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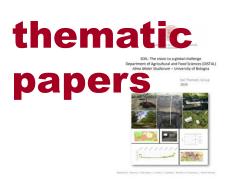














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The objectives of this document are:

to highlight the contribution of soil in the achievement of sustainable development into the new growth European strategy

to identify the main challenges which we consider crucial for the future growth of Europe and how to address them



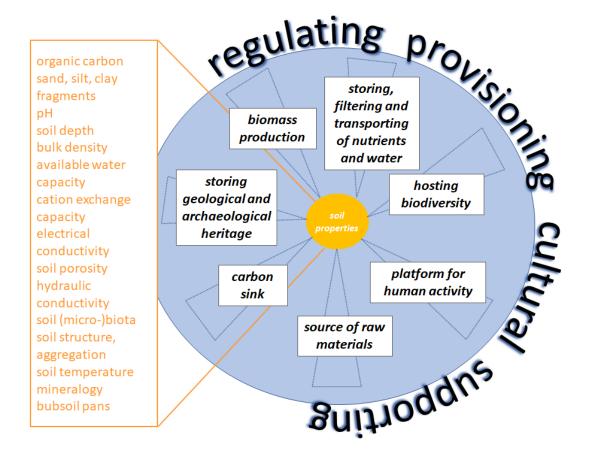
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SOIL - DISTAL: context

«...soil is a complex system...»

«..The multitude of soil properties allows the provison of **many important functions**...and the delivey of **ecosystem services**...»







SOIL - DISTAL: key points

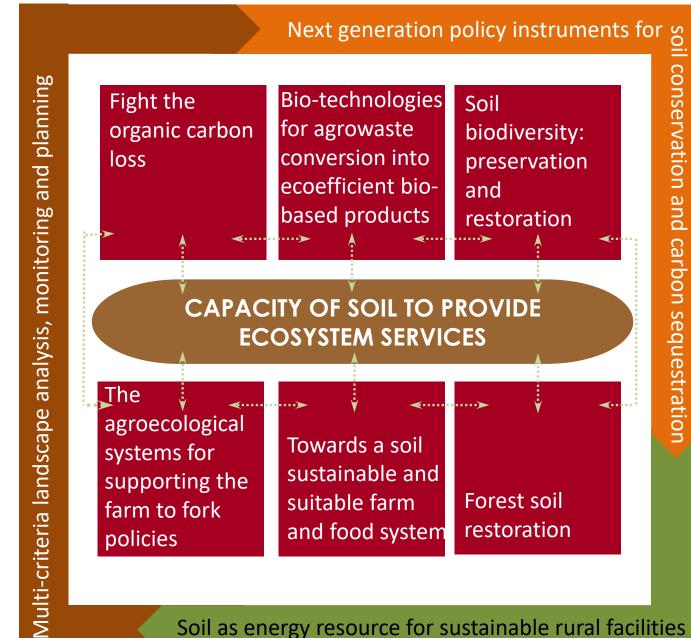
- The maintence, or improvement of soil functionality is crucial
- The capacity of soil to provide ecosystem services must be preserved as it is fundamental for socio-economical and environmental issues
- Soil is currently threated by several degradation processes
- Soil is a not renewable resource



are moderataly to highlty degradated due to

erosion, salinization, acidification, pollution, compaction, loss of carbon and biodiversity, nutrients imbalance





Soil as energy resource for sustainable rural facilities





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