



**Subgroup on Innovation &
Knowledge Exchange (SolKE)
4th meeting**

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New developments in Horizon Europe

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Horizon Europe Cluster 6 Calls 2024

- The Cluster 6 Calls 2024 are **open since 17 October** for applications
- The calls include 75 new topics with over € 890 million budget.
- The Infodays 2024 took place on 27 and 28 September. Recordings available [here](#).

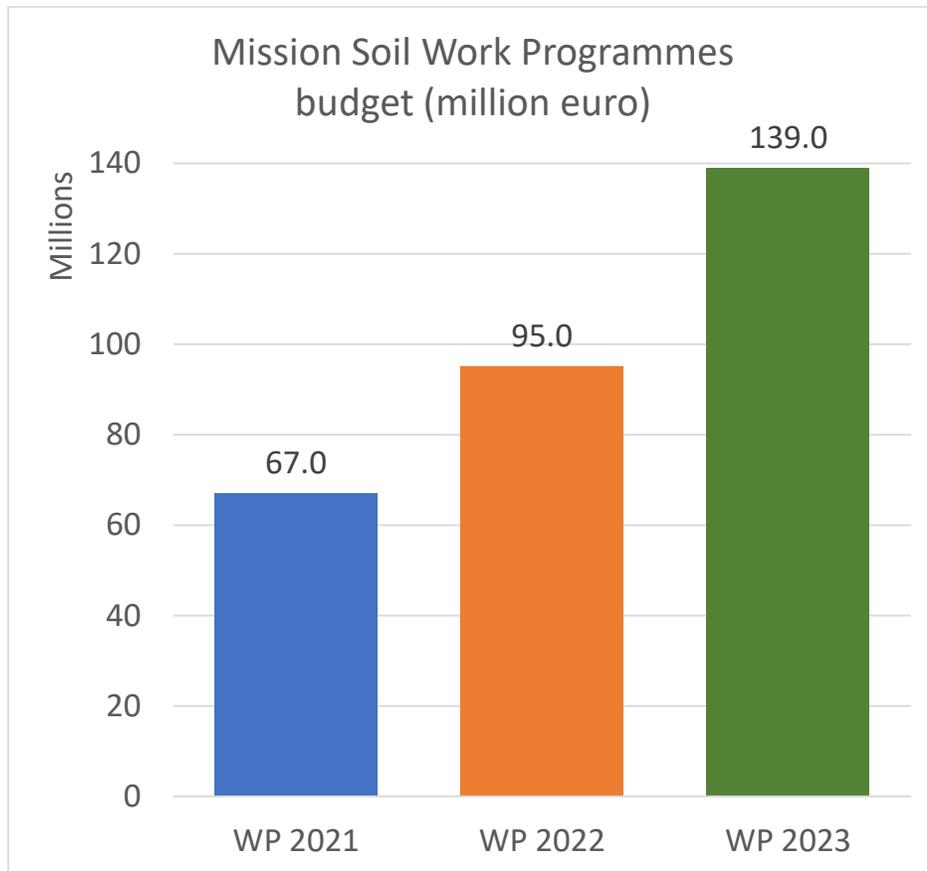


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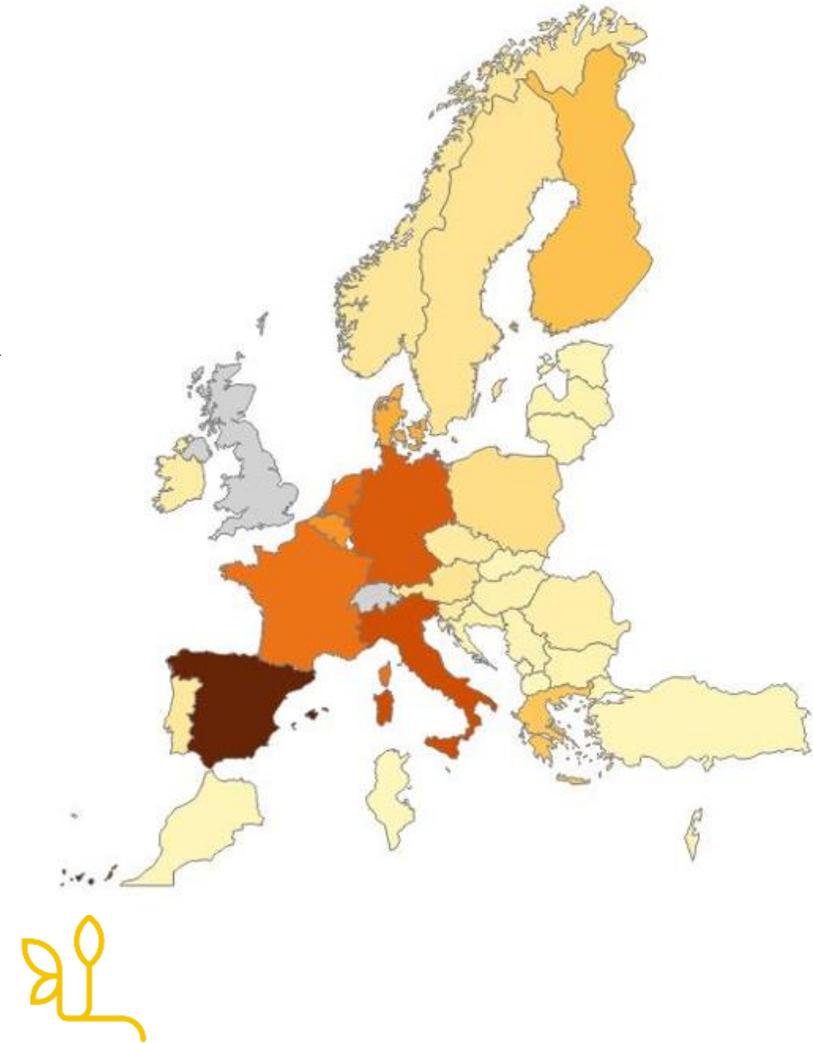
- › Funding opportunities under Horizon Europe for agriculture, forestry and rural areas can be found in the [brochure](#).
- › The EU CAP Network Brokerage event '[Accelerating the innovation process through Horizon Europe multi-actor projects](#)' took place last week on 19 and 20 October.



Mission Soil: state of implementation



