

**Conference:**

# **SmartSOIL: sustainable soil management aimed at reducing threats to soils under climate change**

**09:00 – 17:20, Wednesday, 30 September 2015**

Halles des Tanneurs, Rue des Tanneurs 58, 1000 Brussels – Belgium

The final conference of the SmartSOIL project is organised in two parts:

1. The morning session (9:30 – 14:10) will highlight the key messages on the impact of soil management practices on crop productivity, soil organic C stocks and other ecosystem services. Moreover, the SmartSOIL decision support toolbox for farmers, advisors and policy makers will be introduced and demonstrated.
2. The afternoon session (14:10 – 17:20) will offer a forum to discuss project implications for policy and practitioners, including innovative approaches and policy options for promoting beneficial management practices.

The conference seeks to bring together stakeholders, such as representatives of the European Parliament, European Commission, farmers' unions and advisory services, NGOs, Member States and regional authorities, as well as researchers.

## Provisional Agenda

Event facilitator: Peter Woodward, independent moderator, Quest Associates

<b>09:00</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
<b>09:30</b>	<b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b> <i>Peter Woodward, Quest Associates</i> <i>Massimo Burioni, DG Research</i>
<b>09:50</b>	<b>Global agenda for climate-smart agriculture and soil management</b> <i>Pete Smith, University of Aberdeen</i>
	<b>Key messages from SmartSOIL</b> <i>Jørgen E. Olesen, Aarhus University</i>
	<b>Table discussion and Q &amp; A for clarification</b>
<b>10:50</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>

<b>Theme 1: SmartSOIL Decision Support</b>	
11:10	<b>Incorporating stakeholder perspectives and local contexts to develop effective decision-support for policy and farmers</b> <i>Julie Ingram, CCRI</i>
	<b>The SmartSOIL Tool and Toolbox – demonstration</b> <i>Kirsten Schelde &amp; Jens Grønbech Hansen, Aarhus University</i>
	<b>SmartSOIL Conversations – Table discussion</b>
12:30	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>Theme 2: Harnessing economic opportunities for farm business</b>	
13:20	<b>Opportunities for Farm Business</b> <i>Dominic Moran, SRUC</i>
	<b>Farmers’ perspective – Interview</b> <i>TBC</i>
	<b>Table discussion and Q &amp; A for clarification</b>
<b>Theme 3: Towards improved policies for soil organic matter and soil quality</b>	
14:10	<b>Introduction to the afternoon session</b> <i>Peter Woodward, Quest Associates</i>
	<b>SmartSOIL policy recommendations</b> <i>Ana Frelih-Larsen, Ecologic Institute</i>
	<b>Table discussion to validate policy recommendations</b>
	<b>Feedback and discussion with stakeholder panel</b>
15:20	<b>Refreshments</b>
15:40	<b>Operationalising policy recommendations – Table discussion</b>
16:50	<b>Feedback and plenary discussion</b>
17:20	<b>Close</b>