

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

**The call is open from 01.04.2024 and will close 31.05.2024.**

The results of the evaluation process will be announced individually to applicants by mid-June 2024.

The visits granted have to be finished before October 2024.

### **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, foster harmonization of methods and databases, 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 grants provide financial support to

- (i) EJP SOIL partners, by funding soil sampling and/or analyses performed by LTEs/LABs outside the EJP SOIL consortium. Here, the application is a joint process of the LTE/LAB and researcher/technical staff who is interested in the analyses or samples. The applying researcher has to be employed at an organization within the EU. The LTE/LAB has to be in a member state of the EU.
- (ii) externals, by funding physical visits (travel and accommodation) to LTEs and/or laboratories inside the EJP SOIL consortium (EJP SOIL partners and LTEs/LABs included in the EJP SOIL database: <https://eipsoil.eu/long-term-field-experiments-laboratories>). Laboratories and LTEs from inside the EJP SOIL will have to use the money that has been allocated to WP7 in their budget.

*A limited number of grants will be reserved for applicants (researchers, LTEs, LABs) from non-European countries!*