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[Joint Global Soil Partnership/e-SOTER workshop](#)

Strengthening of Soil Data and Information is one of the main pillars of action of the FAO Global Soil Partnership. Knowing the state of the art of Global soil data and information for serving different users demands is a crucial activity. This will then allow the global community to develop a coordinated joint plan of action for generating the required data and information in the coming future. In this regard that the Global Soil Partnership together with the EU-funded e-SOTER Project (coordinated by ISRIC) are organizing a one week workshop **“Towards Global Soil Information: activities within the GEO Task Global Soil Data”** at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy from 20-23rd March 2012.



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/esoter/Documents/GSP_eSOTER.pdf

[Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative first open meeting](#)

The Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative will host its first Open Meeting immediately after the Planet Under Pressure Conference in London, England. We encourage all, including Planet Under Pressure attendees, to join us at the ExCel Center, London(UK), Friday March 30th 9:00am - 3:00 pm to discuss the future direction of the GSBI. We are particularly interested in your input during a working session where we will identify examples of why soil biodiversity matters, identify the available data that supports these examples, and determine the priorities for next steps for the Initiative.



<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/InternationalCooperation/GSBI/Documents/GSBI-OpenMeeting-announcement.pdf>

[Spanish and Portuguese version of the Calendar are available](#)

ES: Este calendario, y el “Atlas del Suelo de América Latina y Caribe” del que surge, son iniciativas en el marco del Programa EUROCLIMA, que tiene como objetivo fomentar la cooperación entre América Latina y la Unión Europea en materia de cambio climático.

PT: Este calendário e o correspondente Atlas de Solos da América Latina e do Caribe são iniciativas do Programa EUroclIMA, que busca fortalecer a cooperação entre a América Latina e a União Europeia nas questões relacionadas às mudanças climáticas.



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Awareness/calendar2012_PT.html

[Work Programme 2012](#)

Policy Implementation: The Work Programme 2012 for SOIL Action is Available. 2012 deliverables and objectives of the Action are described.

http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/library/jrc_soil/WP/WP2012.pdf

[REACTIF - Research on climate change mitigation options for agriculture and forest](#)

Call for proposal: The goals of this research are to increase knowledge on how agriculture and forest can contribute to climate change mitigation. The 3 following scales are included: (i) processes (know more about emission/sequestration of GHG in agriculture and forest), (ii) evaluation of production systems (how to integrate climate into evaluation schemes as LCA) and a (iii) territorial design (how to organise agriculture and forest at local scales to mitigate climate). Soil is a crucial compartment at any of those scales (e.g. C stocks, N emissions, effects of practices).

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Utilities/calls/Documents/Reacctif.pdf>

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