

La ricerca in Europa e in Italia per la conoscenza e la gestione sostenibile del suolo. La Missione Europea per Il suolo.

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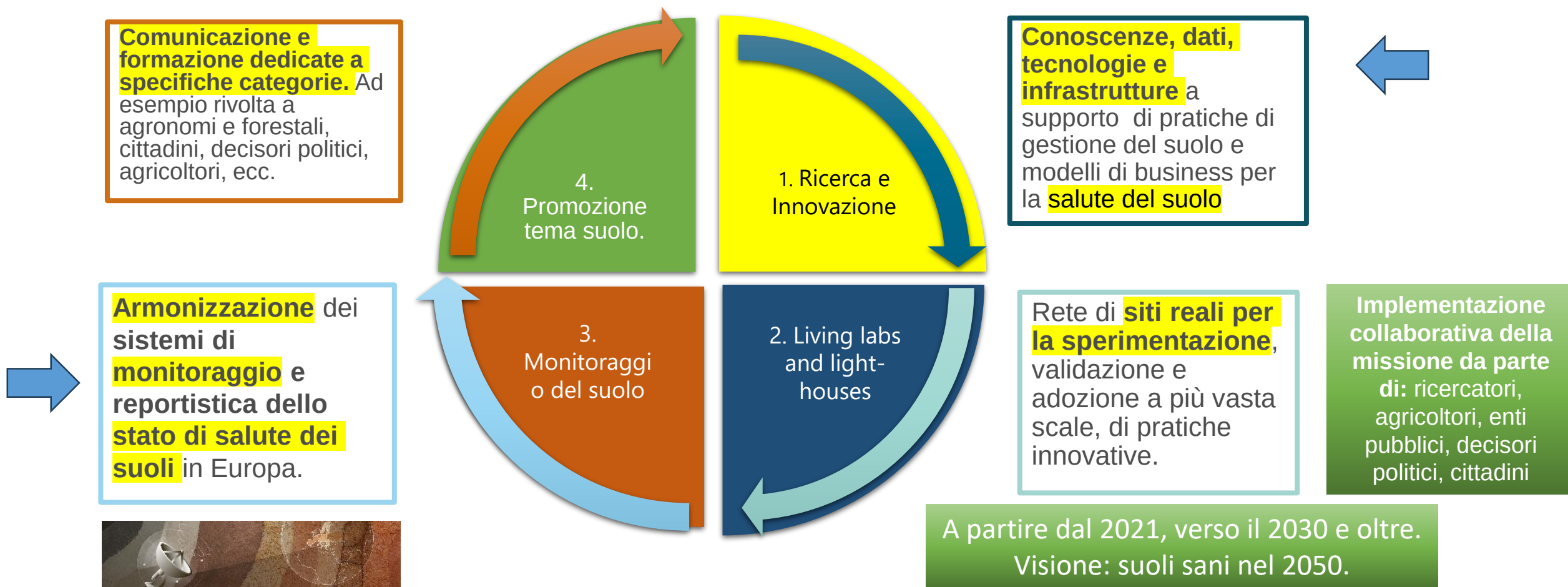
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dell'International Network of Soil Information Systems della FAO-GSP

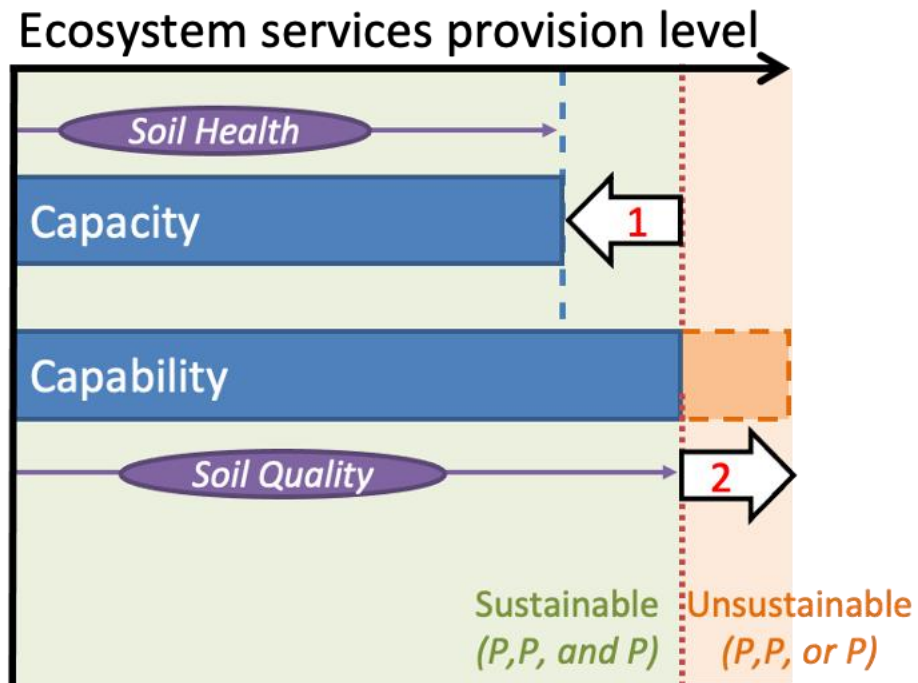


Componenti della soil mission



Il concetto di *STATO* di salute del suolo e *INDICATORI* di salute

Definizione proposta dal progetto EJP SOIL, per distinguere i concetti di **qualità del suolo**, intesa come capacità potenziale di svolgere funzioni in base al tipo di suolo, e **stato di salute del suolo**, inteso come stato attuale rispetto al teorico potenziale. (Faber et al 2022).



CRITERI PER LA DEFINIZIONE DEGLI INDICATORI DI STATO DI SALUTE

Qualsiasi sia la definizione di salute, important criteri di selezione per le proprietà del suolo che vanno a comporre tali indicatori di stato sono:

- 1) proprietà che variano: per impatto di diverse gestioni del suolo e/o per il variare delle condizioni ambientali;
- 2) proprietà che si collegano alla capacità del suolo di svolgere le sue funzioni.

<https://ejpsoil.eu/soil-research/siren>

DALLA DEFINIZIONE DELLO STATO
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CARTOGRAFIA DEL SUOLO DI BASE
(BASELINE)
...
AL MONITORAGGIO

LA PEDOLOGIA IN ITALIA E NELLE REGIONI ANNI '60

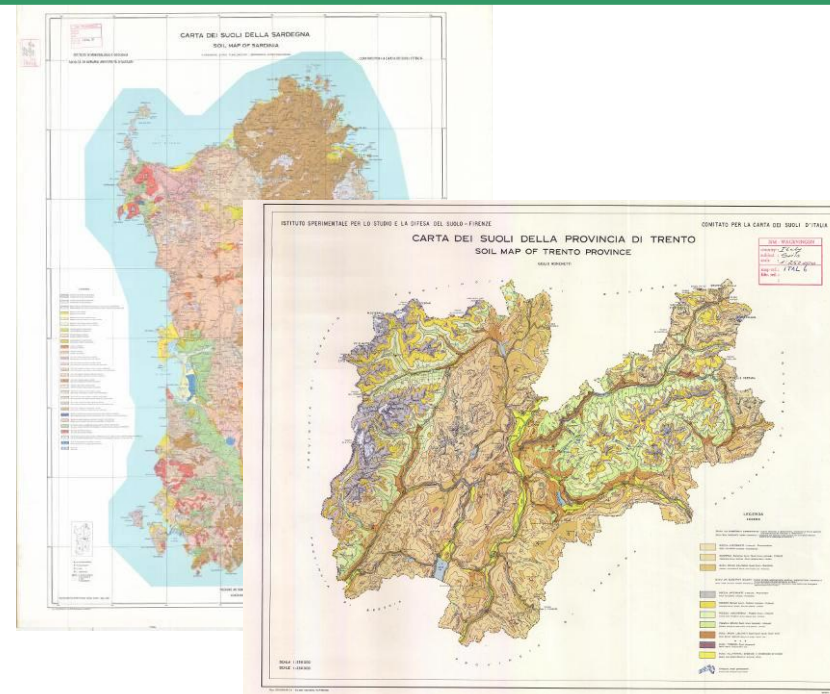


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1966 Carta dei Suoli d'Italia
(Mancini)

