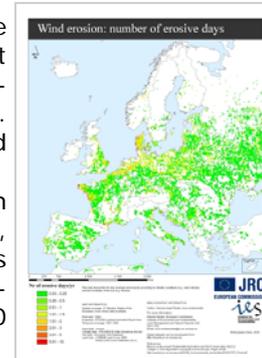


European Soil Portal: <http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

### Wind Erosion dataset (available for download)

**Number of Erosive days:** The dataset provides an overview of the geographic spread of areas prone to wind erosion. This dataset shows the 30 year average soil erosivity according to climatic conditions (e.g. wind velocity) and the erodibility of the soil (e.g. texture). A layer of aggregated data of mean values calculated for the 'Wind erosion - number of erosive days' at NUTS3 level is also available.

**Agriculture Field Parameters** on NUTS-3 regions for Wind erosion research: The dataset contains averaged Field Size, Field Orientation, Field Length, Average Number of Images, Percentage of Large Fields and Length to Width Ratios for the EU 27 Member states and Switzerland, aggregated to NUTS region. The analysis is based on 400 satellite images from the IMAGE2000 archive.



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

### Soil of year 2013

**Awareness Raising:** The Plaggic Anthrosol (Plaggenesch) has been selected as Germany's "Soil of the Year 2013". The German name Plaggenesch combines the terms "Plaggen" and "Esch". "Plaggen", or sods, are flat blocks of soil material with its above herbal or shrub or grassy vegetation and felted



[http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Awareness/Documents/Material/SoiloftheYear\\_2013.pdf](http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Awareness/Documents/Material/SoiloftheYear_2013.pdf)

### Summer of Soil

Summer of Soil is a 5-week, multi-disciplinary accelerator program designed to awaken and inspire a collaborative movement to rebuild and maintain living soils. The program will include a series of hands-on soil-related Courses, an exhibition of regenerative growing practices and the 5-day Living Soil Forum. 99% of our food comes from our soil. 25% of this soil as already been degraded to the level where it can no longer support food production. We are losing 10 million hectares of fertile soil each year. That is 30 soccer fields per minute. The FAO, EU and others recognize the importance of soil and warn for the negative influence of unsustainable agriculture.



**Venue:** 7 JUL - 9 AUG 2013, Järna, Sweden.

<http://www.summerofsoil.se/>

### Trainee Vacancy in SOIL Action, IES, JRC, Ispra, Italy

Trainee in "Inventory of Contaminated Sites in Europe" (only for Turkish citizens). The ideal candidate should have a master degree in chemistry, physics, engineering or environmental science. Previous experience with contaminated sites management is an advantage. Duration: 12 - 24 Months, **Deadline:** 18/2/2013

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/vacancies/Attachments/2012-IPR-H-TUB-1083-1.pdf>

### Open vacancies in JRC and other Institutions

A number (>20) of open vacancies in environmental (and soil-related) fields. Posts are available in Joint Research Centre, ISRIC, and other organisations/universities, etc

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/vacancies/>

**Work Programme 2013** for SOIL Action is Available. Deliverables and Objectives of the Action are included.

[http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/jrc\\_soil/WP/WP2013.pdf](http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/jrc_soil/WP/WP2013.pdf)

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