- ≈ EUR 300 million (2021-2023)
- WP 2021-2022
 - 27 **signed grants**
 - **EU contribution** EUR 154.2 million
 - **Average per project:** € 5.7 m / 18 partners
 - **Success rate** (proposals): 28.4%
 - **18.6% SMEs** (15% EU contribution)
 - **59.7% HES&REC** (70.7% EU contribution)



Roll-out of Mission Work Programmes

WP 2021

Topics on e.g. soil monitoring and soil health indicators, businesses models for soil health, link between soil health and food quality and safety

Budget: 67 M€
11 projects



WP 2022

Topics on e.g. remediation strategies for contaminated sites, soil biodiversity, use of biowaste for soil improvement, carbon farming

Budget: 95 M€
17 projects



WP 2023

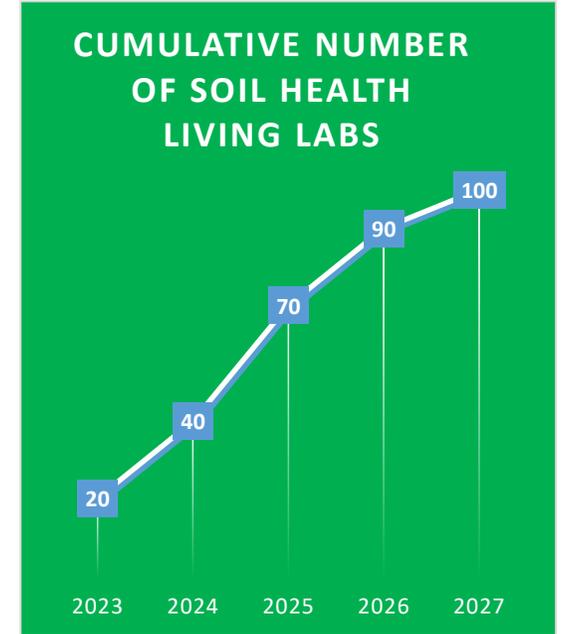
Topics on e.g. Living Labs (incl. carbon farming), on-site digital tech to monitor nutrients/chemical/biological stressors in soil and plants, soil friendly practices in horticulture, combat desertification

