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Update on the latest developments in the Horizon Programme

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Horizon Europe [Strategic Plan 25-27](#) was published in April 2024. The SP will steer EU research and innovation funding 2025-2027, addressing the key challenges including sustainable agriculture. The SP announces the creation of a new co-funded European Partnership on Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future.

[Work Programme 23-24 amendment](#) calls close **8 September 2024** and includes three relevant topics for agriculture:

- ✓ HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-03-1
Spotlight on plant priority pest: **fall armyworm** (*Spodoptera frugiperda*)
- ✓ HORIZON-CL6-2024-CLIMATE-02-1
New knowledge and innovations for **climate-smart farming** - connecting research stations
- ✓ HORIZON-CL6-2024-GOVERNANCE-02-01
European Partnership of **Agriculture of Data**



The second Horizon Europe strategic plan will steer research and innovation funding within and beyond Europe, to tackle the key global challenges such as climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity, the digital transition and an ageing population.

From fundamental research to breakthrough innovation and deployment of innovative solutions, the strategic plan directs investments into the green and digital transition, building a more resilient, competitive, democratic and inclusive Europe.

To ensure it is fit for purpose, the strategic plan has been developed together with the Member States, Associated Countries and the European Parliament through extensive exchanges including a large public consultation and a citizens' engagement event. The evidence for the strategic plan is based on the [Strategic Plan Analysis](#).

IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE THROUGH THE STRATEGIC PLAN



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Horizon Europe WP 25 preparation: in progress



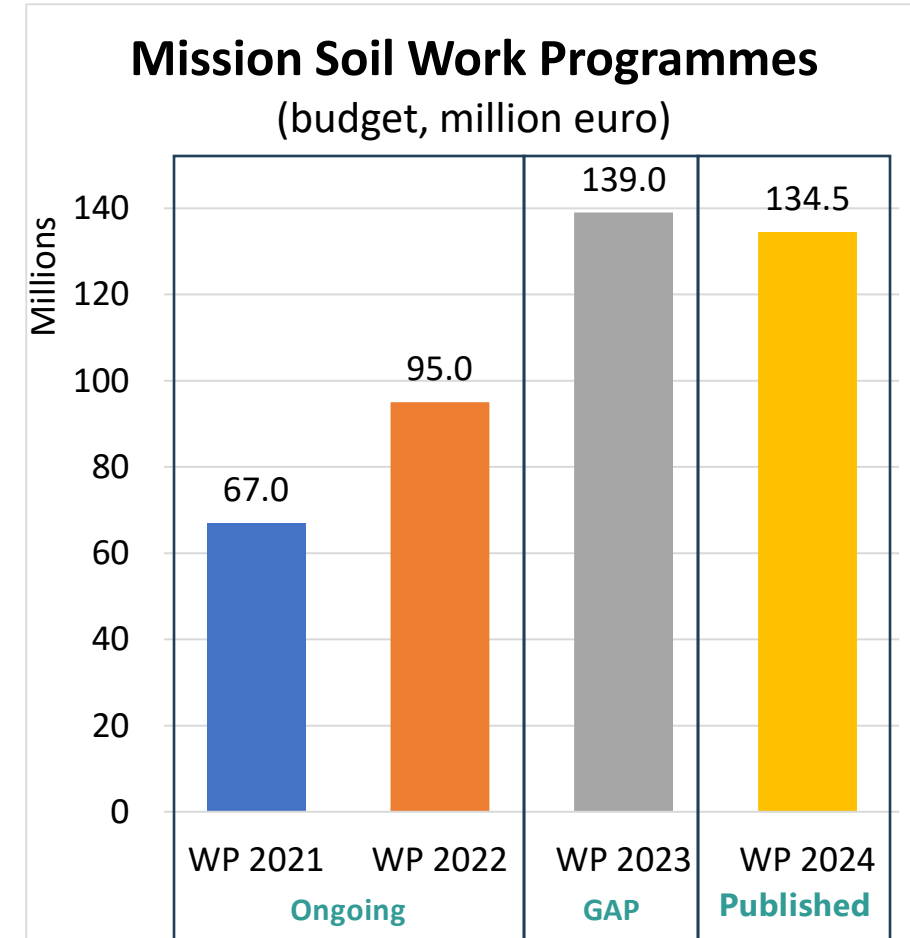
Stakeholder feedback opportunity
(spring 2024)



EU Mission Soil : state-of-play (1)

19 new projects selected under the 2023 call will be starting between June and October 2024, adding up to the 28 currently on-going Mission Soil funded projects.

including 5 Living Labs projects (meaning 25 new Living Labs) will be soon kick off their activities





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EU Mission Soil : state-of-play (2)

New call for the 2024 Mission Soil Work Programme now open!

9 topics on: soil erosion, nitrogen fluxes, soil health and pollinators, soil biodiversity, healthy crops, carbon farming, and forest peatsoils, establishment of Living Labs, and cooperation for soil health in Africa.

