

A close-up photograph of a person's hands planting seeds into the soil. The person is wearing a striped shirt and dark pants. The soil is dark and rich, with some small plants growing. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a soft glow over the scene.

5TH DECEMBER

# WORLD SOIL DAY

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The new **EU Soil Strategy** for 2030 is a key deliverable of the **EU Biodiversity Strategy** for 2030. It will contribute to the objectives of the **European Green Deal**.

The EU soil strategy for 2030 sets out a framework and concrete measures to protect and restore soils, and ensure that they are used sustainably. It sets a vision and objectives to achieve healthy soils by 2050, with concrete actions by 2030.

# Soil Monitoring Law

On 5th July 2023, the EU proposed a new **Soil Monitoring Law** to protect and restore soils and ensure that they are used sustainably.

The new law aims to address key soil threats in the EU, such as erosion, floods and landslides, loss of soil organic matter, salinisation, contamination, compaction, sealing, as well as loss of soil biodiversity.

## The Law aims to

- Create a solid monitoring framework for all soils across EU
- Define good management practices and ban degrading practices
- Identify and investigate potentially contaminated sites, and address unacceptable risks for human health and the environment

## Discussion

The new law drew criticism from the European agri-food industry for **lacking ambition** to improve the “worrying” state of soils.

According to Caroline Heinzl, Associate Policy Officer for Soil, the publication includes **no obligations for farmers or member states to take action beyond monitoring.**

It falls short on clear guidelines and innovative tools for soil use and restoration by actors of the agri-food chain.

# Join us in our mission

We are on a mission to reshape the healthcare system in Europe based on the connection between **soil and human health.**

