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The Mission coordination/contributing actions at the national level ESTONIA

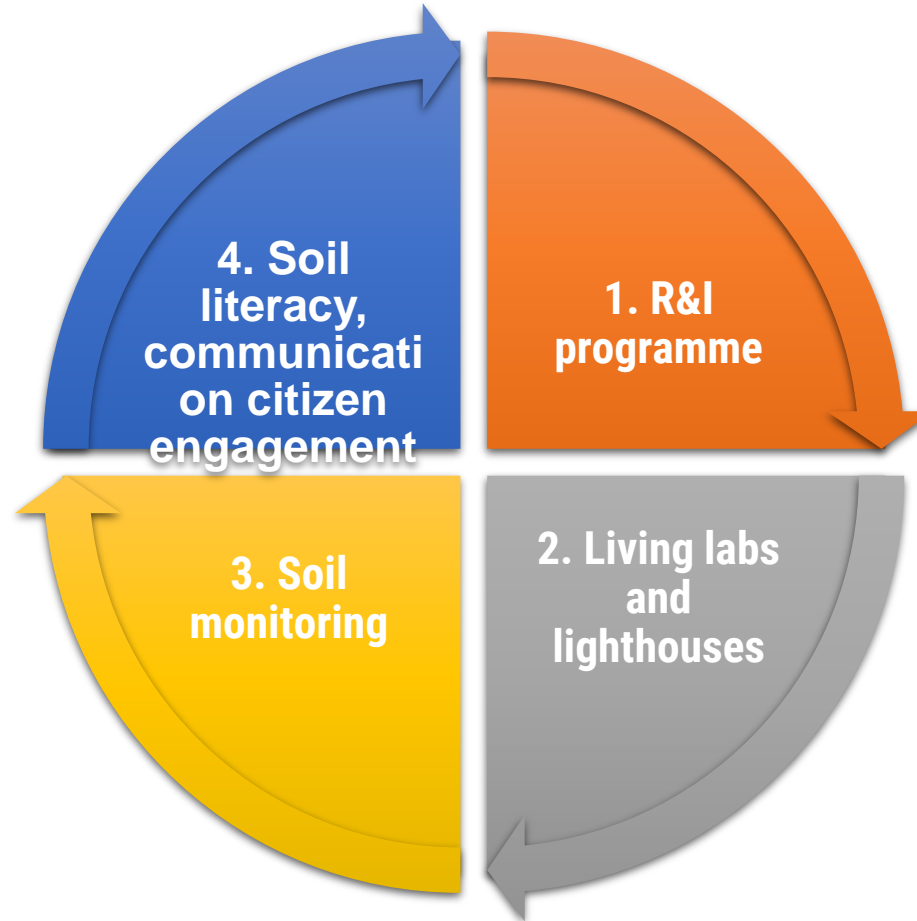
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Estonian official views about the Mission

We support the ambitious and comprehensive implementation of the Mission, as soil health is key to achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal.

We believe that, in addition to the European Union level, it is equally important to focus on the local level in implementing the mission, as soils are very different due to diverse soil formation processes and factors affecting soil health.

Activities under the four building blocks



1. Building block

Research&Innovation programme

- Tartu University
- University of Life Sciences
- Agricultural Research Centre
- Supporting different partnerships and collaborations: EJP Soil, GSP, partnership on agroecology living labs and research infrastructures, Biodiversa+ etc

Main current research focuses

- Soil quality and functions
- Soil organic matter and carbon in agroecosystems – stocks, fluxes and quality
- Soil organic carbon sequestration potential
- Soil structure and its stability
- (Greenhouse) Gas fluxes from soils and in agriculture general
- Fertilisation and nutrient cycles in soils, alternative fertilizer resources
- Soil biota
- Field level carbon and NPK calculation tools

- Experiments in lab and field
- Several long-term field experiments
- Experiments in farms (Crop Cluster)



Ongoing international projects (1)



EJP SOIL has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme: Grant agreement No 862695



EJP Soil: Towards climate-smart sustainable management of agricultural soils (2020-2025)

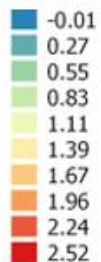
Estonian contribution jointly with Agricultural Research Centre. Estonian coordinator: Alar Astover, alar.astover@emu.ee