1:250.000

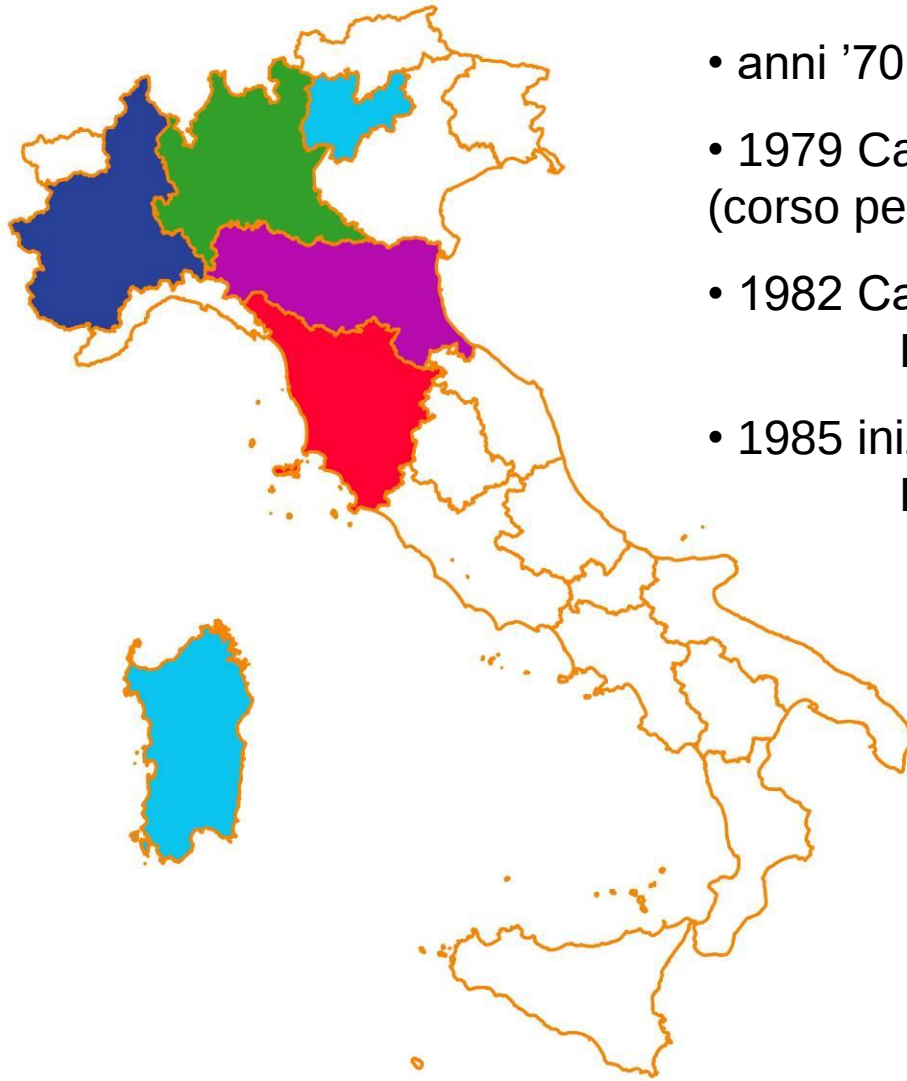
- 1965 Carta dei Suoli di Trento
- 1967 Carta dei Suoli della Sardegna



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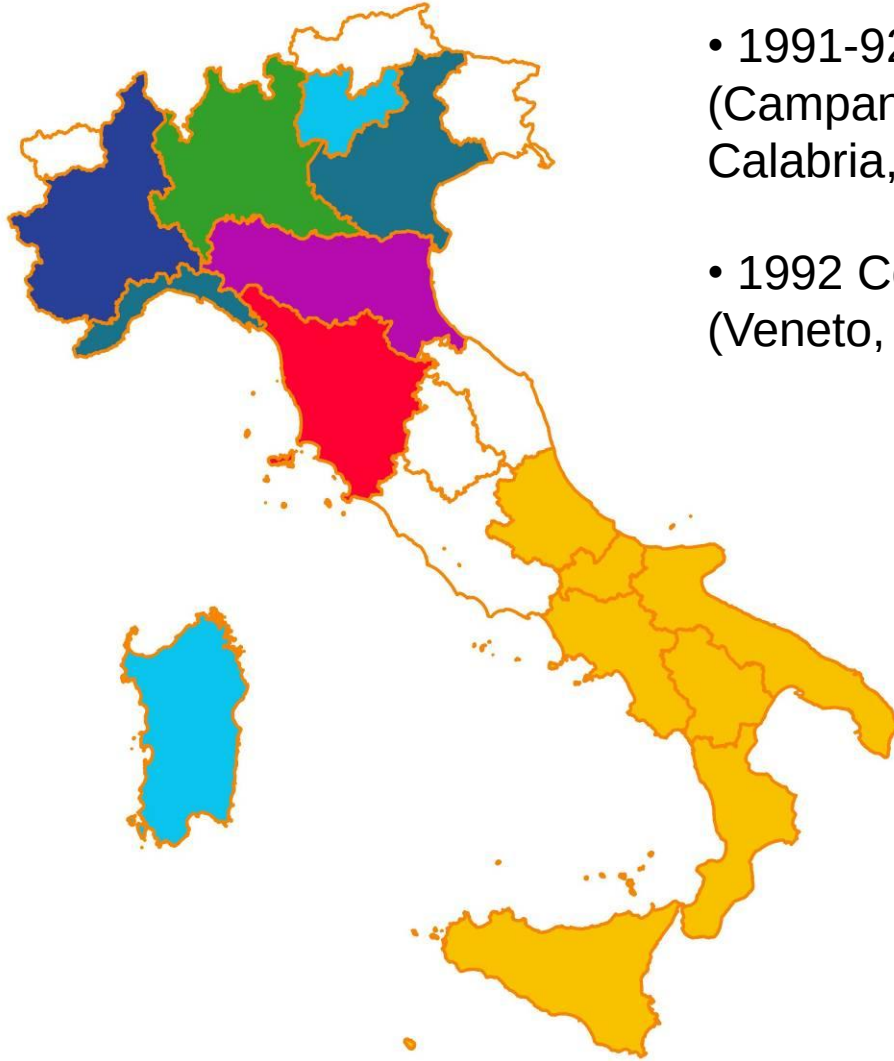
LA PEDOLOGIA IN ITALIA E NELLE REGIONI ANNI 70-80



- anni '70 primi rilevamenti in Toscana
- 1979 Carta dei Suoli Emilia Romagna 1:250.000 (corso per rilevatori pedologi 1988)
- 1982 Carta della Capacità d'uso dei suoli del Piemonte 1:250.000
- 1985 inizio rilevamenti carta dei suoli 1:50.000 in Lombardia



LA PEDOLOGIA IN ITALIA E NELLE REGIONI ANNI 90



- 1991-92 Corso FORMEZ per divulgatori pedologi (Campania, Abruzzo, Molise, Basilicata, Puglia, Calabria, Sicilia)
- 1992 Corso CIFDA per divulgatori pedologi (Veneto, Liguria)



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Osservatorio Nazionale Pedologico
2005

- L'Osservatorio Nazionale Pedologico ERA stato ricostituito con **DM 10879 del 10 ottobre 2005**
- rappresentanti di **MIPAAF, MATTM, CREA** (CNCP, che però non ha mai ricevuto un riconoscimento ufficiale), **CNR, ISPRA**, le **Regioni** (ARPAT, Agenzie Regionali di Sviluppo, ecc), e di esperti a livello universitario nel settore della pedologia e della chimica del suolo.

