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#### Call for Proposals (Environment)

7th Framework Programme for Research calls relevant to soils (or land):

- FP7-ENV-2013-ONE-STAGE: Mobilising environmental knowledge for policy and society, etc
- FP7-ENV-2013-TWO-STAGE: Land cover and land-use change and climate change mitigation, Transition to sustainable, low-carbon societies, Sustainable land care in Europe, Development of advanced technologies and tools for mapping, diagnosing, protecting and managing cultural landscapes in rural areas, Urban biodiversity and green infrastructure, etc...



Download the [Work Programme 2013 - Environment \(including Climate Change\)](#)

**Deadline:** 16/10/2012

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/utilities/calls/>

#### First Global Soil Week "Soils for Life"



**Global Soil Forum**  
Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V.



**Umwelt Bundes Amt**  
For our Environment



United Nations Convention  
to Combat Desertification

The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) Potsdam and its partners will host the First Global Soil Week (GSW) to take place in Berlin on 18-22 Nov 2012. The IASS's Global Soil Forum conceived the GSW as an international multi-stakeholder event on land and soils and their sustainable governance/management. It will offer a forum of interactive exchange and dialogue where stakeholders from science, government, business and civil society will come together to share their land/soil related experience and expertise and to develop plans of action for the future. The First GSW will take place within the framework of the FAO's Global Soil Partnership and will provide a platform to initiate follow-up actions on land and soil-related decisions made at the Rio+20.

<http://www.globalsoilweek.org/>

#### EU-funded soil related projects

**Interesting Inventory:** A list of 36 soil-relevant projects which have been financed by the 6th and 7th Framework Programme for Research during the last decade. The list includes links to the project websites and the major deliverables of those projects. Other types of Projects (LIFE+, eContentPlus, ....) are also included.

<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Eufunded/Eufunded.html>

#### 17 June: World day to combat desertification

Press Release: Making drylands more resilient with a CASCADE of new research. People who live in drylands know that they can cope with scarcity of water up to a point, but sometimes their way of life becomes just too difficult to continue. It is the same with natural and agricultural ecosystems.



<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/cascade/Resources/CASCADEpressRelease.pdf>

#### Soil Carbon Sequestration: A solution for climate, food security and ecosystem services—Iceland 27-29 May 2013

The aim of this conference is to highlight the growing importance of conserving and restoring soil organic carbon for a multiple of win-win benefits within various land type and land use settings. Carbon has a crucial role in soil fertility, and hence for food security, nutrient and water retention, biodiversity and ecosystem services. The conference will review the state of science and further knowledge needs involved.

[http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future\\_events/SOILCARBONSEQUESTRATION2013.pdf](http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future_events/SOILCARBONSEQUESTRATION2013.pdf)

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