

WP3: Stakeholder involvement

Task 3.1: Stakeholder analysis, advisory panels and involvement

- training workshop on Stakeholder participation, Newcastle, 6-7/7/2016
- 2nd (limited) Stakeholder Workshop to establish stakeholder analysis, 27/9/2016
- stakeholder analysis report, delivered on 12/12/2016

Task 3.2: Selection of CS for testing

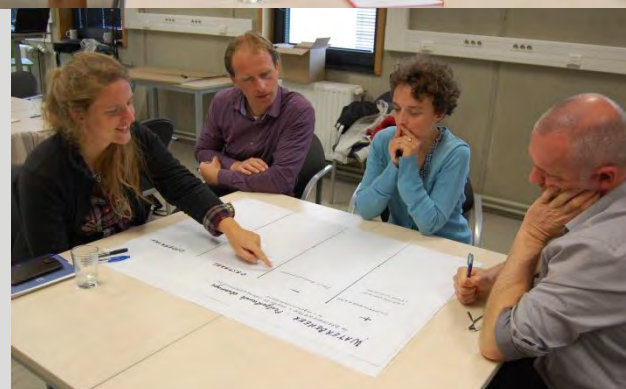
- 1st Stakeholder Workshop, report delivered on 28/6/2016: presentation SoilCare project, brainstorming on soil threats, solutions, drawbacks and obstacles
- 3rd Stakeholder Workshop 15/5/2017, report delivered 3/7/2016
- List of selected SICS to be implemented in field trials

Task 3.3: Social factors influencing adoption

- interview on factors influencing the adoption of soil-improving cropping systems, 16/6/2016

Task 3.4: Workshop to seek stakeholder feedback on preliminary findings

- multi-stakeholder advisory panel meeting: to be held on 20/6/2018



WP4/5: Assessment methodology

- Soil quality indicators: inventory measurement methods used in Flanders, 3/3/2017
- Feedback on Monitoring Plan, 29/1/2018

WP7: Policy analysis

- Policy inventory: delivered on 31/10/2017.
- Policy interview (Martine Swerts): 8/11/2017, analysis delivered on 11/1/2018.
- Policy interview (Dirk Coomans): 16/11/2017, analysis delivered on 11/1/2018.
- Policy interview (Hilde Vandendriessche): 7/12/2017, analysis delivered on 11/1/2018.
- Policy interview (Toon De Keukelaere): 13/12/2017, analysis delivered on 15/1/2018.
- In-depth Policy Analysis: delivered on 1/2/2018.

WP5: Field trials & monitoring

Organic soil amendments: trial with 6 treatments and 4 replications, laid out in strips

- control without fertilization and with only mineral fertilization
- application of VFG compost, wood chips or solid pig manure with or without lava grit

Implementation:

- sampling and analysis of organic amendments: 6/10/2017
- general soil sample (basic analyses: texture, C%, pH, P, K, Na, Ca): 16/10/2017
- application of organic amendments: 20/10/2017



Soil tillage and soil cover in maize: 5 treatments and 4 replications, laid out in strips.

- control: conventional tillage
- non-inversion tillage
- strip-till in living or destroyed rye cover crop
- undersowing of grass

Implementation:

- general soil sample (basic analyses: texture, C%, pH, P, K, Na, Ca): 16/10/2017
- sowing of cover crop: october 2017
- destruction of cover crop and ploughing: april 2018
- sowing of maize: 9/5/2018



Demonstration of novel crops

- control: winter wheat
- perennial wheat (experimental seeds)
- protein crops: soybeans, winter field beans, lupins

Implementation:

- general soil sample (basic analyses: texture, C%, pH, P, K, Na, Ca): 16/10/2017
- sowing of winter crops (wheat, perennial wheat, field beans): 16/11/2017



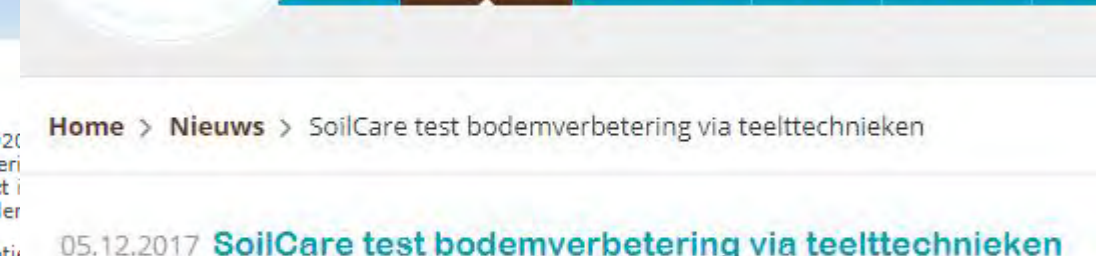
Demonstration of controlled spraying traffic

Implementation:

- farmers field
- RTK-measurement of fixed spraying tracks: 6/9/2017
- penetration resistance measurements in & outside tracks: 6/9/2017

WP8: Dissemination

- Interview on PlattelandsTV: 17/3/2016
- Website BDB – Soilcare: 22/3/2016
- SoilCare and World Soil Day News release on website BDB: 1/12/2016
- Translation and publications of the first SoilCare newsletter: 24/4/2017
- Presentation of SoilCare on farmers meeting Leve(n)de Bodem: 22/8/2017
- Presentation of SoilCare on Compost Event (long-term trial): 19/9/2017
- Stakeholder Workshop exit questionnaire on dissemination: delivered 20/9/2017
- Article in professional newspaper: 27/11/2017
- Press Release on World Soil Day News release on website BDB: 6/12/2017
- Press Release on World Soil Day News release in VILT (Flemish Information Center for Agriculture and Horticulture): 6/12/2017
- Interview with professional newspaper: 12/3/2018
- Open Field day SoilCare: 20/6/2018
- SoilCare film: 28/6/2018
- Multiple dissemination activities related to the long-term experiments



The **SOILCARE** project is a 5 year project aimed at identifying and evaluating promising soil improving cropping systems and agronomic techniques increasing profitability and sustainability across scales in Europe.

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