Soil-X-Change European Forum on Innovations in Sustainable Soil Management - From Local Innovation to European Impact

Time	Session	Content / Focus	Format
08:30 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	Networking area open: Posters, Dashboard showcase, Project materials, Partner stands	Informal networking
09:00 – 09:10	Opening Session - Welcome from the Organisers	Speakers: **Dr. Sabine Seidel (BOKU University)** **Dr. Gábor Vicze (innomine – Soil-X-Change Coo.)** Focus: Why soil health matters now, role of cross-border collaboration, practical innovation uptake in Europe	Opening remarks
09:10 – 09:30	Keynote Speech	**Speaker: Inge Van Oost** European Innovation Ecosystems for Soil – Scaling Sustainable Soil Innovation Across Europe through EIP-AGRI Operational Groups, Horizon Europe Multi-Actor projects and AKIS	Keynote presentation
09:30 – 09:40	Keynote Speech	**Speaker: Elena-Teodora Miron, Austrian AKIS CB** The Role of AKIS in Accelerating Soil Innovation	Keynote presentation
09:40 – 10:20	High-Level Panel	"How Do We Scale Sustainable Soil Management Across Europe?" Panelists: • **Inge Van Oost** - Independent Senior Policy expert, AKIS Coordination • **Elena-Theodora Miron** – Managing Director, LFI Austria; Coordinator of Horizon Europe project 'modernAKIS' (Austrian AKIS Coordination Body) • **Katalin Allacherné Szépkuthy** – Lead Advisor, ÖMKI Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture • **Juan Pedro Trueba Romero** – Head of Training and Tech, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Spain (Spanish AKIS Coordination Body)	Panel discussion
10:20 – 11:00	Panel 1: Ready-to-Use Practices from Operational Groups	Focus: Practical implementation, measurable farm benefits and lessons learned. Select a focused set of practices and compare the experience of practice owners and farmers, including what worked, what required adaptation and what others can realistically reuse. Panelists: • **Dr. Alfréd Szilágyi** - Agri Kulti Ltd. • **Alfred Grand** – Grand Farm • …	Panel discussion

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11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break & Networking	Networking and informal discussions	Networking break
11:30 – 12:15	Panel 2: Digital Tools Farmers Will Actually Use	**What makes a digital tool useful and trustworthy on the farm?** Discussion on AI-based advisory tools, DSS and knowledge platforms, focusing on the quality and validity of data sources, data privacy, reliability of recommendations, and the future role of farm advisors. The session will also explore how project and Operational Group results should be structured to make practices usable and transferable through digital tools. Panelists: • **Dr. Ixchel Hernandez Ochoa** – BOKU University • …	Panel discussion Moderator: *Dr. Francesco Vuolo – BOKU University*
12:15 – 13:45	Networking Lunch & Marketplace	Dashboard corner, Practice Abstracts, matchmaking tables, technology showcase and video corner.	Networking lunch and marketplace
13:45 – 14:30	Panel 3: Scaling Local Solutions Across Europe	Focus: Adaptation pathways, cross-border transferability, regional barriers and opportunities. Topics: climate adaptation, soil differences, economic feasibility, advisory support and replication of use cases. Panelists: • **Dr. Péter László** – Senior Researcher, HUN REN Centre for Agricultural Research • **Alfred Grand** – Grand Farm • …	Panel discussion
14:30 – 15:15	Panel 4: From Data to Decisions to Adoption	How can project knowledge remain accessible and useful to farmers after projects end? Focus: Turning validated practices, monitoring results and project knowledge into long-term farmer uptake through advisory services, AKIS, Living Labs and shared European knowledge infrastructures. Include how EU FarmBook can support continued access to and reuse of project results. • **Rastislav Skalský** - IIASA / AI4SoilHealth • **Astrid Reitter** - EU-FarmBook • **Martin Jamrich** - Soil4Nature • …	Panel discussion Moderator: *Dr. Tatiana Bullová – Bioeconomy Cluster*
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break	Informal networking Dashboard/EU-Farmbook corner with support for questions	Networking break

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15:45 – 16:45	Interactive Session: What Does It Take to Adopt This Practice?	Participants work with selected Soil-X-Change practice posters, discussing their adoption from different farming contexts. Key questions include for example: Would this work on your farm? What would you need to adopt it? What would need to change or be adapted? What support, including policy or funding, would help? Participants identify practical solutions and conditions for wider uptake and replication.	Poster-based interactive game / rotating practice stations, followed by a short collective wrap-up and Mentimeter
16:45 – 17:00	Closing Session: Soil-X-Change Project Wrap-Up and Official Closing	Final wrap-up of the main Soil-X-Change results, achievements and contributions over the three-year project. Reflections on what the project has delivered for farmers, Operational Groups and AKIS actors, followed by the official public closing of Soil-X-Change.	Project Coordinator wrap-up and official closing remarks

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