SOILSCAPE

The story of soil, science and art

SOILSCAPE Open Call - an overview

2,010,000 € total budget

36 sub-projects

SOILSCAPE FSTP

3 STRANDS

12 SUB-PROJECTS

EACH STRAND

- **1 x 150,000€** — TRANSNATIONAL
- **1 x 100,000€** — NATIONAL
- **2 x 50,000€** — LOCAL

SOIL ORCHESTRAS FSTP

24 SUB-PROJECTS

3 PER COUNTRY

8 COUNTRIES

UP TO **40,000€** PER SUB-PROJECT

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STRAND 1...

- INNOVATIVE COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS

IMAGINE-SOIL:

Communicating Soil Futures with Citizens and Communities

Combines science, digital art, and citizen participation to help people in the Ulla River basin understand local soil degradation and imagine possible future soil conditions.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Tesla Technologies | VOGA | AMABUL

SOIL:

Subterranean Organisms Investigation & Learning

Engage children, schools, families, and citizens through workshops, interactive installations, videos, and the #SoilHeroes campaign to reveal soil biodiversity, inspire everyday soil-regenerating practices, and build an active community of soil stewards.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Studio Studio Naturalistico Hyla | AboutUmbria

REmuer Ciel et Terre, an educationAL playground

A nationwide educational game rolled out through environmental education centres that lets people explore soil functions through playful,artistic, science-based treasure-hunt activities.

RESPONSIBLE OPRG

Manon Thedrez / individual | Zahrane Garczarek / individual
Arnaud Vautier / individual

SoilSparks

A youth-led initiative where young people co-create messages, challenges, and micro-learning modules that connect soil protection to everyday life and motivate practical soil-friendly actions.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Bantani Education vzw | EUROPARC

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STRAND 2

ORGANIZE AND PROMOTE ARTISTIC-SOIL RELATED ACTIVITIES

Love for Soil

Worm Box, composting with participatory music, theatre workshops and artistic exercises.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Osuuskunta Ehta Raha
TOTEM-teatterin kannatusyhdistys ry | Loiskis ry

ART-SOIL-URFA

A blending of Şanlıurfa's soil heritage with creative arts to help gifted young people and their communities understand soil's value through hands-on, soil-based artistic work.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

KARAKOPRU SCIENCE AND ART CENTRE

Touching Landbodies – Unearthing soils above forgotten wastescapes

A travelling art–science project that reveals the hidden soils of Dutch landfills through mapping, installations, and local field trips that prompt new perspectives on post-natural landscapes and material circularity.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Sigrid Schmeisser | ISRIC

Seeds of Connection – Soil Literacy & Innovation through Digital Arts

A cross-European art–science collaboration that turns soil's invisible ecological functions into interactive digital cultural experiences, enabling citizens to explore, interpret, and experiment with soil systems in creative ways.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Ars Electronica | KIKK | WRO Art Cente

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STRAND 3

DEPLOY INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, AND PARTICIPATORY METHODOLOGIES TO ENGAGE CITIZENS WITH SOIL PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION

Regenerar 2026: Thriving Soil and Culture across Generations

A community-based programme that brings together schools, farmers, universities, and citizens to learn about, restore, and care for local soils through regenerative gardens, training, networks, and public events.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Fundação Mendes Gonçalves

SENS:
Sensory Exploration of Nexus in Soils

A multisensory soil-biodiversity workshop that helps people experience soil as a living ecosystem and provides an open toolkit for schools and communities to adopt sustainable soil practices.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

CIRAD
Conservatoire Botanique National et CPIE Mascarin

Living Soils Project – Creative Communities for Healthy Urban Soils Project

A national effort to restore urban soils while engaging diverse citizens in ecological restoration, citizen science, and participatory art to turn soil health into a shared cultural and educational experience.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Sdl Investigacion Y Divulgacion Del Medio Ambiente Sl

Immersive XR Living Labs for Soil Awareness and Education

A combined physical and virtual learning programme where communities, especially young people, monitor real soils in Living Labs and explore soil processes through augmented reality to build practical soil skills and literacy.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

BLUEZONA

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INFRATERRA

A participatory dance and sound-art project that uses scientific soil data to guide collective explorations and performances that reshape how people perceive and relate to living soils.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

n-Kerminy **Compagnie Héliotropion**

SOLS EN SCENES

A documentary-theatre project that blends staged storytelling with hands-on scientific and artistic workshops, enabling participants to study, handle, and create with local soils to build deeper soil literacy and appreciation.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Company A VUE DE NEZ

Those who live on it

A multi-media storytelling pathway centred on a short fiction film that connects everyday life with soil issues through sensory imagery and expert insights, helping unfamiliar audiences understand and value soil as a vital living system.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Oeil de Brume

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Living Grounds

An artistic and educational project that reveals urban soil as a living ecosystem through sensory workshops, soil walks, and interactive mapping to foster ecological awareness and community connection.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Gradoscope | Institute for Circular Economy
Sofia Blooming Society

