

Policy Seminar
"Sustainable Agriculture and Soil Conservation" (SoCo Project)

Jointly organised by the Joint Research Centre and DG Agriculture and Rural Development

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CCAB - Brussels (room 0D)*



Agenda



9:00 – 9:30	Plenary session – Opening	Chair: M.A. Benítez Salas (DG AGRI)
(10 min)	Opening remarks by the Chair	
(20 min)	SoCo project: Background & Objectives	M. Scheele (DG AGRI)
9:30 – 10:45	Session 1: Soil degradation processes – agricultural perspective	Chair: G. Tóth (JRC/IES) Rapporteur: T. Ratinger
(20 min)	SoCo: European overview on soil degradation processes related to agriculture	E. Rusco, L. Montanarella, B. Maréchal (JRC/IES)
(15 min)	Identifying soil degradation processes	T. Stuczyński (Plant Cultivation State Research Institute, Poland)
(10 min)	How to adapt European agriculture to the challenges of a changing world?	J. F. Sarreau (APAD, France)
(15 min)	Effective agricultural soil policy tailored to local-level conditions	M. Kibblewhite (Cranfield University, UK)
(15 min)	Discussion	
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: Adequate farming practices relevant for soil conservation	Chair: G. Bidoglio (JRC/IES) Rapporteur: Š. Bojnec
(20 min)	SoCo: Review of farming systems and practices	P. Prosperi, J.M. Terres (JRC/IES)
(15 min)	Conservation agriculture: A farmers perspective (UK)	A.J. Bullock (UK)
(15 min)	Conservation Agriculture: Its deliverables for an effective Soil Conservation and comments on the SoCo findings	G. Basch (ECAAF)
(15 min)	Soil Conservation Agriculture practices and Farming System adapted to local condition (Marche Region, Italy)	M. Tiberi, G. Ciabocco (ASSAM, Italy)
(25 min)	Discussion	
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:00 – 15:15	Session 3: Keynote addresses	Chair: L. Dormal-Marino (DG AGRI) Rapporteur: D. Baldock
(15 min)	Keynote address by Deputy DG L. Dormal-Marino	L. Dormal-Marino (DG AGRI)
(15 min)	Keynote address by MEP S. Le Foll	S. Le Foll
(30 min)	Main results and recommendations of the SoCo Project, including presentation of the fact sheets	S.H. Gay, G. Louwagie (JRC/IPTS)
(15 min)	Discussion of SoCo project results	
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:45 – 17:00	Session 4: Existing legislation and policy instruments (including case-study results and national implementation)	Chair: C. Olazábal (DG ENV) Rapporteur: P. Dupraz
(20 min)	Policy instruments and implementation: SoCo case studies (overview)	J. Schuler, K. Helming (ZALF), Katrin Prager (HUB) (Germany)
(15 min)	La préservation des sols agricoles dans la politique du Ministère de l'agriculture et de la pêche française	D. Rat (Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche, France)
(15 min)	Success stories of policy implementation	D. Baldock (IEEP, UK)
(25 min)	Discussion	
17:00 – 18:00	Plenary Session – Closing	Chair: M. Scheele (DG AGRI)
(30 min)	Presentation of main findings by each Session Rapporteur	
(20 min)	Discussion	
(10 min)	Closing remarks	(Representative from DG AGRI)