

# Giving soils more voice!

ESP-JRC-ENSA 2019 @ Summer of Soil  
European Network on Soil Awareness



19-20 September 2019

Fruittuin van West Organic Farm

Amsterdam, The Netherlands



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The sixth ENSA-JRC meeting aims to bring together people who have a common aim of raising awareness of the importance of soil. The meeting is a forum to exchange best practices and learn about what is happening across Europe.

A key focus of this meeting will be a dedicated marketplace of soil awareness activities in The Netherlands.

The meeting supports the implementation of the European Soil Partnership Plan of Action on education and soil awareness.

**Proposals for short interventions are welcome.**

For further details about any aspect of the meeting and for contributions, please contact any of the following people:

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## Registration

Online registration is required via:

<https://web.jrc.ec.europa.eu/remjrc/screen/meeting/3706/registration-form>

*Login and then scroll to find:*

*JRC-ENSA Soil Awareness 2019 (Amsterdam)*

Deadline for online registration is **13<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

## Payment

**No fee** is requested to participate in the workshop

Reimbursements options are conditional upon EC-JRC reimbursement policies. There are some costs involved for meals

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**EUROPEAN SOIL  
PARTNERSHIP**

The European Soil Partnership (ESP) reflects the regional implementation of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP), an initiative of FAO supported by the EU, for increased governance of soil. Specifically, the ESP facilitates cooperation and knowledge sharing within the broader European region.

Pillar 2 of the ESP addresses policy, awareness, education, extension and investment. Pillar 2 is wide ranging in scope and that its core issues underpin many of the actions of the other pillars. In particular, the need to address the lack of societal awareness of the importance of soil, combined with a lack of education, is partly responsible for unsustainable land management, an overall lack of investment in soil and a political reluctance to meaningfully adopt and ensure soil protection and enhancement measures.

## Thursday 19 September

### Focus of the day: Netherlands campaigns

**10:00 Internal Meeting:**  
**Working Group Soil Awareness**

**12:00 Registrations and Lunch at Fruittuin van West**

**13:00 Welcome remarks**

Pieter Ploeg, Summer of Soil, Amsterdam

Arwyn Jones, European Commission Joint Research Centre & Chair European Soil Partnership Pillar 2

Gabriele Broll, European Network for Soil Awareness; University of Osnabrueck

**13:30 Activities on soil awareness in the Netherlands (Chair W. Towers)**

Volkert Engelsman/Michael Wilde, Nature & More/EOSTA: Save our Soils Campaign

Co Molenaar/Margot de Cleen, Rijkswaterstaat Bodem

Third presentation TBC

Introduction to Marketplace on activities in the Netherlands (Chair Pieter Ploeg)

**15:30 Coffee break and networking opportunities**

**16:00 Marketplace of campaigns from the Netherlands (Open to Public)**

**18:00 Tour exhibition “The Living Soil” by Summer of Soil**  
Pieter Ploeg

**19:00 Dinner and networking opportunities at Fruittuin van West (Open to Public)**

## Friday 20 September

### Focus of the day: Activities on soil awareness in Europe

**09:00 Presentations (Chair: Arwyn Jones)**

- Willie Towers: outreach/cultural aspects of World Congress of Soil Science 2022
- Anna Krzywoszynska: Soil Care Network
- Karen Vancampenhout: Soil awareness in Belgium/ MOOC Tropical Soils
- Taru Sanden: TeaTime4Schools

**10:30 Coffee break and networking opportunities**

11:00 Citizen Science and soils Grow Observatory

11:30 Space for ad hoc presentations.

12:30 Discussion

**13:00 Lunch (self-pay) and networking opportunities**

**14:00 Start of afternoon session (Chair: G. Broll)**

Arwyn Jones/DG ENV [TBC]: Overview of developments in soil policy in EU

General discussion on how to stimulate increased momentum in European Soil Partnership Pillar 2

Next steps

**Summary and conclusions**

**15:30 End of meeting & Refreshments**

## Practical info

### Venue

Fruittuin van West is a unique venue for this meeting. This organic self-picking orchard, cafe, shop and event location has various composting experiments and is hosting the Summer of Soil. [www.fruittuinvanwest.nl](http://www.fruittuinvanwest.nl) —> **Tom Schreursweg 48, Amsterdam**

### Travel to Venue

Transport from Schiphol Airport will not be provided. Instead, take a train to Amsterdam Sloterdijk (10 min from Schiphol Airport) and take a taxi from there (10min), or get in touch **via pieter@commonsoil.org** about the possibility of shuttle service from Amsterdam Sloterdijk. Travel by public transport requires a 15 min walk.

### Accommodation

- Park Plaza Amsterdam Airport (Melbournestraat 1, Lijnden)
- New Century Hotel (Fogostraat 10, Amsterdam)
- More than 10 hotels close to Amsterdam Sloterdijk Station

For further logistical questions, please contact Pieter Ploeg: —> [pieter@commonsoil.org](mailto:pieter@commonsoil.org)

**Full travel details will be supplied to registered participants.**

