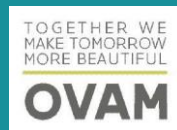


SOILveR platform and its pilot call



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Aim and topics of the call

- This call aims to provide a first experience of international cooperation (today : **France, The Netherlands and Belgium-Wallonia**) through the funders of the SOILveR platform and results of projects should provide clear research direction for future calls. These future calls will target both research on and development of techniques, but may also include innovative approaches and solutions.
- Under the overarching theme '**Recognizing and caring for soil and land as assets**' two major topics are chosen:
 - **Emerging contaminants** in point sources and as diffuse pollution in soil and groundwater
 - **Recognising the value of Soil in land use decision**

Topic 1 : Emerging contaminants in point sources and as diffuse pollution in soil and groundwater

- aims to provide support in **identifying emerging contaminants and mixtures and their relevance for the quality of the soil and groundwater system**, describing the state of information and data availability, developing a road map knowledge-based policy and management of soil quality in an integrated approach including tools and procedures for decision-making.
- **in order to carve out a prioritisation**

Funders / topic 1

- France
- Wallonia-Belgium
- The Netherlands

Emerging contaminants in point sources and as diffuse pollution in soil and groundwater – Sub-topics :

- Identify investigation and assessment strategies for sampling, analysing and monitoring CEC's.
- Develop a CECs specific risk assessment strategy related to relevant sources, pathways and receptors.
- Map out options for appropriate remediation and/or joined approach (and related waste).
- Elaborate strategic perspectives to prevent, and at least to mitigate, the use and handling of CEC, and to raise awareness with accompanying measures and instruments.

Funders / topic 1

- France
- Wallonia-Belgium
- The Netherlands

Topic 2 : Recognising the value of Soil in land use decision

- **develop integrated ecological indicators** that can be used alongside established socio-economic indicators by planning instruments and tools **to ensure soil related ecosystem services are given appropriate consideration in land use and urban planning decision making.**

Funders / topic 2

- France
- Wallonia-Belgium

Recognising the value of Soil in land use decision – Sub-topics :

- What new metrics are required to assess socio-economic, sociocultural and environmental impacts (erosion, pollution etc.) and benefits of different soil and land management strategies in response to (new) challenges?
- How to value soil functions and soil ecosystem services?
- Soil and Land stewardship: can the concept of Stewardship provide a means to more sustainable care for soil and land?

Funders / topic 2

- France
- Wallonia-Belgium

Eligible projects

Projects expected are

- State of the art projects
- Desktop studies
- Clustering Knowledge information
- Science Policy transfer projects

Projects will have a **duration of up to 12 months and should not exceed a total demand for funding of 150 k€** (including all projects partners).

In order to make research results useful, **knowledge dissemination and arrangements for knowledge transfer** must be an important part of the funded projects. Results must be provided in an understandable form and manner for the respective target group.

Eligible teams

The call is open to contractors eligible to participate in the RTD (i.e. Research and Technology Development) programs run by funders participating to SOILveR pilot call.

Participants should build a trans-national research consortium involving at least two independent legal entities from at least two of the SOILveR pilot call funding countries. Involvement of various professional background (natural/medical sciences, sociology, economics, law...) in the project team is highly recommended, especially for topic 2.

Call funding

SOILveR pilot call will:

- offer grant funding with a **total budget of 550 k€**
- use a **‘virtual pot with juste retour’** funding model: each funder will fund the research teams from its own country. Some of the funders may introduce flexibility in the funding model and under certain conditions, fund research teams from other countries.
- **be based on existing national funding rules (and so may offer different maximum funding rates in each country).**

Call planning

- Launch : June 28, 2019
- **Final submission first phase: September 27, 2019**
- Invitation to submit for second phase: October 11, 2019
- Final submission: November 29, 2019
- International peer review: December 13, 2019
- Final decision : January 17, 2020

Projects submission

- **Submission procedure involve a two-phase application with a common application form.**
- **First phase**



Projects evaluation

- 1st phase evaluation based on fit-to-call and funders priorities
- **The invitation to submit for second phase may include recommendation** on merging projects, resizing of project (scope vs. budget), methodology or team involved.
- 2nd phase evaluation based on an international peer review processes

Aim to fund a balanced portfolio of research projects covering the topic areas of the pilot call.

Call funders

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More information and submission

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