

project meetings for discussion, and where necessary, voting. Possible issues will be reported in the periodic project reports that are sent to the European Commission.

Table 3.2a. Brief description of tasks of management entities within SOILCARE.

Management entity	Task	Participants
Project Management Board	Daily management of the project	Project Coordinator and Management Support Team
Scientific Board	Supervision of scientific project progress, decision making on scientific issues.	Scientific Project Coordinator and WP leaders
Work Package Coordinators	Coordinate project work according to plan at WP level	Senior Scientists of beneficiaries involved in WP
Study Site Coordinators	Execute project work according to plan within a Study Site	Team Leaders, working in a Study Site
Project Advisory Board	Project guidance and scientific review of output, providing input to discussion	Representatives from target groups, European and international organisations and the scientific community

Sound and transparent administration and management

The project will be managed on output, guidelines for this are the described project outputs; deliverables and milestones. The overall project objectives will only be realised through an integrative approach in which each WP performs its own work, but in which all WPs also closely work together to achieve project results that go beyond individual WPs. The work within WPs is subdivided into tasks, and each WP has clearly defined deliverables. The timing of the deliverables will be according to the project work planning. In addition to deliverables, milestones have also been defined (table 3.2b). For each milestone, means of verification are identified. Decisions on further progress (go, no-go), against the established means of verification for each milestone, will be taken by the Scientific Board. Also, the Scientific Board will make use of an online management system that enables fast and convenient reporting for scientific work done at different (partner, WP) levels. The online system includes the WP coordinators' observations on progress, risks and deviations for the Scientific Board to accommodate.

Table 3.2b. List of milestones

Milestone number	Milestone name	Related work package(s)	Estimated date	Means of verification
1	An analytical framework for assessing soil-improving cropping systems	2	6	Framework tested on sites with different CS and bio-physical, socio-economic and political conditions
2	A list of pre-selected cropping systems to be explored in WP3	2	9	WP3 leader indicates that list contains the needed data
3	Multi-actor stakeholder advisory panels established in each study site	3	6	Panels ready to play their role in SOILCARE
4	Participation training delivered to all local consortium partners	3	12	Partners able to moderate stakeholder workshops
5	Methodology and guidelines tested and ready for use	4	22	Successful application in one of the Study Sites
6	CS implemented for testing	5	26	Experiments implemented and ready for monitoring
7	Database for monitoring data tested and accessible to partners	5	28	Successful test in one of the study sites
8	Working version of IAM available	6	40	IAM model tested and delivered to coordinator
9	Integrated scenarios with qualitative and quantitative components available	6	50	Report with scenarios delivered to coordinator
10	SOILCARE information hub developed	8	12	Hub ready to store results from the project