Progetti correlati:

- Progetto metodologie pedologiche
- Progetto BADASUOLI
- Progetto Rete Rurale – ARESVA (definizione delle aree svantaggiate per vincoli naturali)

Risultati:

- Metodi standard di laboratorio, di rilevamento e informatizzazione dei dati pedologici
- Struttura della banca dati nazionale (Cncp.mdb)
- [Carta dei Suoli d'Italia 1:500.000 \(2012\)](#) e [webgis](#) formato [PostGIS/PostGRES](#) (SISI)
- Carta delle Aree Svantaggiate approvata con decreto MIPAAF

STANDARD METODOLOGICI NAZIONALI CONDIVISI E CARTOGRAFIA NAZIONALE



LA PEDOLOGIA IN ITALIA E NELLE REGIONI ANNI 2000



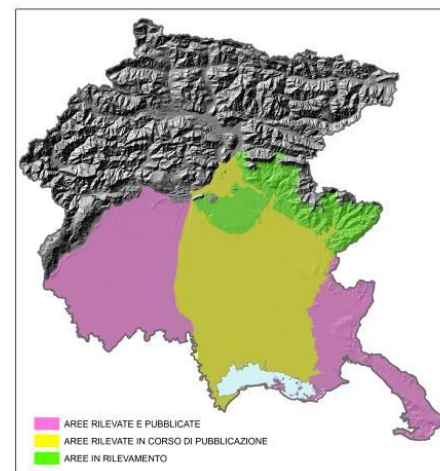
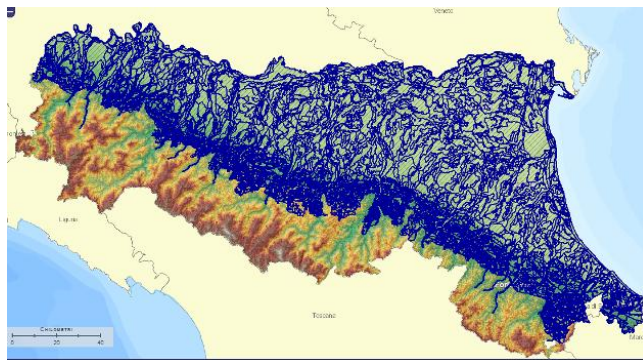
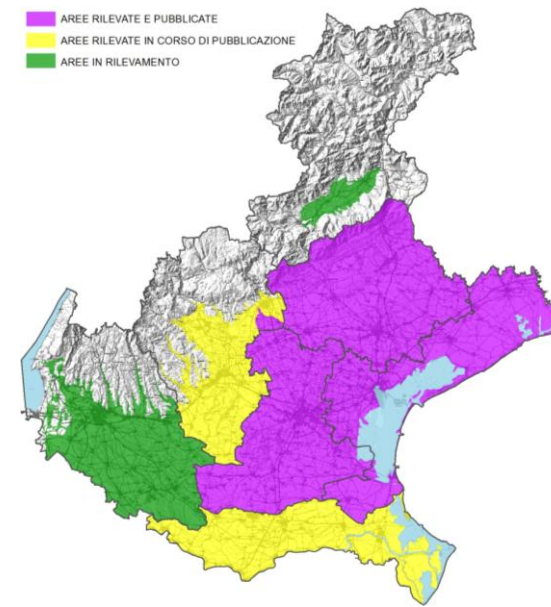
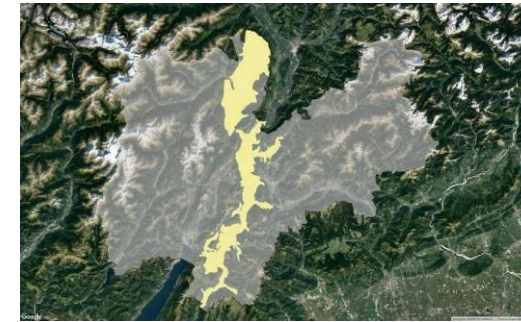
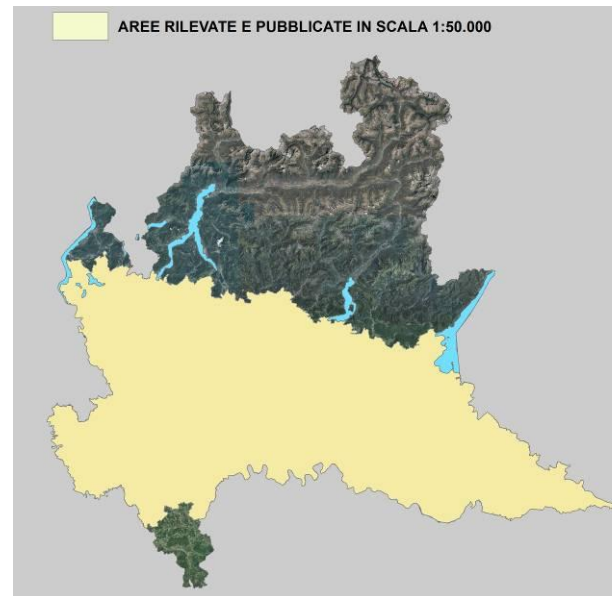
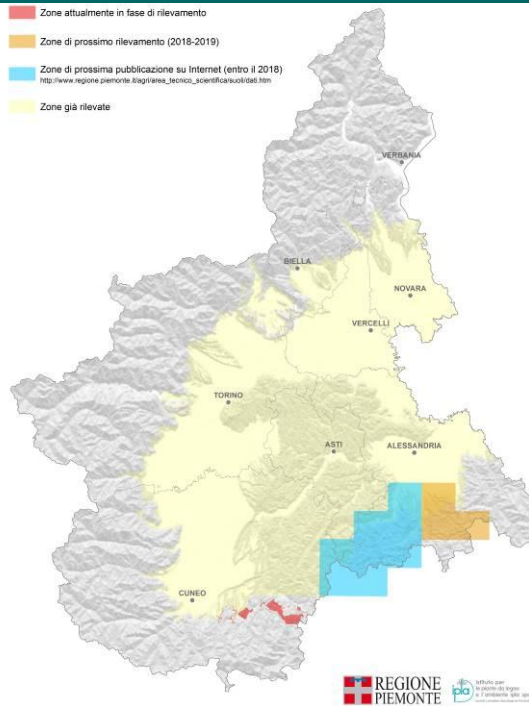
2000-2017
Carta dei suoli d'Italia in scala
1:250.000

