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# Launch of the **International Network on Soil Biodiversity**

in the framework of the  
Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory

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Online meeting



## EUSO Soil Biodiversity Technical Working Group

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# European Union Soil Observatory (EUSO)

## Vision

*The EUSO should become the principal provider of reference data and knowledge at EU-level for all matters relating to soil.*

*The EUSO will support the implementation of all soil related objectives of the European Green Deal.*

## 17 November 21 – New EU Soil Strategy



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# EUSO objectives

1. EU-Wide Soil Monitoring
2. Monitoring of soil related policies
3. Support to Research & Innovation
4. Provide a **European Soil Forum**



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# 1<sup>st</sup> EUSO Stakeholders Forum (19-21 October)

- Policy makers, scientists, farmers, NGOs, private sector
- Young soil Researchers Forum
- Five technical working groups
- Soil biodiversity TWG



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# EUSO Soil biodiversity technical working group

- Still in the making
- Open – interested? Get in touch!
- Leadership (shared)
- Meeting (1/2 per year)
- Report(s) and/or policy brief(s)



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# EUSO Soil biodiversity technical working group

Contribute to actions on soil biodiversity of new EU Soil Strategy

**Question 1:** What is soil biodiversity? A clear definition for policy (inventory)

**Question 2:** How is soil biodiversity doing? Names of endangered species (monitoring)

**Question 3:** Are we protecting soil biodiversity? Soil biodiversity indicator(s)



# Collaboration with NETSOB

“Step up efforts in mapping, assessing, protecting and restoring soil biodiversity and support the establishment of the Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory as proposed by the Food and Agricultural Organisation’s (FAO) Global Soil Partnership.”

**EU Soil Strategy to 2030**



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# Collaboration with NETSOB

- Contribute to Global Soil Biodiversity Observatory for EU (LUCAS soil survey)
- Knowledge exchange
- Covering conservation aspects
- Organising joint meeting(s) and publication(s)



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# Thank you

## Keep in touch



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