EJP Soil internal projects:

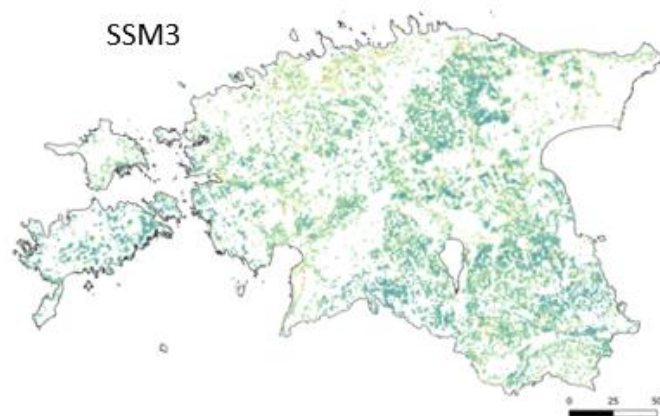
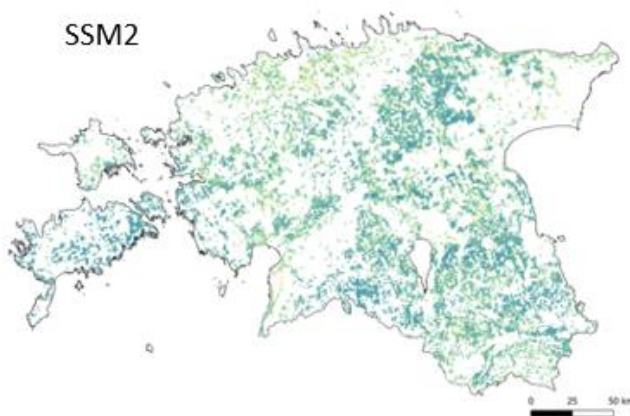
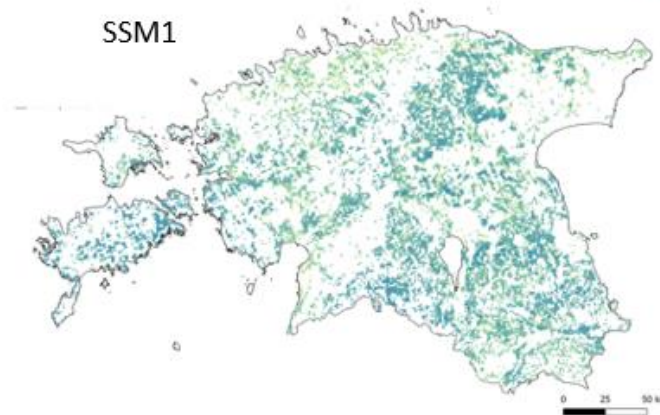
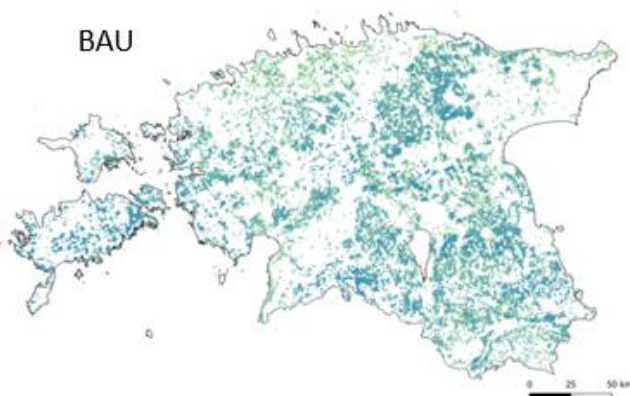
- Soil organic carbon sequestration potential of agricultural soils in Europe (CarboSeq)
- Stocktaking for Agricultural Soil Quality and Ecosystem Services Indicators and their Reference Values (SIREN)
- Innovative Soil Management Practices across Europe (i-SoMPE)
- Soil Ecosystem seRvices and soil threats modElling aNd mApping (SERENA)
- Mapping and alleviating soil compaction in a climate change context (SoilCompaC)

