total: 10) ranked by highest
Event usefulness: Knowledge on the topic addressed during the event	Improved moderately (3) Improved significantly (3) Remained the same (2) Improved very significantly (1) Improved a little (1)

Event usefulness: Actual opportunities of getting to know and connecting with other active participants on this issue	Improved moderately (5) Improved a little (4) Improved significantly (3) Improved very significantly (1) Remained the same (1)
Event usefulness: Understanding of how to address healthy soil challenges through the EU Soil Mission	Improved moderately (4) Improved very significantly (2) Improved a little (2) Improved significantly (1) Remained the same (1)
Event format: What do you think could be improved?	It was optimal duration and time distribution between the sessions was appropriate (6) It was optimal duration but the collaborative session was too short. Time distribution could be improved (4)
Event evaluation: Overall evaluation of the event	10 (3) 9 (3) 8 (2) 7 (1) 6 (1)

A-synchronous fruition of the event

Elements	Within 1 month from the event (February 25 2024)	After 7 months (September 25 2024)
Nr. of visualizations on youtube	108	139
Nr. of downloads of the slides (Zenodo)	47	110

Considerations by event organizers: did the event meet the premises?

- 1) Convey and tailor the messages of the Mission Soil for specific and diverse audiences

Elements	Short comment
Healthy Soil Living Labs and Lighthouses concept	Covered
8 Mission Soil Objectives	Covered
Mission's Implementation Plan	Covered
Overall self-evaluation on how the messages of the Mission Soil have been conveyed during the event	Covered

- 2) Support match-making activities, clustering and stimulating stakeholders in Soil Health Living Labs

Elements	Short comment
Participants	
Engagement	

Stakeholders	
Transnationality	
Evaluations (feedback)	
Evaluations (a-synchronous fruition)	
Networking opportunities	
Match-making opportunities	
Overall self-evaluation on how the event was able to stimulate networking among participants	

3) Mobilize knowledge, resources and capacities in the specialized topics

Elements	Short comment
Knowledge presented during the event	Soil health and forest climate change mitigation potential. What are the main soil health challenges in forest land use across Europe? How can living lab help in improving the soil health challenge? What are the main barriers preventing you from attempting the establishment of a Living Lab?
Resources made available to the audience	Recording and PPT
Capacities mobilized	
Overall self-evaluation on how knowledge, resources and capacities have been mobilized during the event	



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Post-Thematic Events report

Thematic event #6: “Soil decontamination”

Partner coordinator: IUNG

Main Sources (web links)

Elements	Links
Event page	https://nati00ns.eu/events/soil-decontamination
Youtube video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDaZmsKaM2k
Slides	https://zenodo.org/records/10664437
Miro (when available)	
Resources	TBD

Agenda and speakers

Schedule	Name & Affiliation	Role/scope in the event
Welcome and introduction to the event and Nati00ns project	Grzegorz Siebielec (Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute, Pulawy)	Presenter, moderator, event coordinator
Phytoremediation of metal contaminated soil – success stories and research gaps	Markus Puschenreiter (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna – BOKU)	The speaker, Markus Puschenreiter, is affiliated with the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna, where he works at the Institute of Soil Research. The presentation he delivered focused on phytoremediation of metal-contaminated soils, discussing both success stories and research gaps. He showcased various phytoremediation methods such as phytoextraction and phytostabilization, as well as examples of metal hyperaccumulating plants like <i>Noccaea caerulescens</i> and <i>Pycnandra acuminata</i> .
Bioavailability of organic pollutants and sustainable soil remediation	Jose Julio Ortega Calvo (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Sevilla)	José Julio Ortega Calvo discussed processes of bioavailability in soil and their importance for remediation practices during the presentation on the bioavailability of organic pollutants and sustainable soil remediation. He emphasized the role of bioavailability in assessing the risk of soil contamination and suggested integrating biotransformation strategies into low-risk approaches. Ortega

