

# Newsletter

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## Who we are

The ESSC is an interdisciplinary, non-political association with members in 42 countries. Its members include researchers, teachers, students, farmers, planners and policymakers with interests in agriculture, soil science, geographical science, economics, forestry, ecology and environment.

## What we do

The ESSC pursues its aims by:

- supporting research on soil degradation, soil erosion and soil conservation
- providing a network for the exchange of knowledge about soil degradation processes and soil conservation research and practices
- producing publications about major questions of soil conservation
- consulting administration and policy makers on soil conservation issues



*We started in 2024 with the new Newsletter and we would like to invite you to follow it and to join us to protect our unicum environment*



Joining the European Society for Soil Conservation is definitely the value added of one's career. As an ESSC member, students, teachers, researchers, professionals, administrators, will always find a fruitful interaction with other professionals and academic researchers involved in soil conservation. ESSC members will always have an opportunity for cultural exchange and/or professional growth.

If you wish to join ESSC you need to fill in the membership registration form from the ESSC web site and submit it via WEB.

<https://www.soilconservation.eu/>



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# What is new in Europe

# What is new in the World

## • Centennial Celebration and Congress of the International Union of Soil Science/ May 19-21, 2024, Florence, Italy

100 years of soil science past achievements and future challenges:

We will be there!

<https://centennialiu2024.org/>



## • Soil Mission calls - actual

The Soil Mission work program 2024 has published new calls with 9 topics for 13 projects with a total budget of 134.5 Million Euros. The topics are: soil health in Living Labs(LL), LL in urban areas, dynamic monitoring of soil erosion, systems to quantify nitrogen fluxes, pollinators and key ecosystem functions, soil biodiversity for healthy cropping systems, high spatial-resolution monitoring approaches for carbon farming, forest peat soils, soil health in Africa. Calls start day is 8.5.2024, dead line is **8.10.24**. Calls are mentioned in the main HE WP document (pages 268-299):

Visit European Commission official website for more info on this mission

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-12-missions\\_horizon-2023-2024\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-12-missions_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf)




## • European Mission Soil Week 2024 (12-14 November 2024)

Mark your calendars for the **European Mission Soil Week 2024** that will be held on 12-13 November 2024 in Brussels (**BluePoint Brussels**, Blvd Auguste Reyers 80, 1030 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.

<https://mission-soil-platform.ec.europa.eu/index.php/news-events/european-mission-soil-week-2024>

## • Our new leaflet



Conservation measures in landscape in Czech Republic. Photo by Bohřav Šarapatka.

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Field with erosion. Photo by Inga Oringland, MBO, Norway (photo on front cover).



**EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR SOIL CONSERVATION**



Different soil tillage methods. Photo by Geir Tveit

### WHO ARE WE?

The European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC) was founded on 4th November 1988 to promote soundly based policies of soil conservation in its broadest sense throughout the countries of Europe.


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- supporting research on soil degradation,
- soil erosion, and soil and water conservation,
- providing a network for the exchange of knowledge about soil degradation processes, and soil and water conservation research and practices,
- producing publications about major questions of soil and water conservation,
- consulting administration and policy makers on soil and water conservation issues.

The ESSC publishes a Newsletter that includes reports on land degradation and sustainable land management research, reports of meetings, announcements of forthcoming seminars and other Society activities, summaries of theses and reviews of publications. The ESSC facilitates contacts with colleagues interested in soil and water conservation in its broadest sense. Every four years, the ESSC organises an international conference in Europe.



Field excursion during ESSC congress in Tirana, Albania. Photo by Lillian Øygarden.

**JOIN THE ESSC FAMILY TODAY**

As an ESSC member, students, teachers, researchers, professionals, administrators, will always find a fruitful interaction with other professionals and academic researchers involved in soil and water conservation. ESSC members will always have an opportunity for cultural exchange and/or professional growth.

Members receive our Newsletter four times per year, get reduction for our conference fees and can, if younger than 20 years, apply for a grant of €500 to participate in our conference or in a conference of one of our partners. If you wish to join ESSC you need to fill in the membership registration form from the ESSC web site and submit it online.

### MEMBERSHIP RATES

- 25 Euro per year individual membership or €70 per three years for individual membership.
- €15 per member per year or €40 per member per three years for institutes/societies with at least 10 members.
- Students can have 50% reduction.

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.soilconservation.eu](http://www.soilconservation.eu)



Field excursion during the 34th ESSC conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Photo by Bohřav Šarapatka.