



Welcome to the webinar

Visiting Scientists & Access to infrastructure

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Today´s agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction; *Katharina Meurer*
2. Call "Visiting scientists" (T5.4); *Bożena Smreczak*
3. Call "Access to Infrastructure" (T7.4) ; *Katharina Meurer*
4. Organisational framework & Subcontracting; *Katharina Meurer*
5. Application procedure; *Katharina Meurer*

European Joint Programme Soil – EJP SOIL

- Towards climate-smart sustainable management of agricultural soils
- Started: 01 Feb 2020
- Duration: 60 months
- Lead: INRAE, France
- Number of countries involved: 24

France	Latvia
The Netherlands	Lithuania
Austria	Norway
Belgium	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal
Denmark	Slovakia
Estonia	Slovenia
Finland	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Hungary	Switzerland
Ireland	Turkey
Italy	United Kingdom



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- 1. Fostering understanding of soil management and its influence on climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainable agricultural production and environment.*
- 2. Understanding how soil-carbon sequestration can contribute to climate change mitigation at the regional level and accounting for carbon.*
- 3. Strengthening scientific capacities and cooperation across Europe including training young soil scientists.*
- 4. Supporting harmonized European soil information, including for international reporting.*
- 5. Fostering the uptake of soil management practices conducive to climate change adaptation and mitigation.*
- 6. Develop and demonstrate region- and context-specific fertilization practices (soil, water and pedoclimatic conditions).*



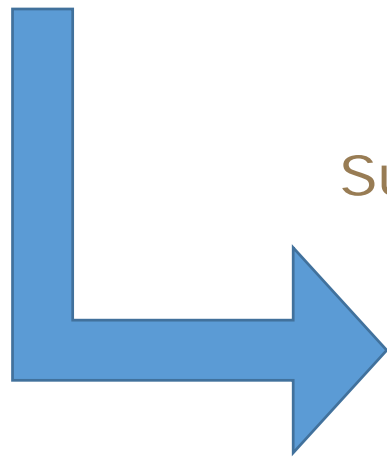
Calls *Visiting scientists and access to infrastructure*

- Joint visiting scientist support (5.4) and access to infrastructure (7.4)
- Fellowship grants are complementary to activities enabling the researchers from within, but also outside EJP SOIL to
 - contribute to work undertaken in other EJP SOIL work packages (5.4)
 - exploit the European soil research infrastructure (7.4)
- Both researchers and non-research technical staff can use grants to
 - enhance collaboration
 - exchange expertise in facilities of EJP SOIL, as well as leading-non EJP SOIL institutions

The two tasks 5.4 and 7.4

Task 5.4 "Visiting scientists support" aims to strengthen **institutional partnerships** and network to advance scientific joint work on climate-smart agricultural soils

Task 7.4 "Access to infrastructure" aims to **facilitate the access** to agricultural soil research infrastructures (LTEs and Labs) for researchers



Support visitors financially to exchange knowledge (e.g. proposal writing, PhD schools etc.), as well as gain new knowledge/data (soil sampling and analysis)
→ **visiting and access grants**



Visiting scientists support (5.4)

Bożena Smreczak

Visiting scientists support (5.4)

Education, training and capacity building

Potential activities covered:

- planning and development of joint proposals within the scope of EJP SOIL programme,
- participation in the workshops, seminars, conferences relevant for the EJP SOIL aims and scope,
- developing and learning/acquiring new expertise in soil data, methodology, analysis/
- developing joint scientific publications,
- developing joint teaching and learning elements in higher education,
- other activity within the scope of EJP SOIL programme

Visiting scientists support (5.4)

Education, training and capacity building

- Grants are dedicated only to the staff of EJP SOIL partner institutions (full partners as well as third party members)
- Applicants can apply for grants only if the EJP SOIL partner institution has allocated funds to WP5
- Applicants can improve their skills and knowledge in EJP SOIL and non-EJP SOIL institutions
- No financial limit for institutions or staff to apply for grants
- The purpose of the training stay must contribute to EJP SOIL Expected impacts 1-6

Visiting scientists support (5.4)

Education, training and capacity building

- Limit for visits: 2 weeks
 - depends on the home institution's financial abilities allocated to the WP5 budget
- Travel, accommodation and daily subsistence allowance corresponding to the visit must be calculated based on national regulations
- The financial support pertains to the applicant only
- No coverage of costs pertaining to administrative processing (e.g. medical coverage), insurances etc.
- Equipment operation costs or other special costs of the host institution are not covered by the EJP SOIL programme.

Access to infrastructure (7.4)

Katharina Meurer

Access to infrastructure (7.4)

- Involve a laboratory for soil analyses that are not possible at the home institution
- Involve a long-term field experiment (LTE), in order to get soil samples that expand and upgrade the own dataset and lead to additional knowledge and new perspectives in the research topic
- Maximum amount: 5000 €

Equipment operation or other special costs of the host institution are not covered for EJP SOIL members

A limited number of requests will be reserved for applicants from non-European countries

Access to infrastructure (7.4)

What is covered

EJP SOIL partner



Apply together with a European LAB/LTE outside the EJP SOIL consortium for analyses/sampling



Sampling/analyses, staff costs

NO physical visits!

Travel/accommodation are at the expense of the external applicant

Non-EJP SOIL partner



Apply for physical visit to a LAB/LTE inside the EJP SOIL

<https://ejpsoil.eu/long-term-field-experiments-laboratories/>



Physical visits of EJP SOIL LABs/LTEs

NO sampling/analyses!