Le Regioni di Suolo Italiane in scala 1:1.000.000



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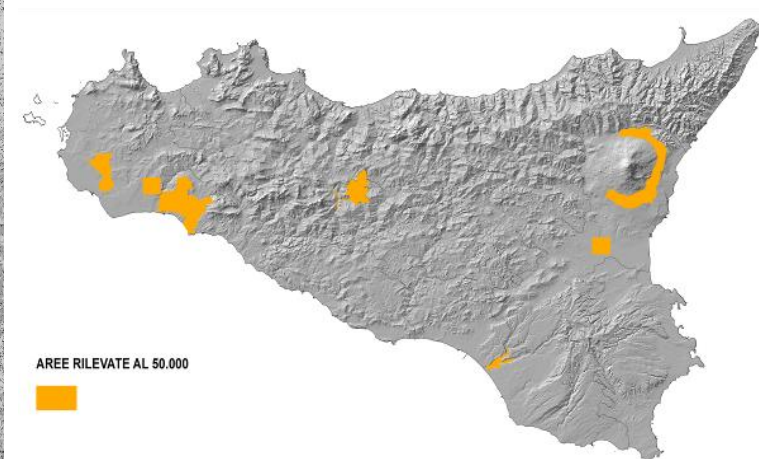
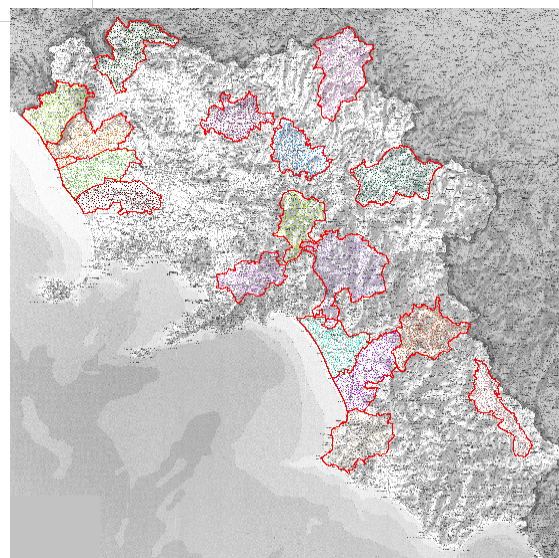
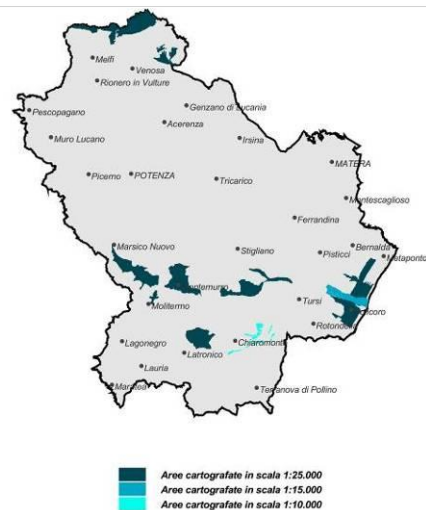
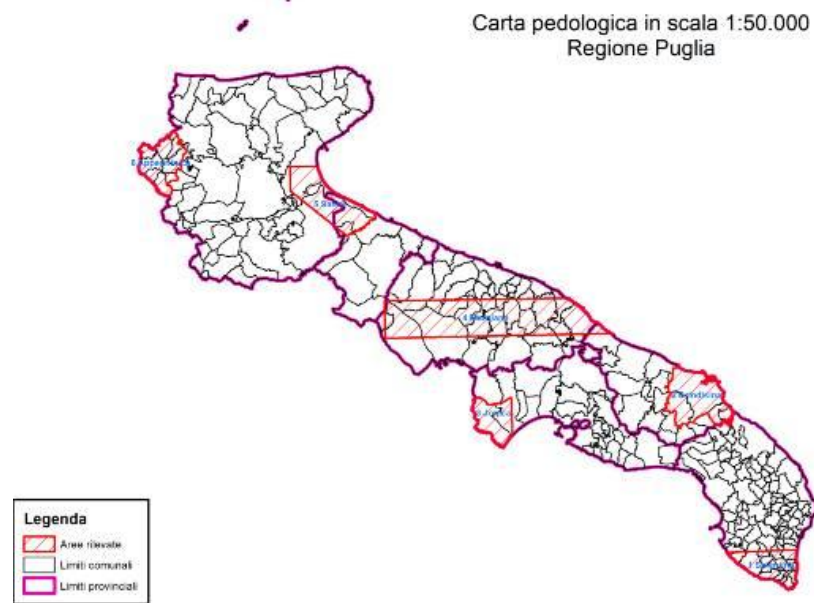
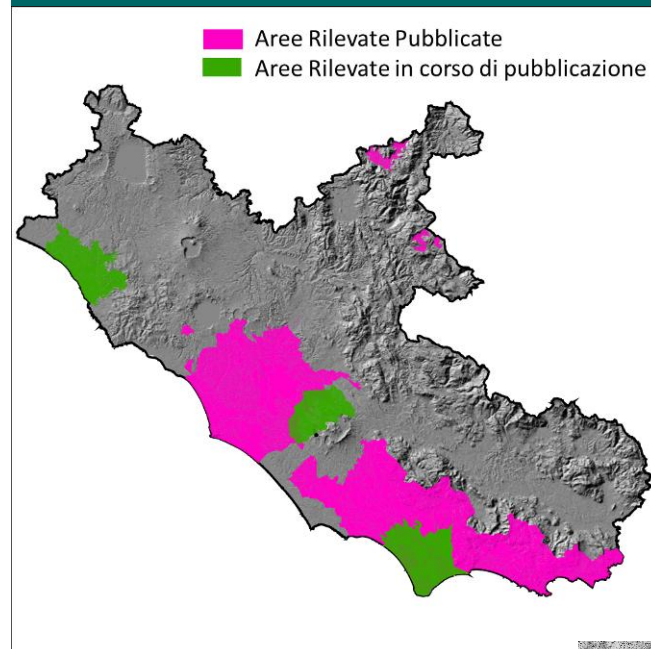
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ESPERIENZE DI DIGITAL SOIL MAPPING PARTECIPATIVO NELL'AMBITO DELLA GLOBAL SOIL PARTNERSHIP (FAO)

Realizzazione della carta dello stock di carbonio organico nei suoli italiani

Coordinamento CREA-AA - Firenze



Porzione italiana della
GLOBAL SOIL ORGANIC
CARBON MAP (GSOCmap)



Agenzia Regionale per la Prevenzione
e Protezione Ambientale del Veneto



Obiettivo: produrre una
mappa armonizzata a
livello nazionale senza
perdere la conoscenza
regionale-locale.



Coordinate dal CREA 20
Servizi del Suolo Regionali
hanno contribuito alla
realizzazione.



Le varie fasi del processo

1.1 Struttura banca dati condivisa

1.2 Dati, metadati e covariate

CREA Firenze e CREA Roma, ISPRA,
Enti regionali*, Università

2.1 Armonizzazione analisi SOC

Università di Reggio Calabria;
Università di Foggia; CREA-Roma; CNR
Firenze; ARPA Veneto

2.2 Stima densità apparente

CNR Firenze; CREA Firenze,
ARPA Veneto

* ARPAV, ARPA_FVG, ERSAF, SGSS_RER, ARSSA, Agris
Sardegna, Liguria, Marche, Sicilia, Puglia, Lamma

1. Messa a disposizione dati e controllo qualità

2. Metodi analitici e di stima

(in collaborazione con Pillar 5)

