

ESP Activities

Content Meetings

Members

	2016	2021
Country focal points (+EU)	37	55
Other members	88	149

+ interested ESP partners (non-GSP-members)
Networks interested in and observing the ESP: 50

Network building

Roles of partners/engagement:

- Activities often focus on <u>few</u> partners; roles/benefits/needs must be defined more clearly, incl. working agenda and deliverables
- ToR under revision
- Roles: background on governance provided during 8th ESP Plenary meeting (FAO, perm reps, COAG ,etc.)

Steering Committee:

- New chair (Rainer Baritz, EEA); 2 Vice-Chairs N.N.
- Steering Committee (Chair and vice-chairs, Pillar chairs and co-chairs, European ITPS-members, ESP-Secretariat, NFP-representative N.N., sub-RSP representatives)
- New: ESP Secretariat, in-kind contribution by Germany: Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries, Germany (short: Thuenen-Institute)
- Web site: in preparation

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Partners:

Upcoming:

Germany: Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) 24-28 Jan 2022 "Food security starts with the soil"

The new ESP website will offer space for announcements by its partners

ESP:

7th ESP PLENARY MEETING, 10 Sept 2020

2nd EUROSOLAN meeting 30 Sept – 2 Oct 2020 (GSP Secretariat)

Steering Committee, 18-19 November 2020

Pillar 4/5: ESP-INSII & ESP-P4WG, 3 Febr 2021

Steering Committee, 17 June 2021

8th ESP PLENARY MEETING, 24 June 2021

Preparatory meeting for the GSP PA, 3 Sept 2021

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ESP Implementation plan

- Implementation Plan 2017-2020 (Lessons-learnt in context SDG: **Erdogan et al. 2021**)
- Plan update awaiting GSP action framework

Data/information products:

- GSP data products: establish regional coordination and support (harmonization, border effects); influence global production roadmaps
- Soil monitoring (LUCAS-Soil, stock taking of national soil monitoring (EJP Soil project); indicators and thresholds (EEA/Eionet)
- © European Soil Condition Assessment
- ⟨□ FU Soil Observatory (JRC)

Policies and research:

- Green Deal (zero pollution, fertilizer and pesticide reductions, ecosystem degradation and restoration, soil protection), LULUCF, agricultural and forest policies (carbon farming, good practice)
- Large research consortia (EJP Soil, Holisoil, SIEUSOIL, etc.) and integrated research planning (Mission Board Soil Health and Food)

European Subregional Soil Partnerships

Subcontinents/ countries

EASP

Biogeographic/ cultural/political regions

AlpSP



Chair, coordination unit, 5 Pillars with chairs

Chair, vice-chair, secretariat, 5 Pillars with chairs

Turkmenistan

Kazakhstan

Kyrgyzstan

Tajikistan

Uzbekistan

Russia



PyrSP

Chair, vice chair, secretariat working groups (soil information, soil awareness, soil degradation)

Belarus

Ukraine

Turkey

Moldova

ISP Italian national soil partnership (<u>link</u>)SPT Slovenian national soil partnership (<u>link</u>)

PSP Portuguese national soil partnership (<u>link</u>)

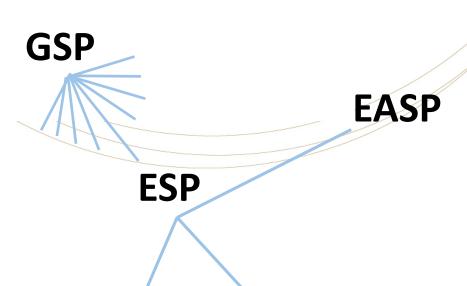
Georgia

Azerbaijan

Armenia

SSP Slovakian national soil partnership (<u>link</u>)

USP Ukrainian national soil partnership (link)



- **Pillar 4**: Sept. 2020: Regional training on national soil Information systems (50 participants)
- Pillar 1: Febr. 2021: Webinar "Sustainable Soil Management.
 Climate Change and Agriculture in the Eurasian Region" (366 participants)
- Pillar 1: Book: SSM in the Eurasian Region (Balyuk et al. 2021)
- https://eurasian-soil-portal.info/

AlpSP

- Pillar 1: Translation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (Slovenian and German)
- Pillar 2: Newsletter (200 soil partners)
- Pillar 2: Preparation of the portable soil monolith (Climate Alliance Tyrol)
- Pillar 2: https://alpinesoils.eu/ (incl. repository of best practices)
- ▶ Pillar 3: Aug 2021: Eurosoil 2021/session "Understanding and managing mountain soils, and related ecosystem services"
- Pillar 2: Nov. 2021: Alpine SOILutions Congress for university students
- Pillar 2-5: 2022: Towards the Act4Soils proposal a new Alpine soil project

PyrSP

- Launched 27 May 202/1
- PyrSP as a Pyrenean soil alliance, based on a regionalized World Soil Charter



ESP: summary

- The ESP is still in the building to become a network of networks
- National partners need more support and inclusion, e.g. via active platforms (EUSO, regional working groups/networks)
- Pillars currently <u>structure</u> the regional implementation and cooperation governance, while the delivery, networking and outreach already now follows "action areas" based on stakeholder needs [pillars can be easily renamed and adapted]
- In general for the GSP: active initiative & outreach by the regional chairs/vice-chairs, and other SC members, are essential drivers
- Terms of reference (roles), secretariat (communication), and a regional decadal implementation plan are important instruments



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