



Soil is Life, is Food, is Future

round table - on line via web platform

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"All4Climate – Italy 2021" Program promoting 2021
as the Year of Climate Ambition @PreCop26ITA
and @Connect4Climate using the hashtag #All4ClimateItaly2021

The context

The multifunctional nature of soil and land resources and competing demands on them merit close scrutiny. There is a common understanding that soil, as a limited and non-renewable resource at high risk of degradation, has to be preserved.

The European Union (EU), with the Green Deal for Europe (launched in 2019), created new conditions for preserving soils for future generations and concretely fighting climate change.

In this regard, soils play a pivotal role, as reflected in agricultural policy, the Farm to Fork strategy, the Biodiversity strategy, the law on Climate, and other related environmental policies.

The EU also indicated in its roadmap to a resource-efficient Europe its aim to achieve no net land take by 2050 as well as committing to land degradation neutrality by 2030. Finally, the European Commission has launched an online public consultation on the development of a new EU Soil Strategy.

All this creates the conditions for a new specific soil strategy model to be addressed to COP26.

The round table participants

The complexity of soil touches many soil actors with different interests.

The difficulty lies in understanding the each actor's needs, and converging towards a common vision regarding the protection of soils to halt their degradation and consumption.

The representatives of different sectors will attend the round table and will raise awareness on the soil and provide possible solutions to reverse the current trend of soil degradation and consumption that affects all EU Member States.

The sectors that have been identified and invited are industrial farmers, organic farmers, builders, land tenure, unions, planners, local and regional administrators, civil society organisations, private industry, food industry, researchers, and European and international institutions.

The round table will be recorded and a related publication will be produced, subject to agreement from every speaker.



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Round Table Programme (still not fully finalised)

A - Introduction

- * Welcome by (Organisers)
- * European Commission - Andrea Vettori - DG Environment
- * Technical rules for Round Table (by the Moderator)

B - ROUND TABLE Moderator

Soil problems and solutions:

- * **Research** - Eleonora Bonifacio
Vice-president, Italian Society of Pedology (SIPe)
- * **Biological farmers** - Eric Gall
IFOAM Organics International
- * **EU Parliament** - Eleonora Evi
ENVI Committee
- * **Builders** - Paul Cartuyvels
President, ECTP European Construction Technology Platform
- * **Land Tenure** - Evelin Jürgenson
PhD, Associate Professor at Estonian University of Life Sciences
- * **International Institutions** - Ronald Vargas
FAO - Global Soil Partnership
- * **Private industry** - Florence Jeantet
Managing Director, OP2B One Planet Business for Biodiversity
- * **Unions** - Arnd Spahn - Political Secretary Agriculture Sector
EFFAT European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions
- * **Local Administrators** - ICLEI (name of participant tbc)
International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
- * **European farmers and farm workers** - Via Campesina (tbc)
European Coordination
- * **Farmers** - COPA - COGECA (invited)
- * **Regional administrators** (invited)

INTERVENTIONS by floor participants

VIDEO I'm the Soil by Riccardo Mei

C - ROUND TABLE

Recommendation for COP26 - All speakers
INTERVENTIONS by floor participants

D - Emerging convergences

comparative analysis by external commentators

- * Hannes Lorenzen
President ARC 2020 - Agriculture and Rural Convention
- * Dr. Edward Mueller
Common Earth, Roadmapping National-Scale Regeneration Working Group
- * Barbara Geiger
Actress, Fräulein Brehms-Tierleben

E - Comments by speakers and by the floor

F - Conclusions by Save The Landscape Forum

N.B. A cartoonist will accompany the meeting with his drawings

To register:

<https://www.lasolastrada.it/registration/>

More details:

<https://www.lasolastrada.it/soil-is-life-is-food-is-future-28-06-2021/>

Documents suggested by the speakers:

<https://www.lasolastrada.it/suggested-documents/>