

Annual report 2025



*From knowledge to solutions -
European knowledge platform on
soil and land management*

Introduction

SOILveR is a European knowledge platform focused on soil and land management. The platform was founded in 2018 by a group of organisations that strongly believe in jointly developing and sharing knowledge. SOILveR operates as a flexible, self-financed and sustainable platform bringing together European organisations to ensure sustainable soils and land for future generations.

SOILveR is committed to the importance of developing and sharing knowledge about soil and land management, particularly concerning contaminated sites. We recognize the value of collaboration and identify common issues of interest for SOILveR members to advance in these areas. Therefore, the platform facilitates cooperation among experts, policymakers, and other stakeholders to enhance methodologies and tools, providing guidance for improved soil management.

To achieve our goals, several activities were organized in 2025. These are presented in this 2025 annual report.



About the platform

Management paper

The way SOILveR has organized itself is reflected in the management paper. This paper has not been reviewed this year.

Annual meeting

In February 2025, the annual SOILveR-member meeting took place in Bilbao. During this meeting, the initial outlines for the 2025 action plan were drafted. The topics of interest to the members form the basis for selecting the activities to be conducted throughout the year.

In the first quarter of 2025, members continued discussing which topics were most important to them. A selection was made based on the principle that SOILveR focuses on topics that are important to at least three members.

Weekly Meetings

The SOILveR members meet every week in a ZOOM meeting. During these meetings plans for upcoming activities, follow up of activities etc. are being discussed as well as ideas on

how to further develop the platform.

Members only activities

The goal of SOILveR is to disseminate knowledge. Knowledge and experiences are shared so that people can learn from each other. SOILveR does not limit participation. Anyone from any country or organization can participate.

There is also an exclusive working group for SOILveR members only.

- Working group Bioaccessibility and Human Exposure.



Members

In 2025 SOILveR all members have confirmed their participation for 202.

- Belgium / Wallonia – Public service of Wallonia (SPW ARNE)
- Belgium / Wallonia - SPAQUE
- France - ADEME
- Sweden – Swedish Geotechnical Institute
- The Netherlands - Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management
- Basque Country - the Basque Environmental Agency (IHOBE)



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Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management



Soil Monitoring Law

SOILveR is one of the parties the European Commission wants to build on to fulfil its obligations under the Soil Monitoring Law. More information on this will follow early 2026.

*To support Member States in carrying out their obligations under this Directive, the Commission should, in cooperation with the Member States and other stakeholders, where relevant, draw up documents and develop scientific tools, including possible methodologies and procedures that could be applied. Those documents and scientific tools would provide in due time essential information for Member States, while ensuring the flexibility to build on methodologies and procedures already in place. Those documents and scientific tools should be complemented with the necessary assistance and capacity building. The Commission should provide to Member States the necessary capacity building and assistance and support multilateral harmonisation of methods and thereby eliminate existing data gaps and workflow bottlenecks by sharing expertise. To that end, the Commission should build on existing mechanisms at Union and international level, including the Soil BON initiative, Global Soil Partnership, **SOILveR**, NICOLE, EUROSOLAN, the EU Mission's 'A Soil Deal for Europe' Mirror Groups and EIONET. The Commission should support cross-border cooperation between Member States to ensure that a harmonised approach to soil monitoring is taken and that there is a level playing field between neighbouring soil districts.*



SOILveR 'signature' meetings

SOILveR has developed several unique formats for knowledge exchange meetings. Like the coffee break meetings and the webinars series that offers experts the opportunity to present their work and meet other experts. Not only experts from the member countries and regions but from all over Europe and beyond. All experts are willing to participate for free.

Integration of Soil Health in decision-making processes at various scales.

In 2024 SOILveR started planning a webinar series on the integration of Soil Health in decision-making processes at various scales. The stimulation of healthy soils, soil health assessment as well as sustainable soil management are tackled in the first two webinars.

Soil management and Land planning 24th of January 2025
Number of participants 130 from 24 counties/regions

Recycling Brownfields: Incorporating Soil Health into urban development projects 4th of April 2025
Number of participants 110 from 16 counties/regions



‘Soil Health
webinar series,



'AquaConSoil,

AquaConsoil 2025

At AquaConSoil 2025 in Liège, SOILveR hosted an engaging interactive session focused on the concept of soil health.

During this session, the outcomes of the first two webinars on soil health were presented and discussed. Participants shared their experiences and perspectives on the challenges and opportunities of integrating soil health at different scales (project or large scale) of land management. The exchange of ideas and feedback from the audience provided valuable perspectives, helping to further shape the understanding and future direction of soil health within the SOILveR community and the next webinars in 2026.

Other activities

Interaction with the Common Forum on Contaminated land

SOILveR gave presentations at a Common Forum meeting about the activities and progress of SOILveR.

Interaction with the Horizon Europe project CASRI

SOILveR took part in a panel discussion on “Lessons learned and guiding hints” providing experiences from the SNOWMAN and SOILveR network.

EXPOSED? – research project facilitated by SOILveR

In 2024 a research project, EXPOSED? was granted by the Swedish EPA, and runs until 2027. The research group involves researchers from the SOILveR Bioaccessibility Expert group (from Sweden, France and Belgium), and SOILveR has representation in the reference group, which contributed to a “state of the practice – light”, that was published in 2025 . SGI is lead partner in the project.

LinkedIn

SOILveR has launched its official LinkedIn company page. The move to a dedicated company profile offers greater flexibility to share updates, highlight activities, and foster interaction with our network. By using this platform, we aim to strengthen engagement with members, showcase our initiatives more effectively, and build a vibrant community around soil and land management.

Collaborating SOILveR is a platform that invites experts from its own members but also from other European Countries and the **European Commission**.

Basque country

NEIKER
Vitoria-Gasteiz
IHOBE

Belgium

Brussels Environment
University of Louvain
SPW Public service of Wallonia
SPAQUE

France

ADEME
Université de Lorraine
INRAE
BRGM
ECOSYS

Netherlands

PosadMaxwan
Wageningen University
Technical University Delft
Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management

Sweden

Chalmers University of Technology
Swedish Geotechnical Institute

Germany

Technical University of Berlin



*‘SOILveR connects
knowledge, experience
and questions’*