

Invitation to the Annual Meeting of the Austrian Soil Science Society  
in cooperation with EJP SOIL, BOKU and b5 Corporate Soil Competence

Topic: **“Mission Soil.at – Retrospect and Prospect”**

**Date: 17th September 2024**

Venue: BOKU Schwackhöfer Haus, Peter-Jordanstr. 82, 1190 Vienna

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Austria has a thriving community of soil experts. We want to present current research, network and look into the future.

The European Joint Program „EJP SOIL“ is coming to an end in January 2025. Austria was extremely successful and participated in 19 projects. What are the major outcomes and what is the benefit for Austria? In the meanwhile, several big national soil projects and EU „Mission Soil“ programs have started: What do they cover? What is not covered? What science do we need? Where can we contribute? Austrian needs within the specific objectives will be discussed.

**Preliminary Program**

**8:00-8:30** Welcome, registration, coffee

RETROSPECT: WHAT DO WE HAVE?

8:30-10:30 Invited Keynote Lectures

10:40-12:00 Poster Pitches and Poster Presentations with healthy snacks

12:00-13:30 Lunch buffet

13:30 Keynote Lecture: Status Quo of the Mission Action Group, Opportunities for Engagement

PROSPECT: WHAT DO WE WANT?

**14:00-15:00** Breakout groups – What does Austria need?  
on the topics of

- 1) Land degradation and soil/plant carbon fluxes
- 2) soil sealing and soil restoration
- 3) erosion and soil structure/biodiversity
- 4) global footprint on soils and soil literacy

15:00-15:30 Coffee and cakes

15:30 Reports from Breakout Groups by Young Scientists

16:30 Panel Discussion: Prospects for Austria

**17:30-20:00** Evening program

Best Poster Awards, Film presentation, Pub Quiz on Mission Soil; beer, wine and snacks