

Welcome to the **LAST** webinar

**Visiting Scientist**  
&  
**Access to Infrastructure**

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# Today 's agenda

Welcome & Introduction; *Katharina Meurer*

1. Call "Visiting scientist" (T5.4); *Bożena Smreczak*
2. Call "Access to Infrastructure" (T7.4); *Katharina Meurer*
3. Application procedure; *Katharina Meurer*
4. Organisational framework & Subcontracting; *Andreas Baumgarten*

# 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



# European Joint Programme Soil – EJP SOIL

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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 pedo-climatic conditions).*

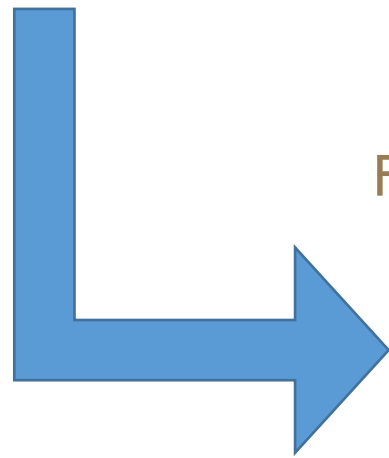
# Calls *Visiting scientist and Access to Infrastructure*

- 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 Scientist 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 (non-)researchers



Financial support to foster knowledge exchange  
(e.g. proposal writing, PhD schools etc.),  
as well as knowledge gain/data analysis  
(soil sampling and analysis)

→ **visiting and access grants**



# Visiting scientist support (5.4)

*Bożena Smreczak*



# Visiting scientist 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 scientist 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

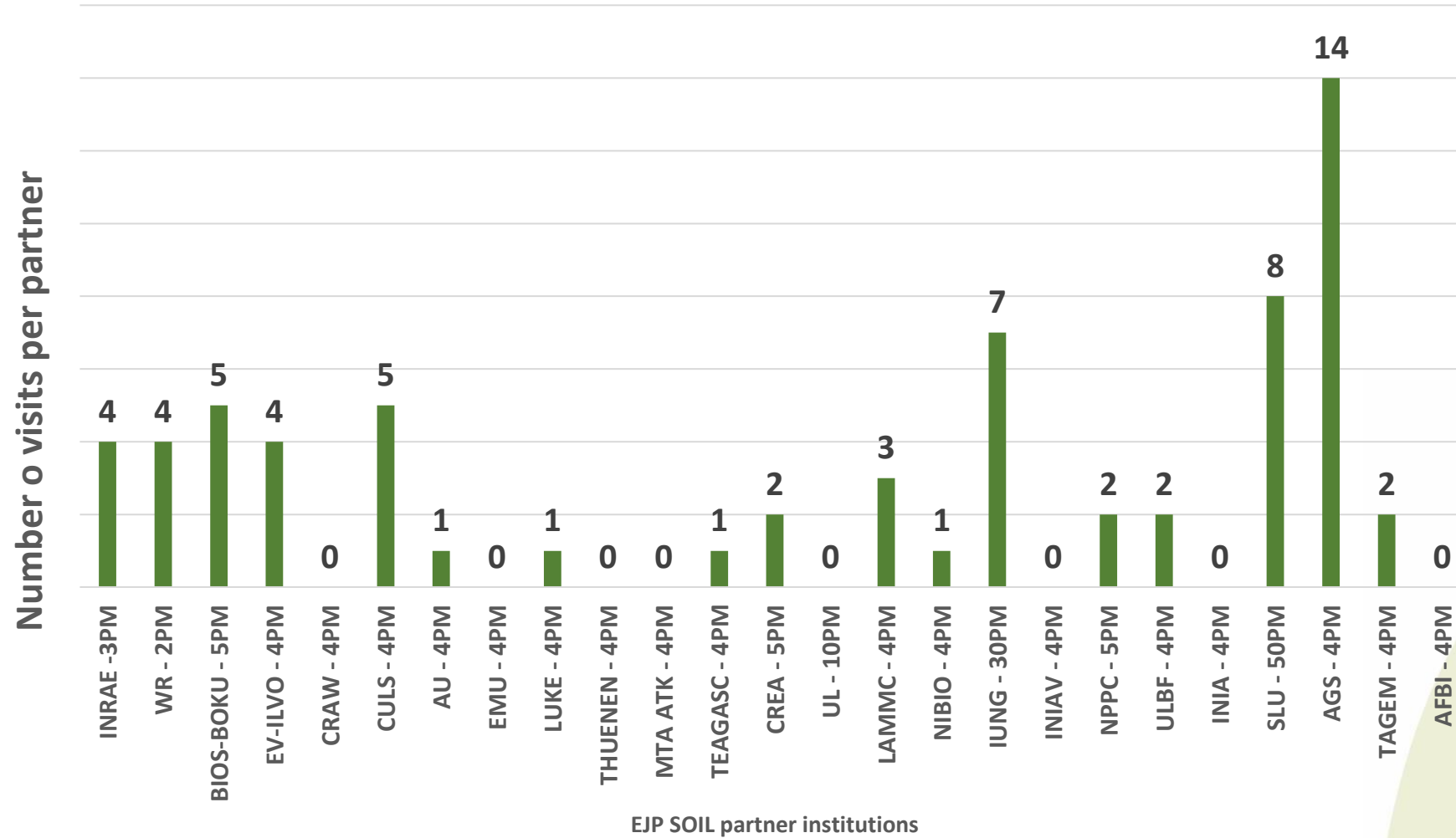
# Visiting scientist support (5.4)

## 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.

# Visiting scientist support (5.4)

## Summary of the 6 calls



# 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

## 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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# 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

*NO physical visits!*

**Non-EJP SOIL partner**



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

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*NO analyses/sampling!*

Analyses/sampling at the expense of the host institution  
(EJP SOIL partner, WP7 budget, 44 %)



# Finding the right call

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## 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

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

## Non-EJP SOIL partner

make a physical visit to  
LAB/LTE inside EJP SOIL

*Access to*  
*Infrastructure* – 7.4

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

Analyses run during the  
stay: your institution can  
claim 44 % from their  
budget assigned to WP7

# Application procedure

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


# Application procedure

- Last call before EJP SOIL ends (requests for reimbursement of costs no later than October 2024!)
- All necessary information and documents are posted on the EJP SOIL website
- Call *Visiting Scientist* support is open for 1 month (1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024)
- Call *Access to Infrastructure* is open for 2 months (1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024)
- Application templates can be downloaded from the EJP SOIL website
- Applications have to be sent by mail to [bozenas@iung.pulawy.pl](mailto:bozenas@iung.pulawy.pl) and [katharina.meurer@slu.se](mailto: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

# Application templates



**EJP SOIL**  
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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



**EJP SOIL**  
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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	
<b>Total costs</b>	

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 Scientist* 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!

# Organisational framework

*Andreas Baumgarten*

# Organisational framework

- 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
- Visits are possible for non-EJP Soil partners
- 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

- 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

- According to Article 15 of the EJP grant agreement
- Supplied to third parties involved as LTEs or labs
- Containing
  - Data of beneficiary
  - Amount
  - Institution involved
  - Short description of mission (according to the application letter)
  - Text of Article 15

Thanks a lot for listening!

*We look forward to your applications 😊*