



# Soil is Life, is Food, is Future

round table - on line via web platform

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This event has been included in the  
"All4Climate – Italy 2021" Program promoting 2021  
as the Year of Climate Ambition @PreCop26ITA  
and @Connect4Climate using the hashtag #All4ClimateItaly2021

## 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 (still not fully finalised)

### A - Introduction

- \* Welcome by (Organisers)
- \* European Commission - Andrea Vettori - DG Environment
- \* Technical rules for Round Table (by the Moderator)

### B - ROUND TABLE Moderator

#### Soil problems and solutions:

- \* **Research** - Eleonora Bonifacio  
Vice-president, Italian Society of Pedology (SIPe)
- \* **Biological farmers** - Eric Gall  
IFOAM Organics International
- \* **EU Parliament** - Eleonora Evi  
ENVI Committee
- \* **Builders** - Paul Cartuyvels  
President, ECTP European Construction Technology Platform
- \* **Land Tenure** - Evelin Jürgenson  
PhD, Associate Professor at Estonian University of Life Sciences
- \* **International Institutions** - Ronald Vargas  
FAO - Global Soil Partnership
- \* **Private industry** - Florence Jeantet  
Managing Director, OP2B One Planet Business for Biodiversity
- \* **Unions** - Arnd Spahn - Political Secretary Agriculture Sector  
EFFAT European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions
- \* **Local Administrators** - ICLEI (name of participant tbc)  
International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
- \* **European farmers and farm workers** - Via Campesina (tbc)  
European Coordination
- \* **Farmers** - COPA - COGECA (invited)
- \* **Regional administrators** (invited)

### INTERVENTIONS by floor participants

**VIDEO I'm the Soil** by Riccardo Mei

### C - ROUND TABLE

Recommendation for COP26 - All speakers  
INTERVENTIONS by floor participants

### D - Emerging convergences

#### comparative analysis by external commentators

- \* Hannes Lorenzen  
President ARC 2020 - Agriculture and Rural Convention
- \* Dr. Edward Mueller  
Common Earth, Roadmapping National-Scale Regeneration Working Group
- \* Barbara Geiger  
Actress, Fräulein Brehms-Tierleben

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

### F - Conclusions by 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/>