Sampling/analyses are at the expense of the host institution (EJP SOIL partner, WP7 budget, 44 %)

Organisational framework (7.4)

- Focus on the performance of analyses, sampling as well as data and knowledge exchange
 - Costs for e.g. ring trials, laboratory equipment and supplies for research and analytical facilities
- Site managers and staff are expected to contribute with their knowledge, provide soil samples, take part in intercomparison programmes, adapt their facilities and structure their data for the special needs of the EJP SOIL
- Article 13 of EJP Grant Agreement: Implementation of action tasks by subcontractors:
 - „If necessary to implement the action, the beneficiaries may award subcontracts covering the implementation of certain action tasks “
 - Contract between BIOS science (responsible for T7.4) and the respective institution (Lab or LTE site providing service)

Contract (7.4) – *EJP SOIL* members

- Partners: BIOS Science Austria and Subcontractor
- Description of the service including the definite link to the EJP SOIL – taken from the application
- Granted amount (max. 5000 EURO)
- Tasks and timeframe of the work to be completed

Further included:

- Respective text from the description of task 7.4
- Article 13 of the Grant Agreement
- Signatures from Subcontractor and BIOS Science Austria

Grant Award Letter (7.4)

- According to Article 15 of the EJP Grant Agreement (non-EJP SOIL members)
- Supplied to third parties involved as LTEs or LABs (EJP SOIL members)
- Containing
 - Data of beneficiary
 - Amount
 - Institution involved
 - Short description of mission (according to the application letter)
 - Text of Article 15

Finding the right call



Finding the right call

EJP SOIL partner

make a physical visit
(conference, course)

take (additional) soil samples or
analyse your own soil samples

Visiting scientist
support – 5.4

Access to
infrastructure – 7.4

your institution can
claim 44 % from their
budget assigned to WP5

your institution can
claim 44 % from their
budget assigned to WP7

Non-EJP SOIL partner

make a physical visit to
LAB/LTE inside the EJP SOIL

Access to
infrastructure – 7.4

100 % of the costs are
paid by WP7 (central)
(max. 5000 €)

Application procedure

for *Visiting Scientist Support & Access to Infrastructure*
Katharina Meurer

Application procedure

- Calls are announced two times per year
- Calls are open for 1 month (April and September)
- All necessary information and documents is posted on the EJP SOIL website no later than 15 days before the launch of the call
- Application templates can be downloaded from the EJP SOIL website (<https://ejpsoil.eu/long-term-field-experiments-laboratories/application-consent-reporting>)

Partner countries with LTEs

Long Term field Experiments (LTEs) is climate-smart sustainable management options and build a database with the Experiments in EU. The objective of the LTEs is to make access to the facilities.

LTEs is in particular for students, researchers and politicians. You have the opportunity to get financial support for visiting participating laboratories or LTEs. The financial support intend to further expand and upgrade the dataset, and support additional knowledge gain and new perspectives in the respective research topic.

Click button below to visit the countries, which is a part of the LTEs:

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<https://ejpsoil.eu/long-term-field-experiments-laboratories/partner-countries-with-ltes>

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Latvia, Lithuania and United Kingdom: Click to download Excel sheet with country information.

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Application templates

EJP SOIL members



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Application form for financial support for soil sampling and analyses performed by LTEs/laboratories outside the EJP SOIL consortium

General information LTE/laboratory

Full name of applicant

E-mail

Position, academic title

Name and address of applying institution

General information EJP SOIL partner


Full name of applicant

E-mail

Position, academic title

Name and address of applying institution

non-EJP SOIL members



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Application form for financial support for physical visits of LTEs/laboratories included in the EJP SOIL consortium

General information

Full name of applicant

E-mail

Position, academic title

Home institution, name and address

PLEASE NOTE: For non-EJP SOIL partners, the funding is directed towards visits of LTEs and/or laboratories included in the database of the EJP SOIL consortium (<https://ejpsoil.eu/long-term-field-experiments-laboratories>). Costs for sampling and analyses of samples have to be at the expense of the host institution.


Scientific/professional background (max 100 words)*

* a curriculum vitae should be added as attachment

Up to 5 publications no older than 10 years related to the aim of the visit. (This does not apply to young researchers at the beginning of their research careers and non-research technical staff)



Financial consent form



Financial consent form

Cost details (EUR)	
Staff type (researcher, post doc, PhD student, technician)	
Direct personal costs	
Travel and subsistence	
Total costs	

Date:
Place:
Full name:

Signature of the EJP SOIL partner Financing Officer or EJP SOIL National Coordinator, or signature of non-EJP SOIL partner institution Financing Officer

X _____

For "Visiting Scientists Support" (T5.4), you can include parts of your salary (the period of your visit; max 2 weeks) in the budget

For "Access to infrastructure" (T7.4), the salary of the technical staff should be included here



Must be signed by the National Coordinator (EJP SOIL members) or the Finance Officer (non-EJP SOIL members) in order to be valid!

Application submission

- Applications have to be sent by mail to bozenas@iung.pulawy.pl and katharina.meurer@slu.se
- Applications will be reviewed by a Scientific Committee, evaluating
 - scientific value of visit/project
 - compatibility with EJP SOIL aims and scope
 - relevance to EJP SOIL Expected Impacts

The Scientific Committee members:

- IUNG
- BIOS
- INIAV
- SLU

Thanks for joining 😊

Questions?