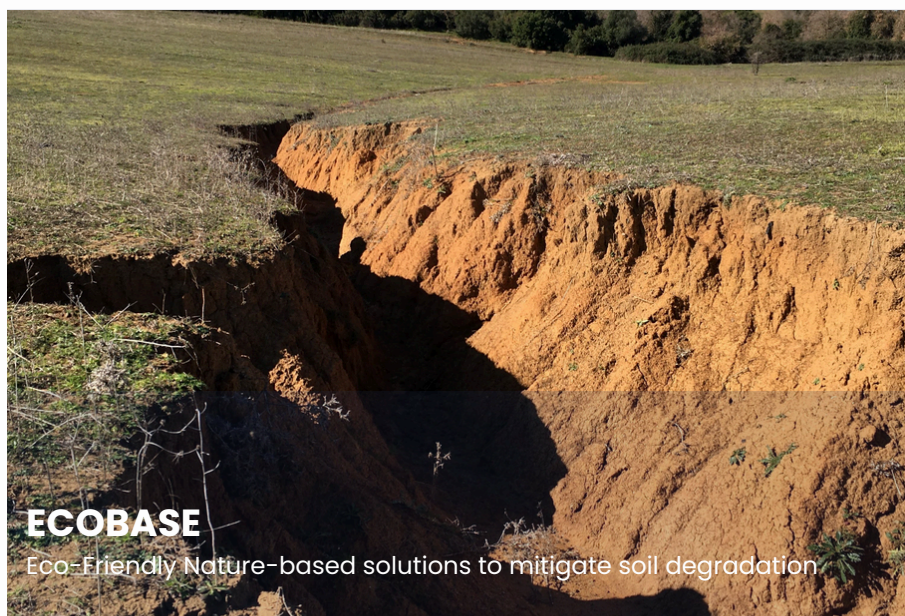


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Invitation to a Workshop on Promoting Sustainable Practices and Tools within the ECOBASE Project

The Chamber of Aetoloakarnania, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture of the University of Patras (the project's Lead Partner), is organising a workshop on promoting sustainable practices and tools within the ECOBASE project. The workshop will take place on Monday 5 October 2026 at 18:00 at Amfilochia Port, as part of the 3rd Amfilochia Agricultural Exhibition, 'AGRO AMFI 2026'.

The event aims to familiarise participants with selecting, implementing and evaluating appropriate soil management practices, as well as with the practical use of the platform developed within the project.

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ECOBASE Capacity-Building Events in Aetoloakarnania

Stamna, Aetoloakarnania, hosted two capacity-building events on 27 and 28 July 2026 within the ECOBASE project, aimed at strengthening knowledge and skills in soil quality management and proper soil sampling. The first day focused on theoretical training in modern approaches to protecting and managing soil health, as well as proper soil sampling practices. The second day provided practical training through exercises and field activities.

The events were implemented by the Chamber of Aetoloakarnania in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture of the University of Patras (Lead Partner of the ECOBASE Project) and the Agricultural Cooperatives of Olive Producers Archaia Olenia (Stamna Olives) & Aitolia Olives.



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Installation of 14 New Precision Agriculture Stations in Aetoloakarnania through a Strong Partnership

The Chamber of Aetoloakarnania, in strategic collaboration with the Region of Western Greece, the Agri-food Partnership of the Region of Western Greece and the University of Patras (Department of Agriculture), supported the installation of 14 new stations for precision agriculture and ground-based soil monitoring in local olive groves and citrus plantations.

This significant initiative is being implemented within the TAGsTwo project (Interreg VI-A Greece–Italy 2021–2027) and the SoilMET project (National Recovery and Resilience Plan ‘Greece 2.0’), in synergy with the ECOBASE project (Interreg IPA ADRION 2021–2027).



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Landslides and Ground Subsidence in Western Greece: High-Risk Areas and Causes



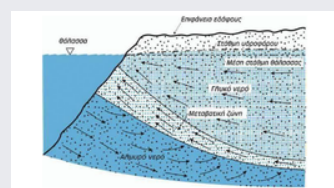
Landslides and ground subsidence are common in the region due to its rugged terrain, tectonic activity and high rainfall. Areas such as Aetoloakarnania, mountainous Nafpaktia and Thermo are particularly vulnerable, with both natural processes and human activities contributing to these phenomena.

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Salinization of Aquifers in Western Greece: Affected areas and Causes

Aquifer salinisation in Western Greece, including Aetoloakarnania, occurs mainly in coastal zones and areas with karst aquifers. It is caused by climate change (reduced rainfall), rising sea levels and the over-abstraction of groundwater through boreholes.

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Understanding the Difference between Soil Health and Soil Fertility

Understanding your soil is the foundation of sound farm management. Soil analyses provide farmers, agronomists and landowners with the data they need to assess and improve the physical, chemical and biological properties of the soil, supporting decisions that enhance productivity and long-term sustainability. However, not all soil analyses provide the same information. There are two distinct approaches — soil fertility analysis and soil health analysis — and understanding the difference between them is essential to achieving the best possible results from your farming activities.



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