

Fast Facts

What is LANDMARK?

LANDMARK is a European Research Project on the sustainable management of land and soil in Europe. The question that LANDMARK aims to address is: 'how can we make the most of our land?' How can we ensure that our soils deliver on the many expectations we have of our land? These expectations (or 'demands') include:

- 1. Primary productivity (agriculture and forestry)
- 2. Water purification and regulation
- 3. Carbon storage
- 4. Providing a home for biodiversity
- 5. Providing a sustainable receptor for nutrients.

Who is LANDMARK?

LANDMARK is a consortium of 22 partner institutes from 14 EU countries plus Switzerland, China and Brazil. These include universities, applied research institutes, Chambers of Agriculture, an SME and the European Commission. Landmark is supported by COPA-COGECA, and led by Teagasc, the Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority.

What will LANDMARK deliver?

LANDMARK will produce three outcomes:

- For farmers: a Soil Navigator that provides advice on the sustainable management of soils on 'my farm';
- For legislators: a framework for monitoring of soil quality and soil functions that is applicable across Europe;
- For policy makers: an assessment of policies that can ensure that we 'make the most of our land', from both an agronomic and environmental point of view.

Who is funding LANDMARK?

LANDMARK receives €5m in funding from the European Commission, as part of the Horizon 2020 Call for 'Sustainable food production systems' (Topic SFS-4-2014: Soil quality and function).

Where can I learn more about LANDMARK?

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