

**TARGET STAKEHOLDERS** 



## SOIL ORGANIC CARBON (SOC) UNDER CONSERVARTION AGRICULTURE (CA) META-ANALYSIS IN MEDITERRANEAN AND HUMID SUBTROPICAL CLIMATES



### **Conservative approach**

With a base annual increment of 0.48 tons carbon per hectar and year, a reasonable carbon gain can be enhanced with long term CA application. During this period, it is recommended to apply no-tillage management, retain residues on the top of the soil, and include as many (different) crops as possible in the rotation.



THE "CA" IMPACT SOC accumulation due to CA was 12% greater compared to conventional agriculture. In soils with less than 40 Mg C/ha the increment reached 20%



#### WHAT INFLUENCES THE ACCUMULATION OF SOC UNDER CA

SOC content - clay - rainfall temperature - latitude- experiment duration



### (SOC)KING OUT DESERTIFICATION

47 studies were quantitively summarized by using a metaanalysis. Selected areas are highly vulnerable to the risk of desertification in the future.



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# EJP SOIL INNOVATION HIGHLIGHTS



### TOWARDS CLIMATE-SMART SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SOILS

EJP SOIL is a European Joint Programme on Agricultural Soil Management addressing key societal challenges including climate change and future food supply. https://ejpsoil.eu/

The goal is to improve the understanding of agricultural soil management by finding synergies in research, strengthening research communities and raising public awareness.

1100+ experts, 24 countries, addressing multiple aspects of soil management across different European agroecosystems.

## EJP SOIL FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

The SOMMIT project will evaluate trade-offs and synergies between soil C sequestration, nitrous oxide, methane and nitrate losses as affected by soil management options aimed at increasing soil C storage.

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### TARGET EJP SOIL EXPECTED IMPACT AND EU MISSION SOIL OBJECTIVES

Understanding of soil management for climate change mitigation, adaptation, sust production & sustainable environment

Understanding soil carbon sequestration and its contribution to climate change mitigation Mission SOIL: Reduce desertification, Conserve soil organic carbon stocks

**HIGHLIGHT FACTS FROM:** 

EJP SOIL project ΣΟΜΜΙΤ



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