Absolute sequestration rate, 1 km resolution

Absolute sequestration rate
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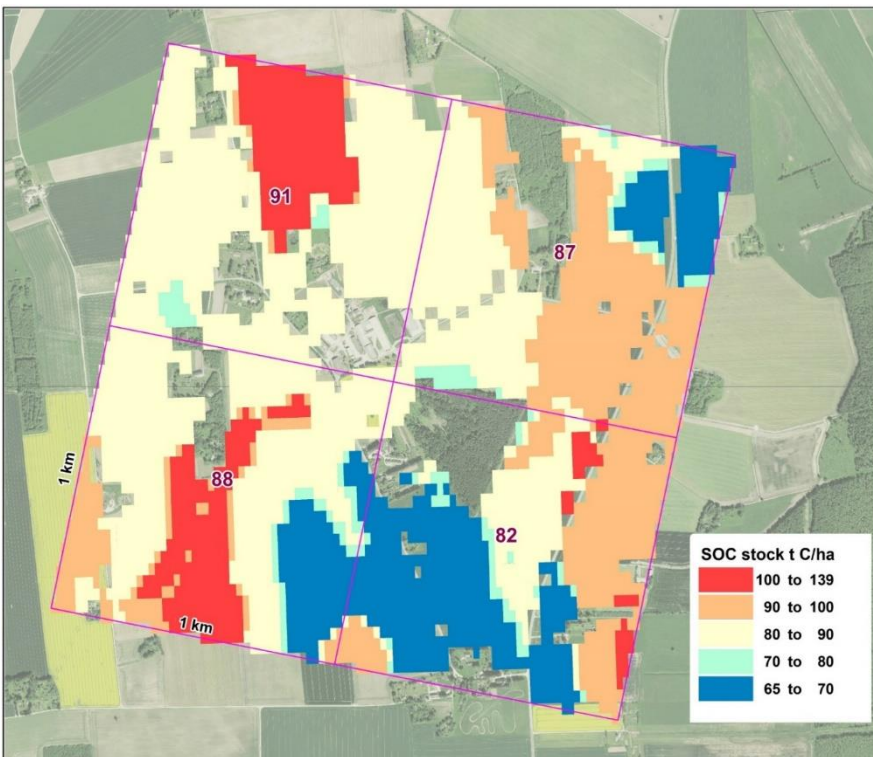


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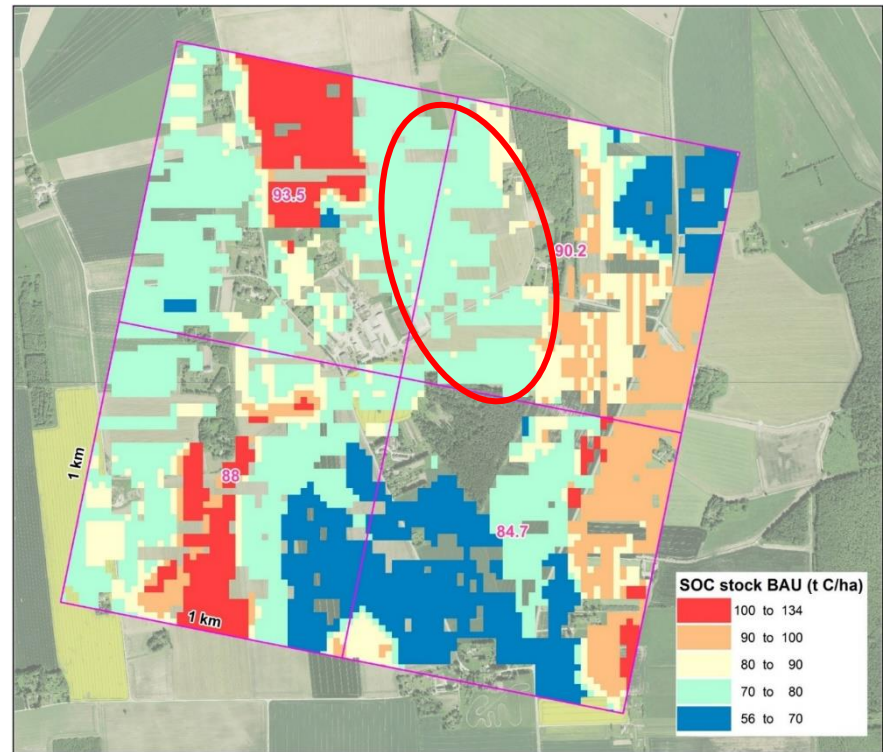


GSOCseq map, version2, pilot area

To capture the heterogeneity of Estonian soils we modified the input layers based on local data availability and modelled SOCseq potential in 40 m resolution



SOC stock initial layer, 2020; 1x1 km raster compared to 40X40m raster.