3. Digital Soil Mapping

4. Allestimento e consegna carta/report

CREA Firenze

Determinant
step to avoid
transboundary
issues

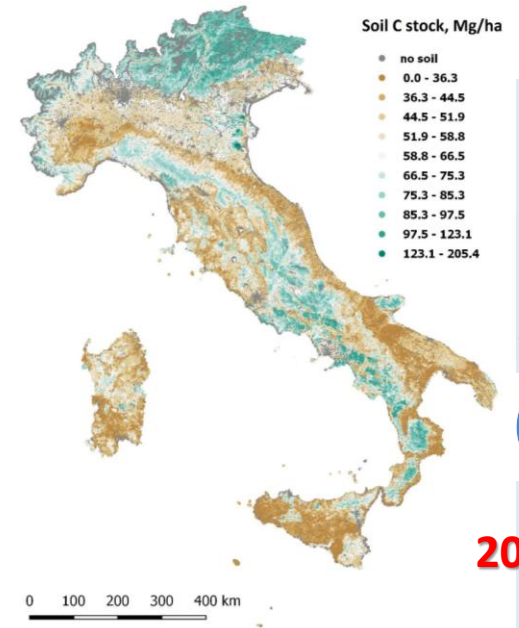
3.1 Metodi DSM

CNR Firenze; CREA Firenze;
CREA Roma

3.2 Validazioni regionali

SGSS-RER Bologna, ARPAV,
enti regionali

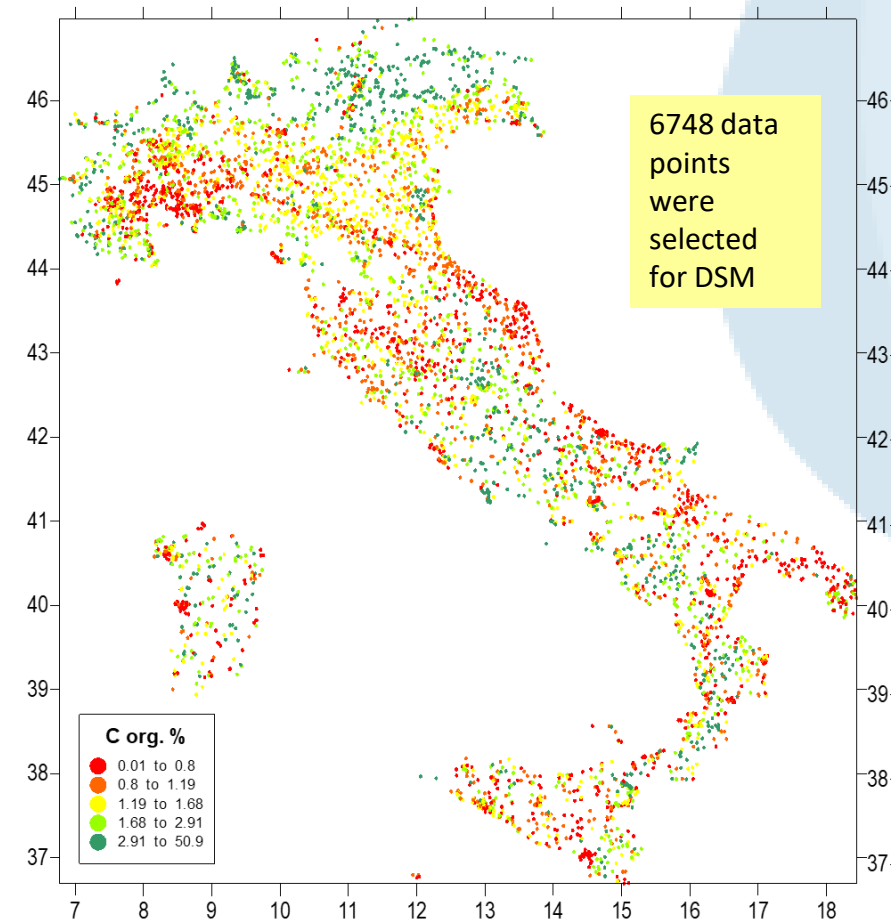
Maps
validation
by
Regional
Soil
Services



SOC data selection

6748 soil sites selected: well distributed (between 28 to 68 km²/site) and representative for the following environmental covariates: land use, geomorphology, and climate. Soil surveys between 1990 and 2013 (to exclude the effect of the soil protection measures of the RDP 2014-2020)

Region	Surface km ²	Sites number	km ² /site
Abruzzo	10794	257	42
Basilicata	9995	233	43
Calabria	15082	334	45
Campania	13595	259	52
Emilia-Romagna	22453	514	44
Friuli- Venezia Giulia	7845	251	31
Lazio	17236	490	35
Liguria	5410	124	44
Lombardia	23844	485	49
Marche	9401	206	46
Molise	4438	99	45
Piemonte	25402	912	28
Puglia	19345	345	56
Sardegna	24090	434	56
Sicilia	25711	522	49
Toscana	22994	338	68
Trentino Alto Adige	13619	334	41
Umbria	8456	214	40
Valle d'Aosta	3262	60	54
Veneto	18399	337	55
Totale	301371	6748	45



SOC data harmonization

SOC analytical methods considered:

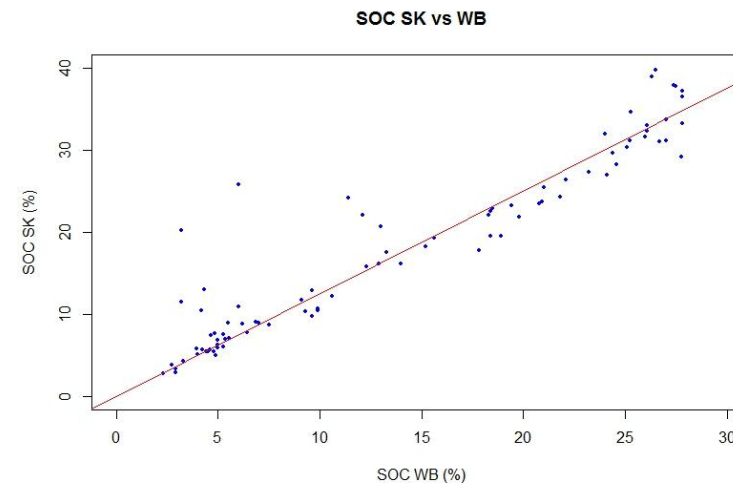
- SOC Dry combustion (ISO 10694:1995)
- SOC Wet chemical oxidation (Springer Klee, ISO 14235:1998)
- SOC Wet chemical oxidation (Walkley and Black, 1934)

ISO 10694:1995 and ISO 14235:1998 returned equivalent results

ISO 14235:1998

= 1.252 * SOC Walkey-Black (1934)

with $R^2 = 0.9679$



Calibration of pedotransfer functions for Bulk Density

- Calibration of PTFs specific for different great groups of land uses, applying General Linear Regression models (GLM) with BD as dependent variable
- Auxiliary variables used in the GLM models: SOC and texture (clay content, the mean and standard deviation of the diameter of soil particles in the fine earth fraction, and the 10 Soil Regions of Italy).

Example of **PTF calibrated for arable lands** (N =1446)