Applications close on 8 October 2024:

[Calls for proposals | EU Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu)

EU Missions Info Days 2024: 25-26 April - presentations and recording available here: <https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/3WjiVunxm0t5j4zQlVax3Q/programme>

Mission Soil Work Programme 2024 available here: [wp-12-missions_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](https://europea.eu)

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Save the date: European Mission Soil Week 2024

12-13 November 2024, Brussels

These two days will include engaging activities, keynote interventions, panel discussions, networking, and more!

On 14 November, there will be an **exclusive side event**, open to Mission Soil funded projects only, featuring cluster meetings on data and knowledge management, soil indicators and monitoring, as well as communication and stakeholder engagement.





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Mission Soil Manifesto

Objective

Non-legally binding document to formalize stakeholder and citizen participation in and support to Mission activities.

Who can sign it?

Individuals and organizations (regional and local public authorities, private and public organisations, NGOs, philanthropic organisations, schools, universities, research institutes, associations).

Why to sign it?

Become part of a **community**, gain visibility, access to Mission-led knowledge, involvement in Mission activities beyond Horizon Europe calls.

Sign it!

2,926 signatories
of which
514 legal entities (*local and regional authorities, associations and NGOs*)



<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/mission-soil-manifesto>

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Synergies with Horizon highlighted at the EU CAP Network Conference ‘EIP-AGRI Operational Groups: Innovation in practice’

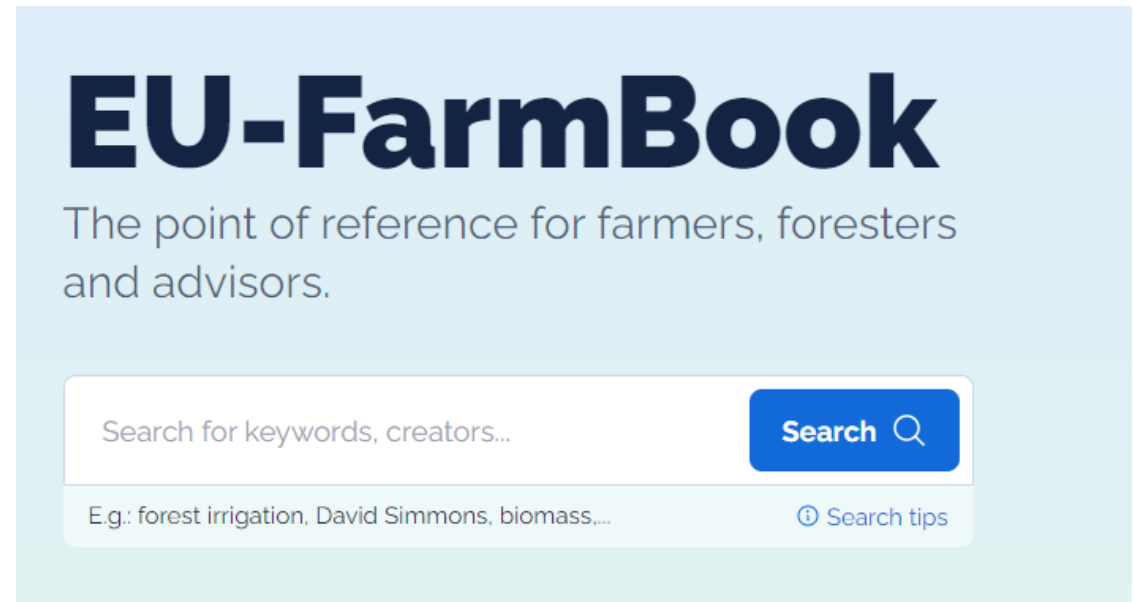


- Horizon Europe opportunities highlighted at the **plenary panel discussion** on “effective sharing, use and scaling up of Operational Group projects’ outcomes”
- DG AGRI F2 & Horizon projects in the **exhibition area**: ATTRACTISS, PREMIERE, ModernAKIS, EU-FarmBook, Forest4EU, Nutri-Know, Soil-X-Change, BBioNets
- Horizon projects provided examples how they can support EIP-AGRI OGs at the **breakout sessions**: ATTRACTISS, i2connect, PREMIERE, modernAKIS, EU-FarmBook, FOREST4EU



Recurrent request to feed results of EIP-AGRI OGs (and other projects) into the EU-FarmBook platform!

- **EU-FarmBook**, is a Horizon Europe project that aims to build an **online platform**, gathering and sharing agriculture and forestry knowledge.
- Can all the tangible outputs of EU-funded research and innovation projects be brought together and organized in one user-friendly platform to help get practical knowledge into the hands of the farmers, foresters, and advisors across Europe who need it most?
- Yes! But the project **needs your contributions** to make it possible!



EU-FarmBook

The point of reference for farmers, foresters and advisors.

Search for keywords, creators...

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E.g.: forest irrigation, David Simmons, biomass...

[Search tips](#)

New developments in Horizon Europe

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All results and presentations will be available on the event
webpage:

<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/subgroup-innovation-and-knowledge-exchange-soike-6th-meeting>