Budget: 139 M€
Under evaluation



WP 2024

Under preparation



Phase 1 (2021-2024)
Induction and pilot

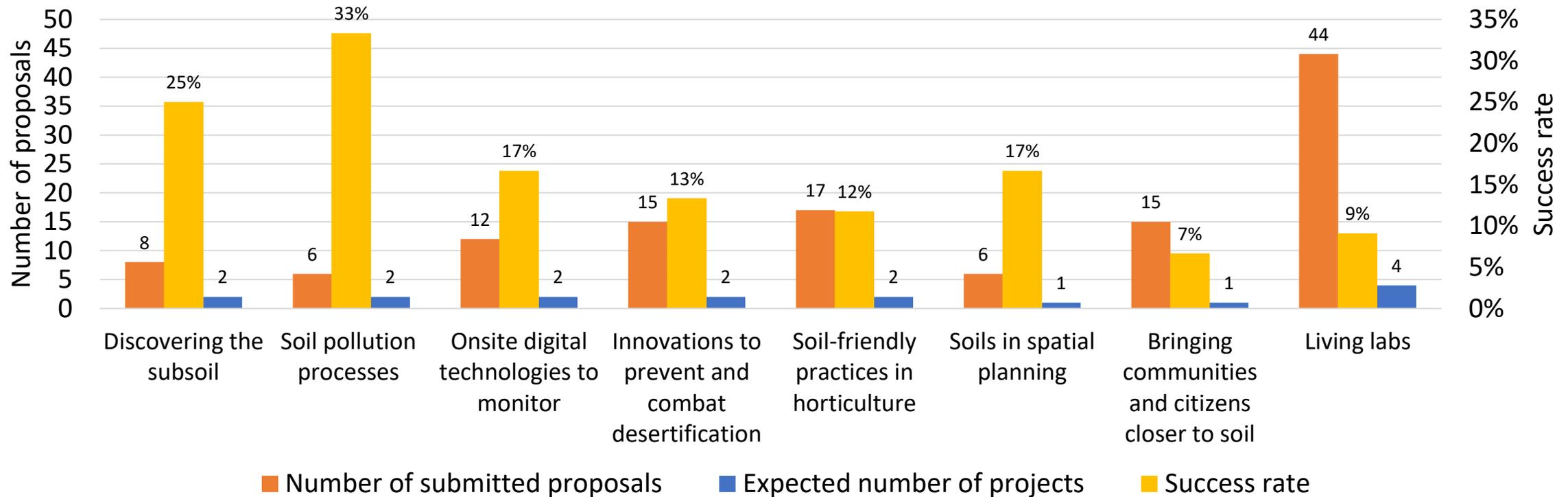
Phase 2 (2025-2026)
Gradual expansion

Phase 3 (2027-)
Scaling-up and mainstreaming

Mission Soil Living Labs and Lighthouses

Work Programme 2023 (preliminary)

Mission Soil Work Programme 2023 Submitted proposals



European Mission Soil Week 21-23 November



Objectives

1. Promote the Mission Soil and the funded projects' achievements
2. Present and discuss relevant initiatives for improving soil health in Europe and how the Mission can contribute
3. Facilitate the networking between the different soil stakeholders

Host

The event, locally hosted by INIA-CSIC at the central facilities of the **Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)**. It will take place under the **Spanish Presidency** of the EU Council.





Join the fast-growing Mission Soil community

A Manifesto in **5 points** to:

1. remind the **importance of soils** for people and the planet
2. **acknowledge the status** of soils
3. **recognise the urgency** to act
4. **support the Mission** and its objectives
5. **take action** as policy makers, organisations or individuals

Everyone can contribute to protect and restore our soils

+1,700 signatories
15% organisations

Sign it!



<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/mission-soil-manifesto>



Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027

Timeline





Thank you

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All results and presentations are available on the event webpage:
<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/subgroup-innovation-and-knowledge-exchange-4th-meeting>