$$BD = 1.468 + \alpha - 0.0704 * SOC - 0.0006 * Clay - 0.00218 * Sg$$

where **BD** is the Bulk Density estimation

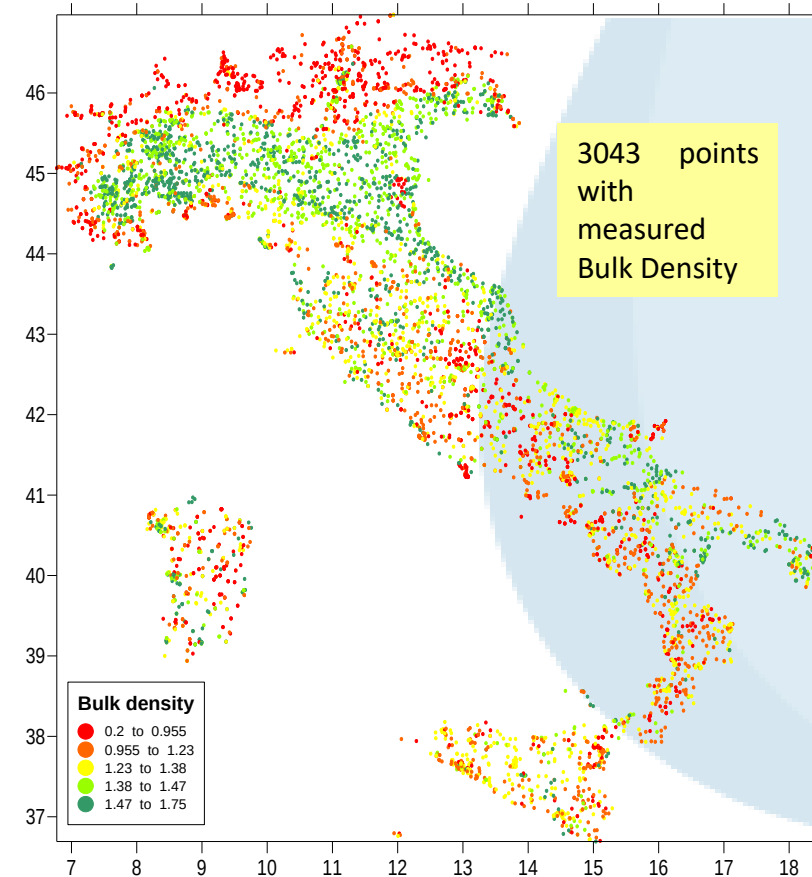
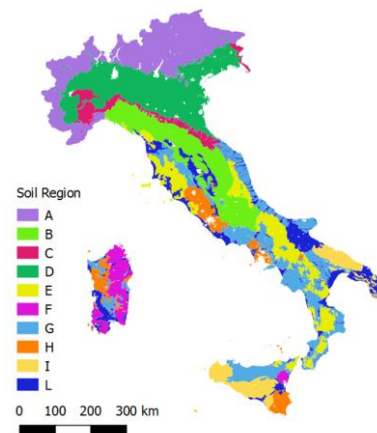
1.468 is the intercept

α is a coefficient which varies depending on the Soil Region

SOC is Soil Organic Carbon Content

Clay is the clay fraction content

Sg is the standard deviation of the soil particles diameters



The **PTF calibrated for Organic Horizons** (N = 36) was common for all the land uses and Soil Regions

$$BD = 1.403 - 0.339 * \ln(SOC)$$

DIGITAL SOIL MAPPING

CS of the first 30 cm depth was calculated as depth-weighted average to obtain **one value for each one of the 6748 points**. $CS (Mg\ ha^{-1}) = 0.3\ (m) * SOC\ (dag\ kg^{-1}) * \text{fine earth fraction}\ (1 - \text{skeletal content expressed as } daL\ m^{-3}) * BD\ (Mg\ m^{-3})$.

Covariate's selection: **a)** autocorrelation check of **continuous variables** with Spearman Rank Order Correlations analysis. Among the autocorrelated we tested the most significant predictors in relation to CS with a multivariate test of significance of general discriminant analysis (higher F-test); **b)** multiple discriminant analysis performed for **categorical variables**, and the contributions to Chi-Square calculated. The categorical variables were selected with a contribution to Chi-Square which was higher than the mean contribution.

Auxiliary variables finally used: soil regions, soil subregions, Corine land cover 2006, lithology, soils affected by natural constraints (gleyic, histic, vertic, coarse, shallow, arenic, sodic, and acid), sand content, silt content, 30-m aster-DEM, distance from coast, distance from relieves, soil aridity index, annual mean precipitations, mean annual air temperature, soil inorganic carbon, and soil depth. (For the soil region of Po valley, also the land units at 1:250,000 scale were used).

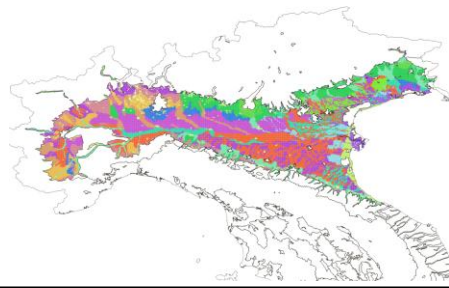
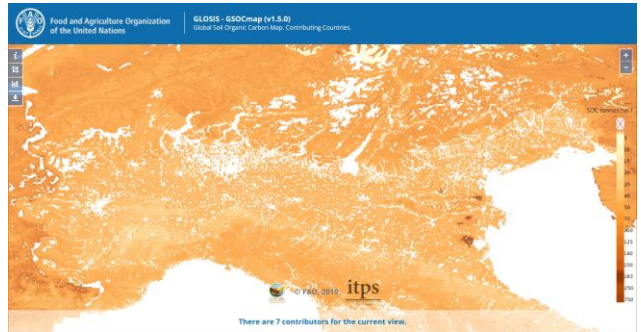
The 6748 points data divided (by spatial random sampling), into **10 subsets. 10 interpolations**, leaving out each time 1/10 of the dataset, were performed. The **average value, standard deviation and confidence interval of these 10 interpolations were calculated**.

Spatial statistics methods applied: Neural Networks with Radial Basis Function. (For the soil regions of Po valley a General Linear Regression model)

10-fold cross-validation performed

ITALIAN COVARIATES WERE **RESAMPLED** ON THE **GSP-ISRIC-GRID**.
GLOBAL+ITALIAN COVARIATES ENTERED IN THE SELECTION PROCEDURE
PEDOLANDSCAPES (Soil Regions) GO BEYOND THE Administrative Regions

Same model and covariates adopted for different Administrative Regions inside the same Soil Region

	ITALY	SOIL REGION D
PEDOLANDSCAPE	The 10 ITALIAN SOIL REGIONS (1:5.000.000 scale) 	The soil map units of soil region D (1:250.000 scale) 
CATEGORICAL	- Land use map - Gleyic, Histic, Coarse soils as produced for the Less Favoured Areas mapping + Sodic, Vertic, Arenic, Shallow, and Acid	- Land use map - Gleyic, Histic, Coarse soils as produced for the Less Favoured Areas mapping
CONTINUOUS	Completely different continuous covariates were used! Despite that, transboundary issues are not visible in the final result.	

Armonizzazione nazionale

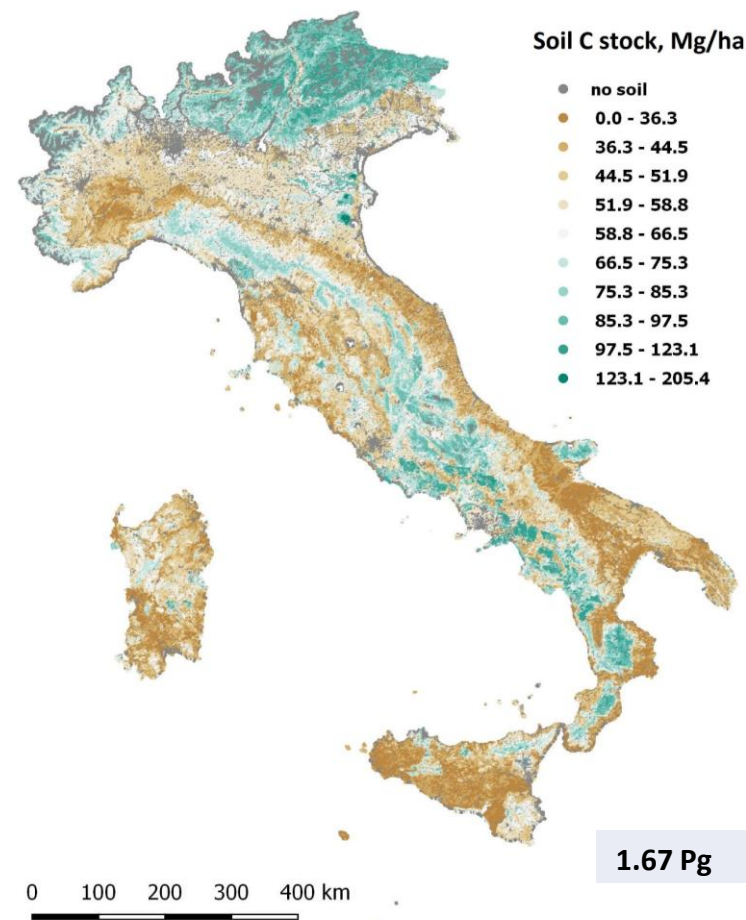
Regioni amministrative e Regioni di suolo

SPUNTO DI RIFLESSIONE SUL TEMA DEI SOIL DYSTRICTS

IL RISULTATO FINALE

- An improvement in term of results'accuracy compared to previous experiences.
- A good experience of soil mapping collaboration inside the Osservatorio Nazionale Pedologico and Italian Soil Partnership.

