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European Soil Partnership

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Activities

- Steering Committee Meeting 06 April 2022
- Plenary Meeting 05 May 2022

Conclusions

- Improved coordination needed accross the region:
 - improved cross-regional information exchange
 - continue focus on subregions
 - develop regional chapters of GSP assessments
 - apply regional coordination/harmonization of national GSP data products
- The new EU Soil Strategy 2030 will likely boost soil protection in the whole region
- Governance: stronger involvement of focal points, stronger networking with other European initiatives (*discussion ongoing*)
- ESP website (GSP website as umbrella)

Subregional soil partnerships

GSP

ESP

Eurasia

- Eurasia: Book on SSM in the Eurasian Region now published
- New Secretariat and governance to be discussed during a 2022 meeting

Alpine

- Alpine soil conference 2022
- new project: Act4Soils

Western Balkan: in preparation

- Project “Agriculture Policy Dialog Germany – Western Balkan”
- Regional Expert Advisory Working Group on soil management

Pyrenaen

- Working focus under development; *national soil science societies* and regional research institutions as driver

[National Soil Partnerships](#)

Ukraine, Slovakia, Slovenia,
Portugal, Italy

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Active strategy to deepen subregional action

International European Conventions

- Danube River Protection Convention
- Alpine Convention
- Convention for the Protection of the **Mediterranean Sea** against Pollution (Barcelona Convention) (incl. [coastal region](#))
- European Landscape Convention
- **Carpathian Convention** (subregional treaty to foster the sustainable development and the protection of the Carpathian region)

Improved cooperation with other RSPs (e.g. NENA region) desired

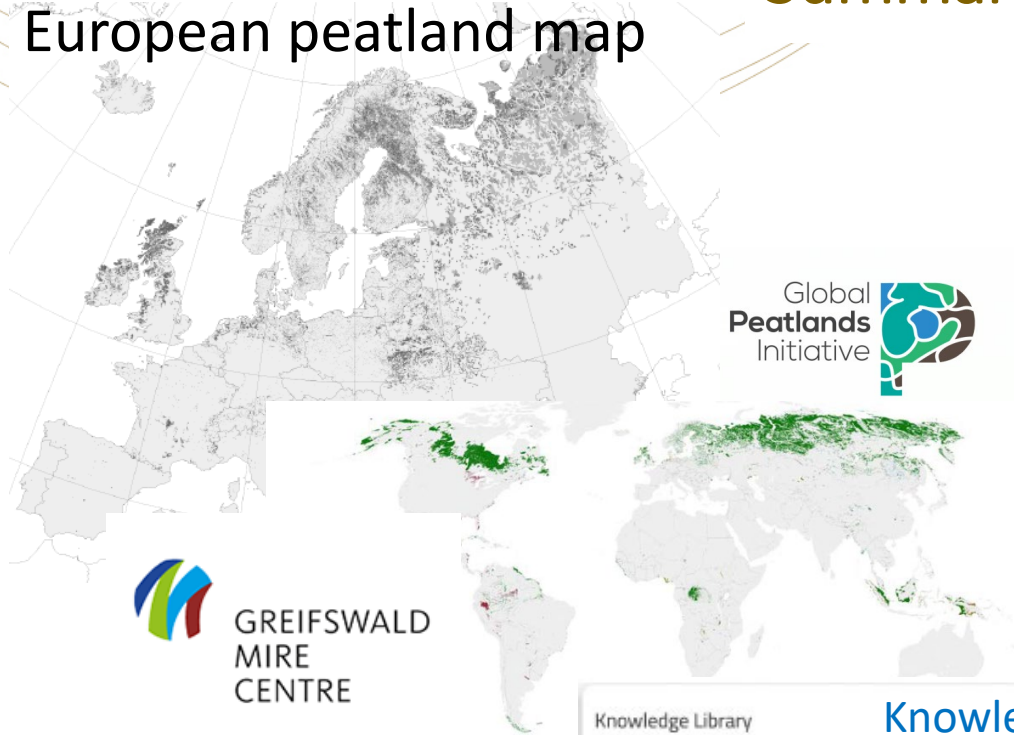
Capacity/support for the ESP is needed to facilitate links between different sub-regional political initiatives/programmes



GSP-relevant actions/products in the ESP region

Summary from the last Plenary Meeting

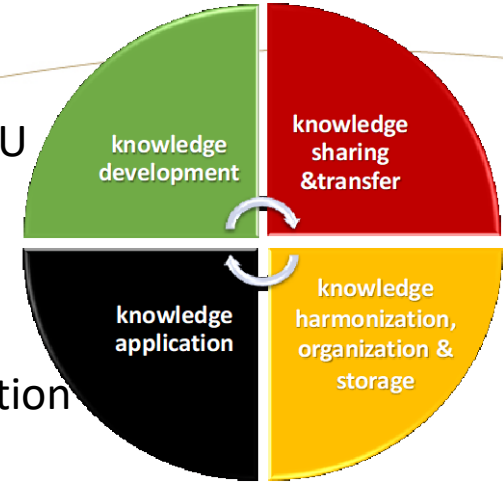
European peatland map



EJP SOIL
European Joint Programme

Soil research calls
Capacity building
Science-to-policy interaction
Soil data infrastructure and harmonization

joint national-EU
soil research
24 countries



German Soil Research
for the Bioeconomy



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Knowledge library

Schlüter, S., Leuther, F., Albrecht, L., Hoeschen, C., Kilian, R., Surey, R., Mikutta, R., Kaiser, K., Mueller, C.W., Vogel, H. (2022)
Microscale carbon distribution around pores and particulate organic matter varies with soil moisture regime

Type of Study: **Site & Soil** | Management & Land Use | Measured Variables | Relationships

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EU Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030





Key messages

- The ESP envisions the strengthening of the European soil agenda (in the global context), through outreach, information flows (which requires *products*), capacity and cooperation at its subregional, national and local levels.
- How can a more effective and supported ESP can be built? In the light of the new GSP action framework, the ESP will embark in a process to explore and communicate its potentials, including inclusive expectation management. A refined terms of reference will likely result, and commitment needs to be established.



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