SoilMe Connecting Soil Culture & Community

A combination of exhibitions, workshops, lectures, screenings, and participatory experiences including a “soil bar" with local produce to engage the public in soil literacy and community-based environmental care.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Studio Komplekt Ltd | Digital Spaces Living Lab
Forest Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

SOil Information and Literacy through contemporary DaNce and Awareness

A multimedia performance using dance, music, and storytelling to engage youth and the public emotionally and intellectually with soil’s ecological and cultural value, empowering participants as soil ambassadors.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Sofia Development Association | Helios - Sofia

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Soil Explorers: Family Edition

An eco-educational kit for children and parents that combines hands-on activities, storytelling, and reflection to teach soil value, biodiversity, and sustainable practices.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Fondazione per la Gestione dell'Orto Botanico Universitario

Soil Guardians

A cooperative Fortnite-based game where children learn soil science and urban sustainability by making decisions that affect soil health, water, and biodiversity in a simulated city environment.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Imagination of Things

Raising Our Offspring Through Soil - ROOTS

A participatory artistic performance for children and families that translates soil science into engaging, co-created experiences to foster soil literacy and long-term community awareness.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Fondazione Tones on The Stones ETS

Associazione culturale DRAGOLAGO

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GERMANY



Give soil a voice – a musical journey under the surface of Lippe

A short immersive film that visualizes soil changes across global ecosystems, combining time-lapse, augmented data, and sound to engage young adults emotionally and intellectually with climate-driven soil transformations.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

County of Lippe | RealTV group GmbH & Co.KG



The Near and the Elsewhere: Reading the Soil's Unstable Archive

The multimedia installation explores soil as a dynamic archive and a medium that records traces of human activity. It draws on the idea of soil as a “humic reservoir of culture,” preserving historical, social, and artistic traces while continuously undergoing physical, chemical, and biological transformation.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

REICHRICHTER | Merzouga

Geological Survey of North Rhine-Westphalia (GD NRW)



Sascha und der Erdgeist (Sascha and the Soil Spirit)

An interactive, multilingual theatre experience where families and students co-create mythic stories linking soil health to human and community needs, learning soil science and pledging actions for local impact.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Compagnie L’instant même France

Instant MIX Theater Lab Europe

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POLAND

Warsaw Soilcentrism: Urban Soil Encounters

A series of interdisciplinary, participatory workshops blending art, science, and hands-on soil engagement to build ecological knowledge, emotional connection to soil, and sustainable action.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

MOST Cooperative

Relict Soil

An artistic expedition across Poland where soil is used to naturally dye canvases and create art, combining workshops and exhibitions to explore human–soil relationships and raise environmental awareness.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Association of Polish Artists and Designers

Solid Ground. Garden City – Living Soil

A community co-created theatre project combining performance, workshops, and scientific insights to raise awareness of soil's role in life and inspire local regeneration actions.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Centre for Culture and Civic Initiatives (CKiIO)

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FINLAND

Living Images of Urban Soil Memory

A project combining visual art and soil science to reveal urban soil microbes and soil memory through participatory workshops, exhibitions, and multimedia, making microbial life tangible and relatable.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Mattila Creative Oy

Urban Soil Literacies

A participatory project using walks, installations, interviews, and home experiments to help urban residents reconnect with soils and explore ways to enhance everyday soil–society relationships.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Cooperative Vind

The Soil is Art

A project that combines artistic workshops, installations, and educational materials to deepen public understanding of soil as a living system and foster care for soil health.

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL

Ellenor Rose Nish - Studio Moki

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SWITZERLAND

SoilChange – Stories of Transformation

A three-part documentary series showcasing urban, industrial, and agricultural soil restoration, highlighting soil's renewal potential and inspiring public awareness and action.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Schubkraft Lernmedien GmbH

Soil Bodies- the Living Tapestry

An art–science project that uses soil to transform textiles, creating participatory installations and garments that make soil's ecological and cultural impact visible through fashion.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

Edie Lou Studio | Agroscope

Monoculture Mod

A Minecraft modification where players restore or deplete post-industrial soils, learning soil literacy and ecological principles through immersive, interactive gameplay.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

UBEMA GMBH

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The Great Succession

A youth-led concert where children and festival visitors create music and art from soil-based materials, learning about ecological succession and soil protection while participating in a large-scale interactive festival finale.

RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION

LANDRA | TEQUE

GRAIN

An open-air performance combining soil-based musical instruments, aerial circus, and motion sensors to explore the connection between earth, seeds, and ecosystems, engaging audiences through interactive art and science.

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL

Fernando Mota

MESH

An artistic installation using transparent soil columns and multisensory experiences to reveal soil biodiversity, structure, and resilience, fostering public awareness and hands-on learning about soil systems.

RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS

Madalena Vidigal | Joana Albuquerque | Luís Cunha

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