



Newsletter No. 1  
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Welcome to the first edition of the LANDMARK newsletter, bringing you highlights from the Consortium's activities since the launch in May 2015. Please feel free to forward it.

### What and who is Landmark?

LANDMARK is a pan-European multi-actor Horizon 2020 consortium of leading academic and applied research institutes, chambers of agriculture and policy makers that will develop a coherent framework for soil management aimed at sustainable food production across Europe. The LANDMARK proposal builds on the concept that soils are a finite resource that provides a range of ecosystem services known as "soil functions". Functions relating to agriculture include...

Read more on [http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/193323\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/193323_en.html)



### Launch & Roundtable 1

In May 2015 Skills, Research and Innovation Minister Damien English launched the pan-European Landmark project in Castledockrell, County Wexford, Ireland. The privilege fell to the Minister because the LANDMARK programme is ..

Read more on the <http://www.farmersjournal.ie/landmark-will-provide-clarity-on-productive-use-of-our-diverse-soils-181427/> and on Teagasc website <http://www.teagasc.ie/news/2015/201505-20.asp>



### A Landmark for soil

How can we make the most of our land? The LANDMARK project aims to find out, as coordinator Dr Rachel Creamer, of Teagasc, Ireland, explained to the digital journal H2020 *Portal*. "It is absolutely clear that good farming in Europe equals sustainable farming," said Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Affairs, speaking at the conference on 'A Sustainable Future for EU Farming?' in Brussels earlier this year. "But given the pressure on our natural resources, the key challenge is how to produce more using less..."

Read more on <http://horizon2020projects.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/H8-R-Creamer-IV-4010-atl.pdf>



### Wageningen Soil Conference 2015

"MAKING THE MOST OF OUR LAND: MEETING SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF SOIL FUNCTIONS FROM FARM TO EUROPEAN SCALE" was the presentation given by Prof Rogier Schulte, LANDMARK project manager at the Wageningen SOIL conference, in The Netherlands. The concept of Functional land management forms the basis of the LANDMARK Consortium and..

Read more on the Book of abstract [http://www.wageningenur.nl/upload\\_mm/6/c/6/3bb550bd-2b03-4a59-a50e-2cf1157109e8\\_Final\\_Book%20of%20Abstracts\\_WSC%202015.pdf](http://www.wageningenur.nl/upload_mm/6/c/6/3bb550bd-2b03-4a59-a50e-2cf1157109e8_Final_Book%20of%20Abstracts_WSC%202015.pdf)



### Functional Land Management: a framework for sustainable, climate-smart, productive agriculture?

Watch the full lecture given by Prof Rogier Schulte, LANDMARK project manager, in September 2015. This event was part of the Institute of International and European Affairs/RDS series of Irish events on the theme of climate-smart agriculture.

Watch at <http://www.iea.com/events/rs-functional-land-management-a-framework-for-sustainable-climate-smart-productive-agriculture#thash.xnqZ6kSy.5LdnR8Ko.dpuf>



## Roundtable 2

The LANDMARK consortium meets in six monthly roundtables in order to align and to meet stakeholder demands across the three LANDMARK spatial scales (local, regional and European). Our project partner ESITPA hosted Roundtable (RT) 2 in ROUEN, France 18-20<sup>th</sup> November 2015, bringing together all the consortium plus relevant external stakeholders (the LANDMARK Stakeholder Steering Committee) in order to facilitate the process of continuous shared learning.

@Esitpa <https://twitter.com/Esitpa/status/666718665568616449>



## A regional multi-stakeholders workshop

During the LANDMARK Roundtable2 in Rouen, APCA and ESITPA in joint collaboration with the Chambre d'Agriculture Seine-Maritime organized a regional multi-stakeholders workshop as shared learning event. The workshop was held in the Hotel de Region Haute Normandie. Participants experienced a spatial mapping exercise on possible synergies and conflicts of the five soil functions in a world cafe' style method.

@Landmark2020 <https://twitter.com/Landmark2020/status/667403324644265986?lang=en>



## Bruxelles H2020 InfoWeek

LANDMARK was represented by our partner Mr Sylvain Sturel (APCA) during the Bruxelles H2020 InfoWeek on the 23/11 at the Internal cross-fertilisation meeting and on the 24/11 at the Public workshop on "*Interactive innovation in motion: multi-actor approach and thematic networks*".

Read more on <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/news/interactive-innovation-motion-multi-actor-projects-and-thematic-networks-under-horizon-2020>

## What's next?

- RT3 - the LANDMARK Consortium will meet together with the Stakeholder Steering Committee members next May 2016 in Hungary, hosted by our partner the Szent Istvan University.
- ESSC organizes the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference "Soils - Our Common Future", 15-18.06.2016, Cluj-Napoca
- European Ecosystem Services conference "Helping nature to help us" 19-23.09.2016 Antwerp, Belgium

## LANDMARK attended also

[OECD France ag4climate](#) Paris | [SCENV meeting IDFWDS2015](#) Vilnius | [DG ENV@Expo2015 Healthy Soils for Feeding the Planet and for Climate Change Adaptation](#) Milan | [DG JRC/ENSA@EXPO2015 Giving soil a voice](#) Milan | [Irish workshop on Mapping Agri-Ecosystem Services \(MAES\)](#) Dublin | [InterTradeIreland SC2 H2020 conference](#) Dublin

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