

**Targeting soil laboratories and long-term field experimental sites (LTEs) located at institutions outside the EJP SOIL consortium who intend to improve research and enhance collaboration**

**The call is open from 01.09.2022 and will close 30.09.2022.**

The results of the evaluation process will be announced individually to applicants by the end of October 2022.

### **Rationale and aim**

The European Joint Programme “EJP SOIL - Towards climate-smart sustainable management of agricultural soils” aims at facilitating the access to the European soil infrastructure by financially supporting laboratories and/or long-term field experimental sites (LTEs) with regard to analyses/samplings related to the scope of the EJP SOIL. This is considered an important opportunity to obtain additional analyses and exchange expertise with researchers and technicians at one of the EJP SOIL host organizations.

This call is in line with the EJP SOIL Impact pathway EIA 3 “**Strengthening scientific capacities and cooperation across Europe including training of young soil scientists**”.

### **Who can apply**

The visiting grants programme provides financial support to laboratories and LTEs from outside the EJP SOIL running analyses or samplings for researchers from EJP SOIL partner institutions or non-EJP SOIL partner institutions within the European Union (EU) if the idea behind the application contributes to EJP SOIL Expected impacts.

Laboratories and LTEs from inside the EJP SOIL can participate in the call and will use the money that has been allocated to task 7.4 in their budget. Applicants from inside the EJP SOIL will not receive additional funding through the calls.

The application is a joint process of the laboratory/LTE and researcher/technical staff who has interest in the analyses or samples. The applying researcher has to be employed at an organization within the EU. The laboratory/LTE has to be in a member state of the EU.

*A limited number of grants will be reserved for applicants from non-European countries!*

Funds will be granted to the researcher/technical staff, in order to pay for analyses or soil sampling carried out by the laboratory or LTE. No visits of the researcher are included in the grant and will be at on the researchers own costs.

### **Proposed activities**

Activities proposed for the visiting grants can be:

- analyzing soil samples using a method that is not implemented at the researchers home institution,
- taking soil samples from a long-term field site or get access to soil data that expand and upgrade the researchers own dataset and lead to additional knowledge and new perspectives in the respective research topic.