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GSOCmap (0-30 cm)					Carbon stock Fantappiè et al., 2010 (0-50 cm)					Carbon stock SoilGrids1km (0-30 cm)				
CS	MAE	RMSE	IoA	R ²	CS	MAE	RMSE	IoA	R ²	CS	MAE	RMSE	IoA	R ²
57.38	25.51	36.43	0.55	0.183	81.95^a	36.63	46.12	0.10	0.080	107.37	57.13	69.26	0.19	0.078

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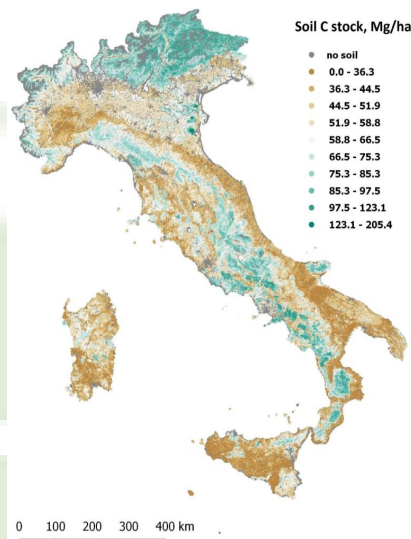
FAO - GSP – INSII NETWORK - International Network of Soil Information Institutions



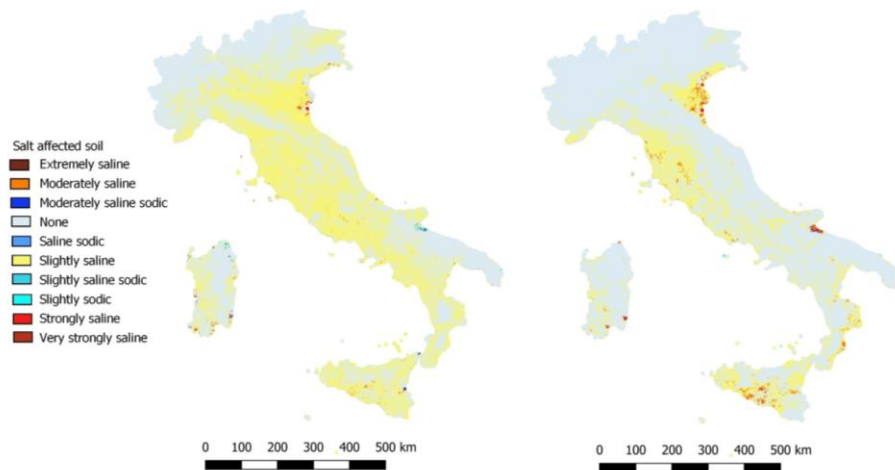
GSOCmap



GSASmap

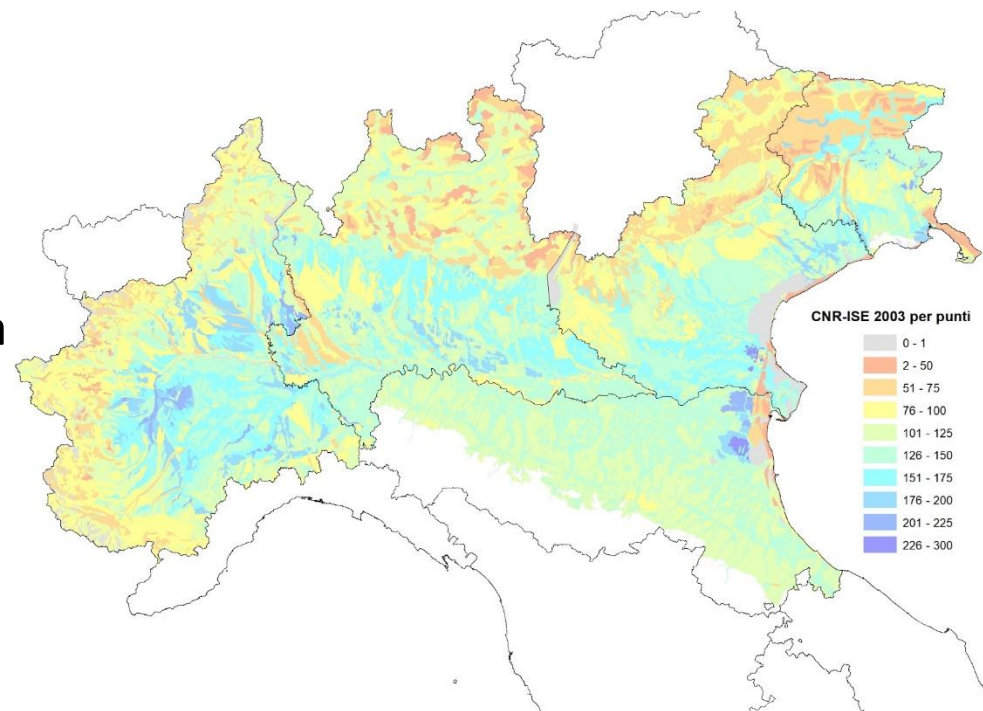


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Per la Autorità di
Bacino del Po
Carta della
capacità di acqua
disponibile del
bacino Padano-
veneto



POSSIBILI CARTE DA PRODURRE SE SI DECIDE DI PARTECIPARE

5. Global Soil Nutrient and Nutrient Budget Maps (GSNmap)
6. Global Soil Erosion Map (GSERmap)
7. Global Black Soil Distribution Map (GBSmap)
8. Global Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Potential Map (GSOCseq)
9. Global Soil Pollution Map (INSOP & INSII)

PROSPETTIVE FUTURE VERSO UN SISTEMA EUROPEO DI MONITORAGGIO DELLO STATO DI SALUTE DEI SUOLO A GUIDA NAZIONALE (COUNTRY DRIVEN)

Coordinamento

 crea
Consiglio per la ricerca in agricoltura
e l'analisi dell'economia agraria



EU Soil
Policies for
soil
protection

MAPS&MONITORING

SITUAZIONE E VISIONE

ESDAC EU-
WIDE SOIL
MAPS &
LUCAS SOIL
MONITORING

May not be representative

NATIONAL
SOIL MAPS &
SOIL
MONITORING

Not
EU-harmonised

Transboundary issues

EJP SOIL WP6

EU-WIDE
HARMONISED
NATIONAL
SOIL MAPS &
SOIL
MONITORING.
WITH LUCAS
AS *DE FACTO*
STANDARD

MEMBER STATES IMPLEMENT



Stocktake: National soil data in EU countries: Where do we stand?

