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Newsletter #2 (July 2016)

Welcome to the LANDMARK project newsletter, bringing you highlights of activities since the launch in May 2015. Please feel free to forward it.

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[\[PAPER\] Making the Most of Our Land: Managing Soil Functions from Local to Continental Scale](#)

The challenges of achieving both food security and environmental sustainability have resulted in a confluence of demands on land within the European Union: we expect our land to provide food, fiber and fuel, to purify water, to sequester carbon, and provide a home to biodiversity as well as external nutrients in the form of waste from humans and intensive livestock enterprises. All soils can perform all of these five functions, but some soils are better at supplying selective functions. Functional Land Management is a framework for policy-making aimed at meeting these demands by incentivizing land use and soil management practices that

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[ITLUS tillage farmer workshop](#)

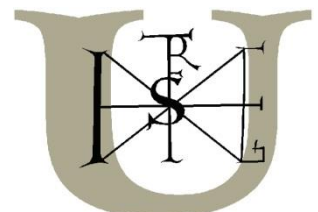
In March 2016 Teagasc hosted a tillage farmer workshop to discuss the importance of soil structure and soil functions. The LANDMARK project was introduced at this meeting and 55 tillage farmers were asked to rank soil functions for their farms in Ireland.

Full report in the Farmers Journal <http://www.farmersjournal.ie/good-structure-indicates-healthy-soil-conditions-204909>



[Roundtable 3](#)

The LANDMARK consortium meets in six monthly roundtables to align stakeholder demands across the three LANDMARK spatial scales (local, regional and European). Our project



partner the Szent István University hosted Roundtable3 in Gödöllő, Hungary on 25-27th of May 2016, providing a [shared learning event](#) for the consortium, the LANDMARK Stakeholder Steering Committee and the Ethiopian [AFER](#) project.

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[LANDMARK glossary](#)

LANDMARK has defined concepts commonly used to describe soil functions and soil quality. In our glossary a **soil function** is *a soil based ecosystem services: an overarching concept referring to one (out of five, following Schulte et al., 2014) elemental aspect of the soil system that contributes to the generation of goods and services*. Translations in IT, FRA, ES will be available soon.

Download <https://landmark2020.bitrix24.com/~NB2u1>

[LANDMARK Glossary](#)

[LANDMARK contributes to FAO](#)

Online consultation for developing the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management

Link <http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/activities/discussions/soilguidelines>



Voluntary Guidelines
for Sustainable Soil
Management

[LANDMARK is coming to you: workshops across Europe](#)

LANDMARK is currently hosting local farmer and regional stakeholders workshops in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany and Ireland.

The next National & EU workshops will be:

- 20th September 2016 AGES, Vienna
- 5th October 2016 APCA, Paris
- 20th October 2016, [EU stakeholder workshop](#), Brussels



[What's next?](#)

- 22.09.2016 Policy Session "[Who decides? Making policies on land management work on the farm.](#)" During the European Ecosystem Services conference "[Helping nature to help us](#)" 19-23.09.2016 Antwerp, Belgium
- 20.10.2016 [EU stakeholder workshop "ARE YOU GETTING WHAT YOU WANT FROM LAND?"](#), Rue de Treves 61 (COPA-COGECA premises), Bruxelles, Belgium

- 8-10.11.2016 Roundtable4, Zurich, Switzerland
- 12-17.08.2018 [WORLD CONGRESS OF SOIL SCIENCE, Soils to feed and fuel the world](#), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

LANDMARK attended also

[H2020 Societal Challenge2 Info Week 2016 – Coordinators’ Day](#) Bruxelles | [ESSC 8th International Conference "Soils - Our Common Future"](#) Cluj-Napoca | [Commission Agronomie Environnement APCA](#) Paris | [British Ecological Society Annual Meeting workshop](#) Edinburgh | [Catch-C FP7 project meeting](#) Wageningen | [Nuffield International Contemporary Scholars Conference](#) Cavan Ireland | [MAES SOIL Pilot project workshop](#), Ghent | [Horizon 2020 Coordinators’ Day](#) Bruxelles | [DG AGRI Designing the path research and innovation](#) Bruxelles | [EEA Thematic workshop on land resource efficiency](#) Copenhagen | [INSPIRATION H2020 project meeting Orleans](#) | [Comite' Soils et Territoires](#) Paris | [GGAA conference](#) Australia | [WP3 JSI modeling workshop](#) Ljubljana | [Inter Trade conference](#) Dublin | [BEES Christmas market](#) Brussels |

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