SOC stock in 2040 in BAU scenario.

Ongoing international projects (2)

MINAGRIS

<https://www.minagris.eu/>

Micro- and Nano-Plastics in Agricultural Soils: Sources, environmental fate and impacts on ecosystem services and overall sustainability

Estonian case study coordinator: Endla Reintam, endla.reintam@emu.ee



SoilDiverAgro

Soil biodiversity enhancement in European agroecosystems to promote their stability and resilience by external inputs reduction and crop performance increase

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SoilMan

Ecosystem services of soil biota in agriculture



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Earth Sciences

Cross-European study in Long-term experimental farm sites

Focus on tillage:

- conventional tillage
- reduced tillage

Soil biota:

- fungi
- AM fungi
- bacteria
- earthworms



SLTOM19092 (15499) „Effects of agricultural land use on soil biodiversity”
(2019-2020) - (Inga Hiiesalu, Tanel Vahter)

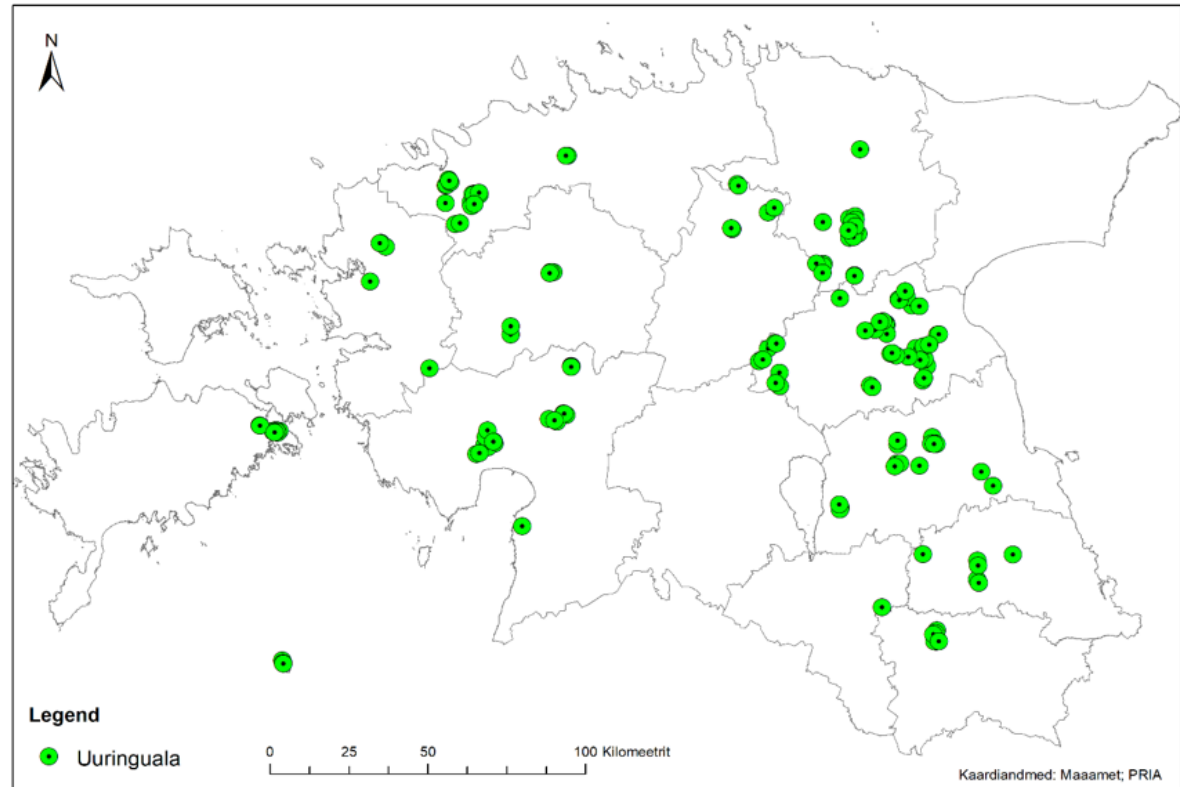


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- 220 fields (cultivated fields, permanent pastures)
- Soil fungal biodiversity (DNA-based)
- Management data from farmers

