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**SOILGUARD: promoting Soil
Biodiversity and Wellbeing in
Europe and beyond**

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AGENDA

Background

SOILGUARD project aims to promote the sustainable use of Soil Biodiversity, SB, to protect its multifunctionality and enhance economic, social and environmental well-being. Here we present three interconnected core pillars additional to the soil research carried out: 1) the Soil Biodiversity and Wellbeing Framework (SBWF), 2) the transdisciplinary efforts made transversally from the outset, and 3) the assessment tool and guidelines for considering Soil Biodiversity as a Nature Based Solution (NbS).

The SBWF consists of a conceptual structure that identifies, defines, and describes the elements, processes, attributes, and links related with soil management, soil biodiversity, soil multifunctionality, nature's contributions to people, and wellbeing.

During the development of the four-year project a process of sharing knowledge in a participative manner through the SOILGUARD Network of Knowledge. Consisting of 4 Action Groups, each targeting at different objectives, which encompass diverse key stakeholders engaged within the project ranging from farmers to policymakers.

Aiming at developing recommendations and raising awareness among the conservation organizations, an assessment tool was developed (based on the IUCN global standard for NbS and the SBWF). It derived into guidelines to implement interventions on how implement Sustainable Soil Management practices.

14:45 - 14:50	Welcoming and interactive presentation, Salvador Lladó (UB)
14:50 - 15:05	Soilguard project introduction, Cristina Yacoub (Leitat)
15:05 - 15:20	Soil Biodiversity as an NBS, Alberto Martin (IUCN)
15:20 - 15:30	Brief interactive session, Alberto Martin (IUCN), Cristina Yacoub (Leitat) Salvador Lladó (UB)

Moderator: Salvador Lladó

