



# Soil is Life, is Food, is Future

round table - on line via web platform

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## The context

The multifunctional nature of soil and land resources and competing demands on them merit close scrutiny. There is a common understanding that soil, as a limited and non-renewable resource at high risk of degradation, has to be preserved.

The European Union (EU), with the *Green Deal for Europe* (launched in 2019), created new conditions for preserving soils for future generations and concretely fighting climate change.

In this regard, soils play a pivotal role, as reflected in agricultural policy, the Farm to Fork strategy, the Biodiversity strategy, the law on Climate, and other related environmental policies.

The EU also indicated in its roadmap to a resource-efficient Europe its aim to achieve no net land take by 2050 as well as committing to land degradation neutrality by 2030. Finally, the European Commission has launched an online public consultation on the development of a new EU Soil Strategy.

All this creates the conditions for a new specific soil strategy model to be addressed to COP26.

## The round table participants

The complexity of soil touches many soil actors with different interests.

The difficulty lies in understanding the each actor's needs, and converging towards a common vision regarding the protection of soils to halt their degradation and consumption.

The representatives of different sectors will attend the round table and will raise awareness on the soil and provide possible solutions to reverse the current trend of soil degradation and consumption that affects all EU Member States.

The sectors that have been identified and invited are industrial farmers, organic farmers, builders, land tenure, unions, planners, local and regional administrators, civil society organisations, private industry, food industry, researchers, and European and international institutions.

The round table will be recorded and a related publication will be produced, subject to agreement from every speaker.



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### Round Table Programme

#### A - Introduction

- \* Welcome by Organisers - **Maurizia Punginelli** - #lasolastrada
- \* European Commission - **Andrea Vettori** - DG Environment
- \* Technical rules for Round Table - **Dorelia Lipsa** - #lasolastrada

#### B - ROUND TABLE

Moderator - **Edward Robinson**  
Founder and Editor 'Economy, Land and Climate Insight'

##### Soil problems and solutions:

- \* Land Tenure - **Evelin Jürgenson**  
PhD, Associate Professor at Estonian University of Life Sciences
- \* International Institutions - **Ronald Vargas**  
FAO - Global Soil Partnership
- \* EU Parliament - **Eleonora Evi** - Member of Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)
- \* European Farmers and Farm workers - **Attila-Miklos Szocs-Boruss**  
European Coordination Via Campesina
- \* Biological farmers - **Eric Gall**  
IFOAM Organics International
- \* Private industry - **Florence Jeantet**  
Managing Director - OP2B One Planet Business for Biodiversity
- \* Builders - **Paul Cartuyvels**  
President ECTP - European Construction Technology Platform
- \* Local Administrators - **Matilde Casa**  
Major of Lauriano (Torino)
- \* Unions - **Arnd Spahn** - Political Secretary Agriculture Sector EFFAT European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions
- \* Farmers - **Sarah Singla**  
APAD Association for the Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture
- \* Research - **Eleonora Bonifacio**  
Vice-president, Italian Society of Pedology (SIPe)

#### INTERVENTIONS by floor participants

##### I AM THE SOIL

Video by **Riccardo Mei**  
Save The Landscape Forum

#### C - ROUND TABLE

Recommendation for COP26 - All speakers  
INTERVENTIONS by floor participants

##### Lumbricus Terrestris

Video by **Barbara Geiger**

#### D - EMERGING CONVERGENCES

Comparative analysis by external commentators:

- \* **Eduard Mueller** - Common Earth,  
Roadmapping National-Scale Regeneration Working Group
- \* **Martina Comparelli**  
Italian Spokesperson - Friday For Future
- \* **Hannes Lorenzen**  
President ARC 2020 - Agriculture and Rural Convention
- \* **Barbara Geiger**  
Actress, Fräulein Brehms-Tierleben

#### E - Comments by speakers and by the floor participants

#### F - Closing remarks - Mario Catizzone

SEG Referent, Save The Landscape Forum

N.B. A cartoonist will accompany the meeting with his drawings

#### To register:

<https://www.lasolastrada.it/registration/>

#### More details:

<https://www.lasolastrada.it/soil-is-life-is-food-is-future-28-06-2021/>

#### Documents suggested by the speakers:

<https://www.lasolastrada.it/suggested-documents/>