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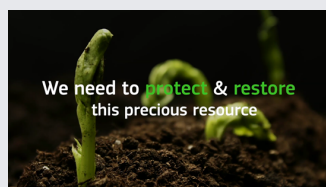


EU commitment to improving soil health for the benefit of people, food, nature and the climate

Soil health is essential for food production, clean water, biodiversity, and resilience to climate change.

The European Union is committed to strengthening soil protection and restoration, with the aim of achieving healthy soils by 2050.

This priority is directly aligned with the approach of the ECOBASE project, which focuses on nature-based ecological solutions to mitigate soil degradation.



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- Chamber of Aetoloakarnania, EL
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- Region of Western Greece, EL
- Agri-Food Partnership of Western Greece, EL
- Agricultural Cooperative of Fruits & Vegetables, Grains and Olive Oil of Amaliada, EL

Installation of six new precision agriculture stations in local olive groves and citrus orchards, in collaboration with the Chamber of Aetoloakarnania

Protecting soil health, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources, and strengthening the resilience of agricultural systems to climate change are key priorities of the ECOBASE project.

In this context, six precision agriculture stations were installed in local olive groves and citrus orchards in Aetoloakarnania, in cooperation with the University of Patras and the University of the Peloponnese, and with the contribution of the Chamber of Aetoloakarnania, within the framework of the SoilMET project.

The initiative highlights the role of modern monitoring tools in improving the understanding of soil and water conditions, supporting evidence-based decision-making, protecting productive resources, and enhancing the competitiveness of the primary sector.



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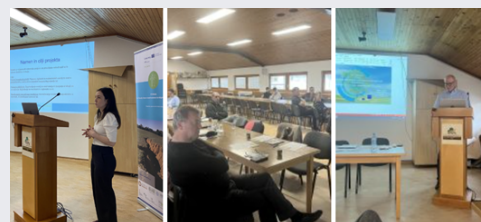
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Start of Educational Seminars on agricultural holdings with a focus on ensuring soil health within the framework of the ECOBASE project in Slovenia

The ECOBASE project's series of training seminars was launched in Slovenia, with a focus on safeguarding soil health and preventing soil degradation.

During the two-day seminar, organised by CCIS-CAFE and KGZ Ptuj, participants were introduced to the objectives of the ECOBASE project, as well as practical approaches to maintaining the health of agricultural soils, with particular emphasis on soil sampling, microorganisms, biodiversity and sustainable agricultural production.

The initiative contributes to knowledge transfer and to strengthening the resilience of agricultural systems across the Adriatic-Ionian region.



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Restoring soils and advancing sustainable agriculture in Europe by turning soil health into economic value – The MultiSoil project in Finland



The European MultiSoil project brings together 15 partners from eight European countries and is coordinated by the Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke). The project focuses on restoring agricultural soils and linking them to more efficient and sustainable farming systems by testing practices such as the application of organic materials, the use of beneficial microorganisms, and the implementation of diversified cropping systems.

Its core approach is based on the understanding that soil is not merely the physical foundation of agricultural production, but a critical productive asset that can enhance fertility, reduce the need for chemical inputs, and deliver tangible benefits to farmers, businesses, and local economies. The experience of MultiSoil is also highly relevant to ECOBASE, as it demonstrates how scientific knowledge can be transformed into practical field-based solutions capable of supporting more productive, functional, and economically sustainable agricultural ecosystems.

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CAPACITY BUILDING EVENTS FOR ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN SOIL QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND PROPER SOIL SAMPLING PRACTICES

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Invitation to Capacity-Building Events on Soil Quality Management and Soil Sampling in Aetoloakarnania

On 27 and 28 July 2026, the Chamber of Aetoloakarnania organises two Capacity Building events, aimed at strengthening the knowledge, capacities and skills of farmers and other stakeholders involved in soil quality management and proper soil sampling, and invites anyone interested to participate in this theoretical and practical training that will be held in Stamna, at the Municipality of Sacred City of Messolonghi, Aetoloakarnania.

The events are implemented in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture of the University of Patras - Lead Partner of the ECOBASE project and the Agricultural Cooperatives of Olive Producers Ancient Oleneia and Aitolia Olives.

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