First results:

- Plant protection products decrease soil fungal diversity
- natural habitats around fields increase fungal diversity



Vahter et al. 2022 Soil Biol Biochem

TOOLS FOR ECOLOGISTS



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- **DATABASES: MaarjAM** DB for arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi

<https://maarjam.botany.ut.ee/>

Õpik et al. 2010 New Phytol

- **Bioinformatics: gDAT**

<https://github.com/ut-planteco/gDAT>

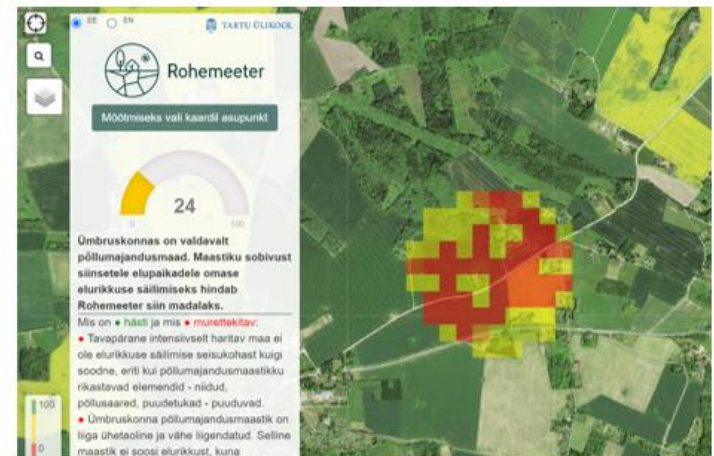
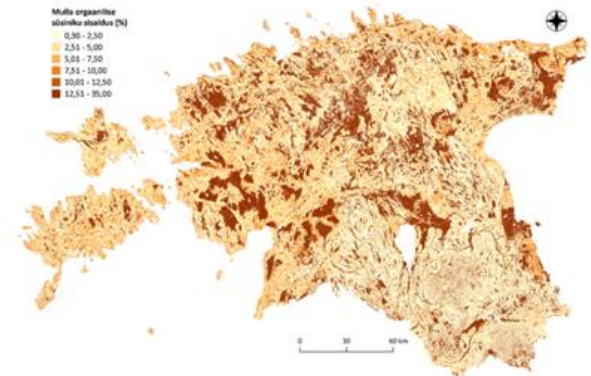
Vasar et al. 2021 Mol Ecol Res

- **R packages: TPD** (trait probability density)

Carmona et al. 2019 Ecology

- **MAPS: Greenmeter** (Rohemeeter: rohemeeter.ee)

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2. Building block

Living labs and Lighthouses

RESEARCH CENTRE OF
ORGANIC FARMING

Estonian University of Life Sciences

AGRICULTURAL PARK IN KUUSIKU
Agricultural Research Centre



Research Centre of Organic *Farming* is an *interdisciplinary* centre in order to bring together different organic farming and food studies in Estonian University of Life Sciences and to initiate further activities.



The main objective of the park is to promote and popularise the history of rural life and agriculture, the environmental measures of modern agriculture and agricultural science and education. The park conducts also sample field trials and there are examples of Estonian soils to see there.



