

Policy Workshop on International Carbon Certification Schemes

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What proposals do other regions or countries have in terms of **public and private schemes to promote the soil organic carbon (SOC) storage**? How can they contribute to **the ongoing discussions on the Carbon Removals Certification Framework (CRCF)** from the European Commission?

This workshop will give you an insight into what is happening in **the United States and Australia**, as well as an overview of the context in **the Pacific region and Europe**.

Organised by the ORCaSa project in the framework of **the Soil Carbon International Research Consortium (IRC)**, this event is an opportunity for experts and policymakers to meet, exchange ideas and make progress in the field of soil carbon policy.

Moreover, the results of this workshop will be used to draw up a policy brief. Indeed, to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement on climate neutrality, to support the EU Green Deal and the objectives of the Soil Mission, **Europe must coordinate its research and innovation efforts on soil carbon with international stakeholders and policymakers**.

We would welcome you in Brussels to attend the Policy Workshop.

(The event will also be live-streamed)

Registration by [clicking here](#)

EVENT VENUE



Comet Meetings Louise
Place Stephanie, 20
1050 Brussels (Belgium)



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Timing	Agenda
09:00-09:20	Registration & welcome coffee
09:20-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORCaSa & the Soil Carbon International Research Consortium (IRC), an overview. Suzanne Reynders, INRAE, Coordinator • European context: Certification Framework for Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming. Christian Holtzleitner, Head of Unit for Land Economy and Carbon Removals, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission or other DG representative. • Private schemes in USA. An overview of the agricultural carbon market in the USA: methods, regulations, and key players. Bruno Basso, Michigan State University, USA. • Public schemes in the USA. Amy Swan, Colorado State University, USA. • National policy in Australia. How is it working for the last 10 years? How it is linked to research? Senani Karunaratne, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia. • Pacific region context. Ben Mac Donald, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia. • Soil Mission Board. EU Soil Mission for healthy soils promoting soil carbon stocks. Liisa Pietola, Expert board member of the EU Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe, The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, Finland.
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30- 13:00	Discussion & debate Moderated by Jean-François Soussana , Vice-President International, INRAE & Edouard Lanckriet , Strategy Director and carbon farming expert, Agrosolutions.
From 13:00	Networking lunch at Comet Meetings Louise.



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About ORCaSa

Launched in September 2022, ORCaSa is a Horizon Europe project standing for **Operationalising the International Research Cooperation on Soil Carbon**. Coordinated by the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE), the project aims to bring together stakeholders working on **soil carbon capture and storage techniques** at an international level.

Over the next three years, ORCaSa's seven European and five international partners will expand the scope to include not only agricultural soil carbon but also **soil carbon stored in forests, pastures, wetlands, and urban areas**.

The Soil Carbon IRC

At the forefront of the **Soil Carbon International Research Consortium (IRC)** that has emerged in November 2023 from the ORCaSa project, stands the firm belief that **a Soil Deal for Europe** is needed if we want to meet our climate goals – healthy soils, healthy planet and that **international collaboration is key**.

Supporting the ORCaSa's vision is **the 5-year Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)**, superseding the SRIA under **CIRCASA** project, whose sole focus was on agricultural soils. Taking things a step further, the Soil Carbon IRC will expand its scope to include all soils, and at the same time advance carbon solutions through research funding, alignment of research activities and knowledge sharing.

Aided by **Impact4Soil**, a **dedicated online platform** for collecting and sharing knowledge on soil carbon, the Soil Carbon IRC and its international partners (regional nodes) aim to provide better access to research, methods and practices related to soil carbon.

The Soil Carbon IRC also aims at proposing a **harmonised Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) framework** applicable in different contexts and situations. The policy workshop will contribute to its definition.

Find out more

- [ORCaSa website](#)
- [Impact4Soil](#)
- The [letter of interest to join the Soil Carbon IRC](#)

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