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SOILSTICE

Agenda 13 November at 9:30-11:30 CET

09:30–09:40 | **Welcome and introduction**
Introduction of participants and framing of the webinar
Kristiina Tammets, ELARD

09:40–10:00 | **The EU Soil Mission in the current and future EU programming context**
European Commission project officer (*tbc*)

10:00–10:20 | **Introduction to the SOILSTICE project**
Project objectives, expected outcomes and main activities
Abdul Otman, ECOLISE

10:20–10:30 | Q&A

10:30–10:50 | **Capacity building for local actors within the SOILSTICE project**
Capacity-building activities and the role of Local Action Groups
Sally Bogale, Gaia Education

10:50–11:10 | **Communication and dissemination at national and local levels**
The role of LEADER networks and Local Action Groups
Mariam Younes, REVOLVE

11:10–11:30 | Q&A and closing discussion, Kristiina Tammets, ELARD
Discussion and brainstorming on:

- the relevance of soil-related topics for LEADER networks and LAGs;
- how LAGs could contribute to soil-related actions at local level;
- how soil-related priorities could be integrated into Local Development Strategies (LDS) for the next programming period.

Background information about SOILSTICE:

The project aims to strengthen participatory soil governance through **Territorial Management Agreements (TMAs)** and will:

- Co-create and implement 40 TMAs in 11 countries.
- Engage at least 10,000 citizens.
- Train more than 200 facilitators and local authority representatives.
- Mobilise more than €100 million through CAP, LEADER and other funding sources.
- Create a long-term governance framework for healthy soils.

SOILSTICE contributes directly to EU Mission "A Soil Deal for Europe", **one of the five EU Missions under Horizon Europe**. Its main goal is to establish **100 Living Labs and Lighthouses by 2030** to accelerate the transition towards healthy soils in both rural and urban areas.
More than 60% of soils in the EU are currently considered unhealthy, making soil restoration a key EU priority. **The EU Mission SOIL targets 75% healthy soils by 2030.**

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Mail invitation to ELARD members:

Dear ELARD members,

ELARD is a partner in the Horizon Europe project **SOILSTICE**, which addresses a topic highly relevant to Local Action Groups: **citizen engagement in sustainable land management through local and regional authorities**. At a later stage of the project, a **cascade funding scheme will also be launched where LAGs across Europe can participate**.

To introduce the project, its activities and its relevance to LAGs, we warmly invite you to join the **SOILSTICE webinar on 13 November from 9:30 to 11:30 CET**.

During the webinar, we will present the project and explore how LAGs can engage with and benefit from its activities.

Information about rural territories in Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, UK and Albania that are already involved in the project is available here https://elard.eu/soilstice/#project-partners

Please REGISTER to the webinar here: https://forms.gle/nWiFyZ5m5FoddiiN8

Webinar agenda and further background information about the project is provided below.

We look forward to seeing you at the webinar!

On behalf of
ELARD / SOILSTICE team
Kristiina Tammets