		Calvo's presentation provided valuable insights into soil contamination and sustainable remediation practices.
The Soil Mission ISLANDR project	Marianne Valkama (Geological Survey of Finland, Espoo)	The ISLANDR project (Information-based Strategies for LAND Remediation project - ISLANDR), in which Marianne Valkama is involved, is a multidisciplinary initiative aimed at supporting the implementation of the EU mission: A Soil Deal for Europe. Its aim is to promote the implementation of the Green Deal, in particular aiming to achieve zero pollution by reducing soil contamination, increasing the importance of remediation. This project, funded by the Horizon Europe program, focuses on reducing soil pollution and enhancing restoration processes. Running from May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2026, it involves 14 partners from 13 countries.
Contaminated sites management in Saxony	Ingo Müller (Saxon State Office for Environment, Agriculture and Geology)	Ingo Müller, from the Saxon State Office for Environment, discussed the management of contaminated sites in Saxony, focusing on assessment, remediation, and risk assessment. He emphasized the importance of geochemical surveys, remediation measures, and progress in managing contaminated brownfields and large-scale contamination in the region.
Best practice examples - Chorzów remediation site	Tomasz Stuczyński (Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation – State Research Institute)	The speaker Tomasz Stuczyński (IUNG), who presented best practices in land reclamation in Chorzów. His role involved conveying information about the history of the site, the type of contamination, the remediation methods employed, and the expected outcomes.
Living labs for soil remediation	Mar Ylla (ENoLL) Sabina de Lange (Blauwe Hotspot Dordrecht LL)	Mar Ylla serves as a Junior Project Manager at the event focusing on Living Labs & Lighthouses for Soil remediation.

		<p>Her role includes project coordination, support for the concept of Living Labs, and promotion of the Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe'. In the presentation, Mar Ylla discusses the role of Living Labs in soil health research and innovation, as well as synergies with EU initiatives such as the Climate-neutral and smart cities Mission and Cancer Mission. She also presents the support structure for Soil Health Living Labs and national engagement activities related to Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe'.</p>
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Participants

Elements	Numbers
Registrants on the online form (by the day of the event)	258
Participants during the event	195
Respondents to the feedback survey	32

Stakeholders

Target audience (based on templates)	Specific break out (based on registrants)
Academics and cultural figures:	Academia (89) Agricultural schools/vocational training centre (14); Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (4); Research (22).
Civil society (e.g. NGOs, citizens' associations):	Category association (7); Citizen (1); Thematic association/organization (3).
Governments:	Local authority (1); National authority (28); Regional authority (18); Other/EU authority (1).
Other:	70

Transnationality of registrants

Elements	Specific break out (based on registrants)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total: 43 countries 258 registrants 	Albania (1); Argentina (1); Austria (3); Belgium (6); Bosnia & Herzegovina (1); Bulgaria (1); Canada (1); Croatia (1); Denmark (2); Estonia (2); Finland (2); France (4); Georgia (3); Germany (1); Greece (4); Hungary (2); Iceland (1); Iraq (1); Ireland (1); Israel (2); Italy (18); Latvia(1); Lithuania (3); Luxembourg (1); Moldova(1); Morocco (1); Nepal (1); Netherlands (1); North Macedonia (3) Norway (4); Paraguay (1); Poland (124); Portugal (18); Romania (6); Slovakia (2); Slovenia (1); Spain (17); Sweden (1); Switzerland (1); Tunisia (1); Turkey(4); Ukraine (5); United Kingdom (3)

Engagement

Elements	N°
Questions (received from the audience)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration form: • In the chat: 1
Answers (to quizzes/polls)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you have any experience in soil decontamination/ soil remediation? (73) 2. What type of experience you have? (81) 3. What is most challenging in soil decontamination? (69) 4. What project partners would you look for? (70) 5. What type of innovations are needed? (78)

Networking

Elements	N°	% on the total
Registrants searching for collaborations ()	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium Representative looking for Coordinator (3) • Coordinator looking for Partners (10) • Single Partner looking for Consortium (74) 	34 % of the total registrants

