

[Soil in State of the Environment Report](#)

The ability of soil to deliver ecosystem services — in terms of food production, as biodiversity pools and as a regulator of gasses, water and nutrients — is under increasing pressure. Observed rates of soil sealing, erosion, contamination and decline in organic matter all reduce soil capability. Organic carbon stocks in agricultural soil may have been overestimated by 25%. A coherent soil policy at EU level would provide the framework to coordinate efforts to survey soil status adequately. The **synthesis report** informs future European environmental policy in general and its implementation between 2015 and 2020 in particular. It includes a reflection on the European environment in a global context, as well as chapters summarising the state of, trends in, and prospects for the environment in Europe.

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/soer-2015/europe/soil>



[International Year of Soils 2015](#)

The FAO IYS communications toolkit provides tools and suggestions for informing and engaging the public in soil-related activities. It contains key information and tips. You can use the toolkit videos, photos and promotional materials to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of soils. This material can be shared with community institutions such as schools, local farmers' associations and businesses, and local or national media outlets and government offices.



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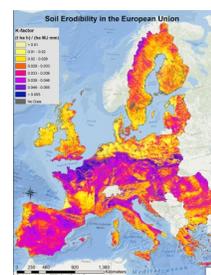
Download it: <http://www.fao.org/soils-2015/communications-toolkit/en/>

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[Soil Erodibility dataset in Europe](#)

An extension to the existing soil erodibility dataset (EU-25) is made available: the K-factor data are available for the 28 European Union Member States (including Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia). Due to a number of requests from non-EU users, extrapolated datasets are now also available covering also Norway, Switzerland, Balkan states, Moldova and Ukraine. Download the data:

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/themes/erosion/Erodibility/>



[Global Soil Week](#)

The Global Soil Week is a collective process and a knowledge platform for sustainable soil management and responsible land governance worldwide. This year's Global Soil Week will highlight the importance of land and soil to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in this the UN designated International Year of Soils. Registration will be open until **2 April 2015**. <http://globalsoilweek.org/>



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EGU 2015 and soil erosion at European scale

In EGU 2015, JRC will present the latest developments on Rainfall erosivity (Session: [Geo-statistics for spatio-temporal analysis of hydrological events and environmental problems](#)) and Soil erosion map at European scale (Session: [Soil Erosion, Land Use and Climate Change: mapping, measuring, modelling, and societal challenges](#))

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