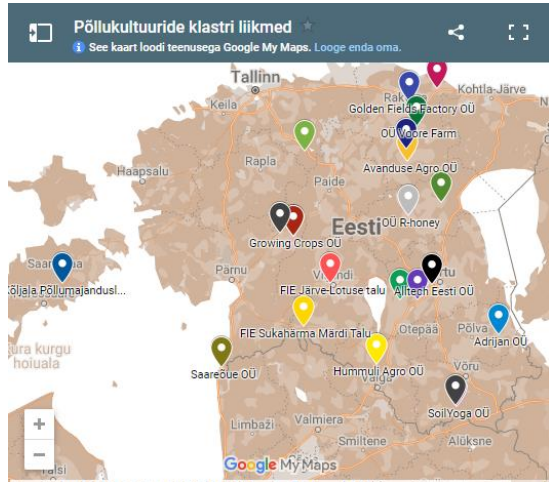
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Eesti Põllumajanduse Innovatsiooniklastri

Roosi Soosaar

NGO Soil Innovation Cluster CLUSTER DEVOTED TO SOIL PROTECTION

RDP measure 16.2 (cooperation, innovation clusters) + H2020: SoilDiverAgro

Members represent crop and livestock farmers and sturdy agricultural producers all over Estonia.



Precision Agriculture

Development of a calculation model suitable for a location and need based fertilization of crops via remote sensing solutions.

[Read more](#)



Catch and Cover Crops

Development of catch and cover crop mixtures and agro-techniques for soil nutrient remediation and better crop yields.

[Read more](#)



Organic Fertilisers and the Potential of Biochar

Innovative solutions that can reduce the environmental impact of organic fertilisers.

[Read more](#)



Biological Plant Protection for Canola

Evaluation of the effectiveness of new ecological plant protection methods for cruciferous crops.

[Read more](#)



Development of Prototype Soil Sensors

Soil data collection and implementation of soil health indicators for sustainable agricultural production.

[Read more](#)



Granulated Organic Fertilisers

Focus on the development of fertilisers enriched with mycorrhizal fungi, essential nutrients and hormones.

[Read more](#)



Soil Quality Assessment

Soil assessment focuses on dynamic aspects to evaluate the sustainability of land management practices through measuring soil physical and chemical conditions and biodiversity.



Clubroot Control for Cruciferous Crops

Measuring the efficiency of developed organic fertilisers and biological plant protection formulas to reduce problems caused by pathogenic organisms.



SoilDiverAgro

Research activities focus on boosting biodiversity levels in European agro-ecosystems in order to improve the stability and resilience of arable land and increase crop yields sustainably.

3. Building block

Soil monitoring



National Soil Monitoring

- Starting years 1983-1993, restart in 2001
- Belongs to the programme of national environmental monitoring
- Long-term monitoring sites, agricultural soils with different water regime and soil type
- Since 2020 we include natural sites as a control (forest soils)
- Rotation in a monitoring period- 5 years
- Observing changes in soil physicochemical properties



Physical analysis:

Bulk density, porosity, aeration

Texture

Chemical analysis:

pH, SOC , P, K, Ca, Mg, Cu, Mn,B

Heavy metals Cd, Cr, Ni, Pb, Zn, Cu

Pesticide residues

Development of the methods for soil biodiversity evaluation



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Projects 2019 - 2022

Maaleht

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ARVAMUS

MAAMAJANDUS

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TASUB TEADA

TARGU

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03.08.2021, 16:02

Teadlased hakkavad mullaelustiku seiremeetodeid arendama (1)

Tartu ülikooli ja põllumajandusuuringute keskuse koostöös hakatakse uurima, kuidas võiks mullaelustikku paremini seirata.



Maaleht



4. Building block- Soil literacy, communication citizen engagement

- Specialised trainings
- Press: TV, radio broadcasts, podcasts, articles

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Eesti muldasid ähvardab muu Euroopa saatus. Tulevik sõltub põllumeestest (52)

Eri organisatsioonide hinnangul ohustab maailma toidujulgeolekut muldine ja ka Eestist varitseb tulevikus sama probleem.

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KESKKOND 1
 KESKKOND › Rein Kuresoo: maailma põllumajanduses seisavad ees suured muutused



ARVAMUS 1
 ARVAMUS › Ülo Niinemets: mõõtmatulult laiuvad viljaväljad muutuvad kõrbeks



KESKKOND 3
 KESKKOND › Tanel Vahter: Seente abita jääks põlluvili kangu



KESKKOND 1
 KESKKOND › Tõnu Kurissoo: mulla ökoloogia eiramine halvendab kliimat

novator UUDISED KESKKONNAKUUL AASTA KOOL ERIPROJEKTID

Seened on mullale nii kiirabi kui ka terapeudi eest

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Teadlased arvavad, et just seened aitavad taimedel sadu miljoneid aastaid tagasi mereveest maismaale kolida. Ilma nendeta oleks maa senimaani kivine ja paljas. Ka praegu käib mullas inimsilmale nähtamatultants ja tagaajamine ja kui tahame ka edaspidi omale kõhutäidet kasvatada, tuleb väikeste organismide eest hoolt kanda, rääkis mullaökoloog Tanel Vahter ETV teadussaates "Uudishimu tippkeskus".