Evaluations

Questions	n° of answers (total: 32) ranked by highest
Event usefulness: Knowledge on the topic addressed during the event	Improved significantly (11) Improved very significantly (5) Improved moderately (7) Improved a little (6) Remained the same (3)
Event usefulness: Actual opportunities of getting to know and connecting with other active participants on this issue	Improved very significantly (10) Improved moderately (7) Improved significantly (7) Remained the same (6) Improved a little (2)
Event usefulness: Understanding of how to address healthy soil challenges through the EU Soil Mission	Improved moderately (8) Improved significantly (8) Improved a little (8) Improved very significantly (6) Remained the same (2)
Event format: What do you think could be improved?	It was optimal duration and time distribution between the sessions was appropriate (22) It was optimal duration but the collaborative session was too short. Time distribution could be improved (8) The event was too short; it would be useful if we had more time to discuss/ask questions/network (2)
Event evaluation: Overall evaluation of the event	10 (10) 8 (10) 9 (5) 7 (5) 4 (2)

A-synchronous fruition of the event

Elements	Within 1 month from the event	By the deliverable submission (month 22)
Nr. of visualizations on youtube	95	104
Nr. of downloads of the slides (Zenodo)	127	249

Considerations by event organizers: did the event meet the premises?

1) Convey and tailor the messages of the Mission Soil for specific and diverse audiences

Elements	Short comment
Healthy Soil Living Labs and Lighthouses concept	This topic was presented at the event, with particular reference to Living Labs for soil remediation
8 Mission Soil Objectives	The objectives of Soil Mission were presented during the event.
Mission's Implementation Plan	The mismatch in timing between the opening of calls and the occurrence of thematic events is not an impediment to the possibility of discussing the issues at hand and capturing emerging interests among participants.
Overall self-evaluation on how the messages of the Mission Soil have been conveyed during the event	The messages of the Mission could have been expressed more precisely; however, given that it was a thematic event, the aim was to provide a holistic understanding of the theme of de-sealing in urban and post-industrial contexts.

2) Support match-making activities, clustering and stimulating stakeholders in Soil Health Living Labs

Elements	Short comment
Participants	The number of participants was satisfactory.
Engagement	The level of engagement was good. Participants answered questions in poll during the event and took part in a discussion.
Stakeholders	The presence was predominantly academic, possibly due to the nature of the organizing partner and/or the fact that universities and research centers have more experience in European funding calls, cooperation, and transnational consortia.
Transnationality	Participants were of different nationalities, which indicates a great interest in the topics covered.
Evaluations (feedback)	Feedback was mainly positive, although some pointed out that there was too little time for questions and discussion. The number of participants who completed the feedback survey was low.
Evaluations (a-synchronous fruition)	TBD
Networking opportunities	Networking opportunities were mentioned during the meeting. It is difficult to assess networking between participants at an online event.
Match-making opportunities	Matchmaking opportunities were repeatedly mentioned and emphasized during the event.

Overall self-evaluation on how the event was able to stimulate networking among participants	The event provided an opportunity for networking among participants interested in soil decontamination and remediation.
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3) Mobilize knowledge, resources and capacities in the specialized topics

Elements	Short comment
Knowledge presented during the event	The knowledge was presented in a clear manner. Many practical examples of soil decontamination have been shown.
Resources made available to the audience	The information and resources provided at the event was useful allowed to consolidate knowledge.
Capacities mobilized	During the organization of the event, the potential for collaboration was realized to the highest degree, resulting from cooperation in ongoing and completed projects. The thematic event brought together a wide range of stakeholders who work with environmental pollution to varying degrees in their professional work (agriculture/urban areas/industry/national/regional authorities).
Overall self-evaluation on how knowledge, resources and capacities have been mobilized during the event	<p>General facts about attending events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many participants attended the thematic event out of curiosity to listen and see what is trending in such meetings, research, and presentation development. - It is not necessarily the case that participants attending the Thematic Event aim to create Living Labs and Lighthouses. - It is important to increase the audience and target promotion to smaller target groups farmers' associations, small foundations, and small organizations working locally. - Messaging to meeting participants, I think this is a good step, in case a few return surveys are received. It is worth sending again in 2 days a return message asking people who have not done so, as long as the system allows it. <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating an event or additional newsletter for people who have registered on the matchmaking platform (as part of task 4.3)

- Reminder social media posts and newsletters about the Zenodo portal, where the materials created by the project are posted
- Resources that can be made available to future applicants - step-by-step instructions in the form of a video on how to submit an application (optionally in the national language)
- A series of interviews with persons actively involved in LL, possibly in the form of a video or an article to be read.



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