

M1: Applying a participatory approach in understanding soil functions

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Scientists are increasingly seeing the need to: 1) involve stakeholders (from farmers and advisors to policy makers and citizens) in face-to-face discussions from the start of their research, 2) be interdisciplinary and communicate interactively with stakeholders; 3) be knowledge brokers. But how?

This masterclass will give hands-on examples of the application of participatory approaches with stakeholders at different levels. The session draws on the experiences of a number of EU projects (LANDMARK, RECARE, SoilCare, VALERIE, SmartSOIL). The Catchment Challenge method in relation to soil functioning and land management will be demonstrated, along with co-innovation techniques, social network data collection and analysis.