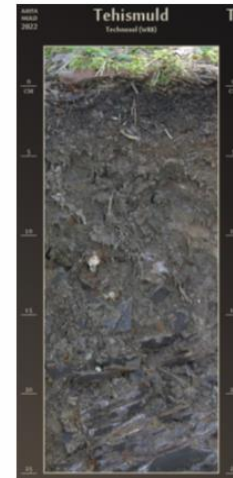
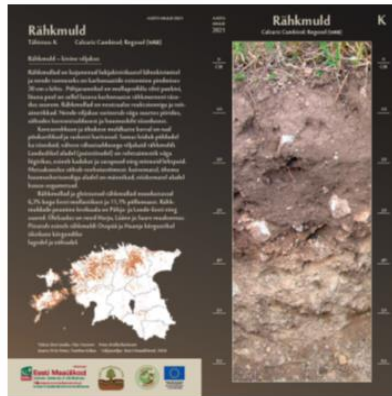
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- Soil Day – annual event in 5th December also at national level
- Soil of the Year – Technosol in 2022



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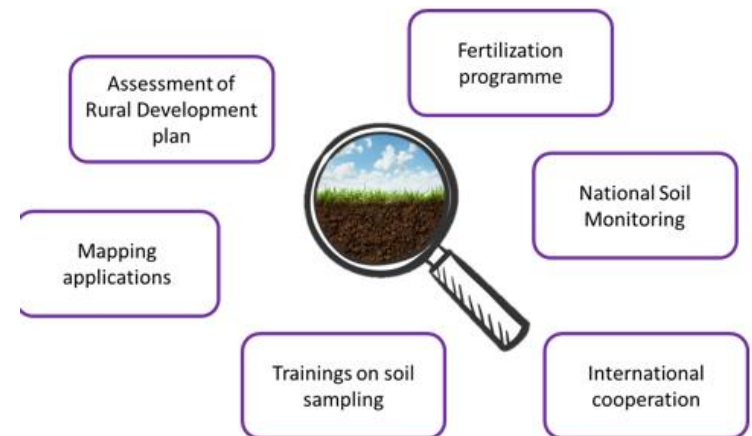
Laadi alla

„We want to be soil map interpreters for the farmer“

- Estonia has set up a system where almost all soil data can be analysed on the basis of a GIS system. This gives us the opportunity to perform a wide variety of analyses and make smarter decisions at both the national and the local level.
- We have a high-resolution digital soil map (1:10 000).
- We have made our data more user-friendly and easier to understand for farmers through the innovative web map applications that link different databases.

Develop novel solutions for making soil data applicable:

- Crop suitability mapping
- Mapping application for soil texture and soil erosion
- Map based application for soil sampling



City/community gardens, school gardens



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Kes me oleme?

MTÜ Tartu Maheaed koondab enda alla inimesi, kes soovivad tegeleda **mahepõllumajandusliku linnaaiandusega**. Meie eesmärgiks on viljeleda mahedat linnaaiandust, arendada selleks vajalikke tingimusi Tartus ning propageerida linnaaiandust laiemalt. Siit lehel leiad infot meie tegemiste ja toimetuste kohta.

MTÜ Tartu Maheaed haldab kaht linnaaeda: **Lehe aeda** [Lehe tänava lõpus](#), Jaamamõisa linnaosa ja Raadi niitude piirialal ([aiaplaan](#)) ning 2019. aastal Annelinna külje alla, Ihaste põigu ning Lammi tee ristumiskoha lähedale rajatud **Linnupargi aeda** (endise nimega **Lammi aeda**), mille asukohta saab vaadata nii Maa-ameti kaardilt ([Linnupargi aed](#)), kui ka uurida liikumisteed **Linnupargi aeda** ning selle struktuuri [SIIT](#).





Thank you!