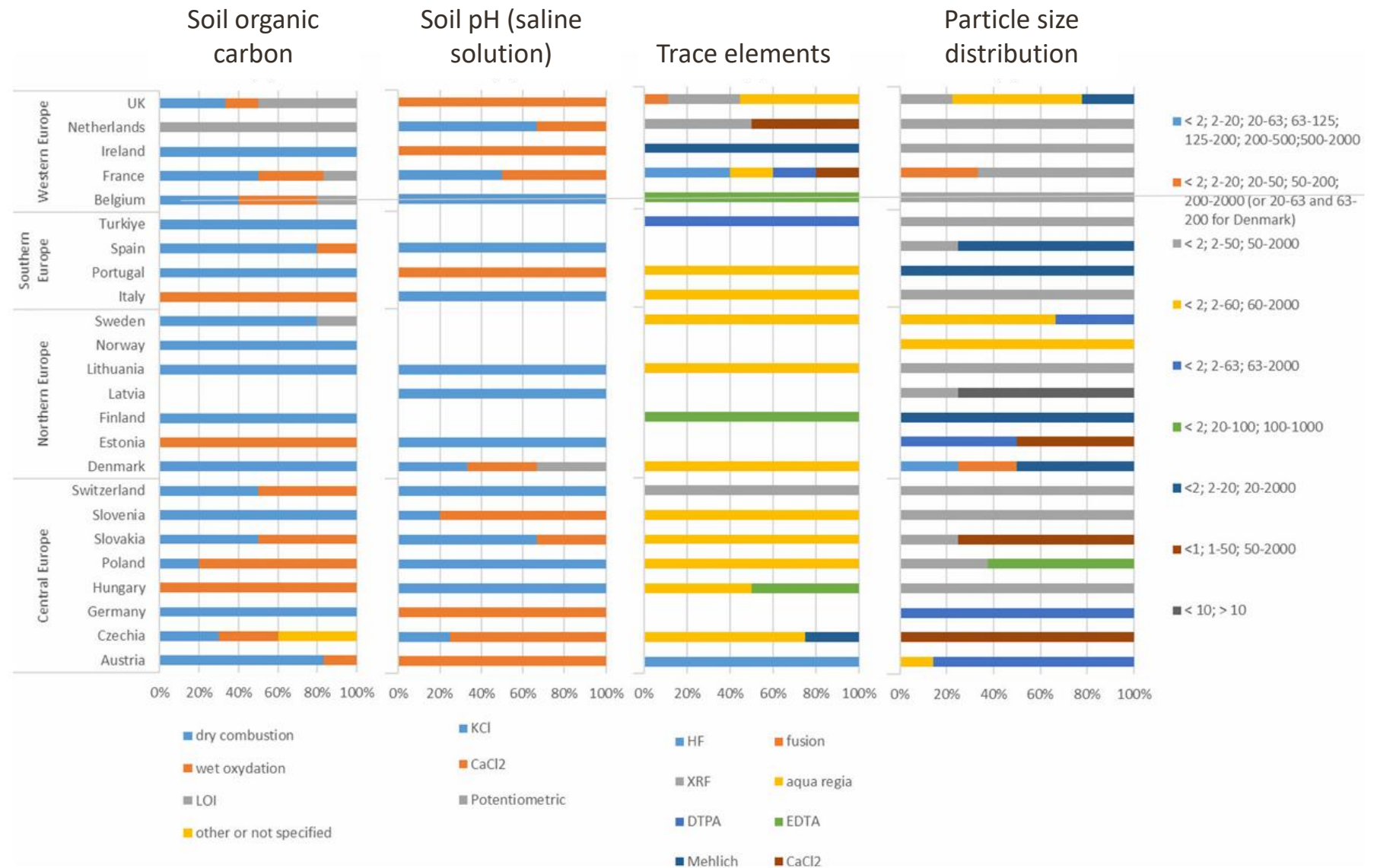
Data availability in different European regions (% of countries)



Cornu et al. 2023. EJSS. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ejss.13398>

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used in European countries



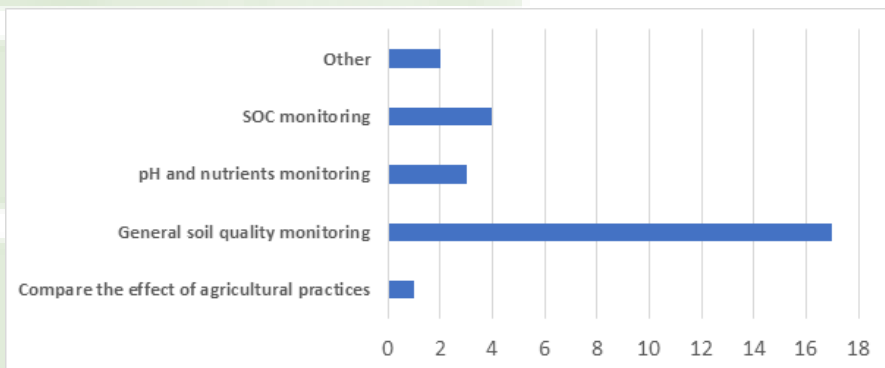
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SURVEY OF NATIONAL SOIL MONITORING NETWORKS IN EJP SOIL COUNTRIES



4 according to horizons



- 21 countries answered out of 24 (ending with 28 declared SMS)
- Turkey and Portugal do not have SMS
- Five countries have 2 or 3 monitoring systems
 - SMS managed at regional scale
 - SMS with different purposes (e.g. agricultural vs forest, monitoring trace element vs agricultural parameters, monitoring a network of highly instrumented sites vs network agricultural soils)
- Caution: Not all countries declared their forest SMS



11 one fixed depth

16 MS sample for bulk density

14 different fixed depths

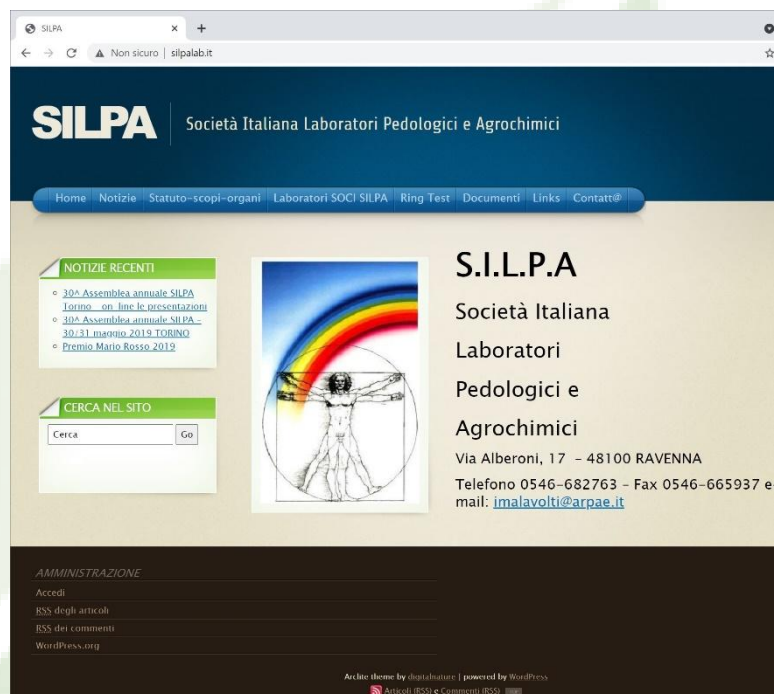
13 MS are sampling deeper than 30 cm

to 1 m

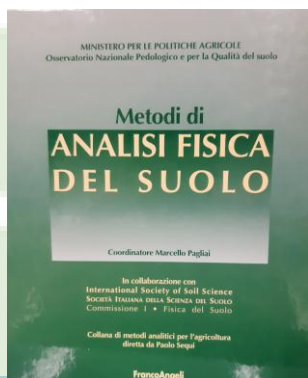
SMS with very diverse protocols and with different soil parameters monitored

STANDARIZZAZIONE DELLE PROCEDURE ANALITICHE, CONTROLLO DELLA QUALITA' DEL DATO, AGGIORNAMENTO METODI STANDARD DI ANALISI DEL SUOLO, RING TEST (PROFICIENCY TESTS)

In Italia <http://www.silpalab.it/>



Procedure standard elaborate dall'Osservatorio Nazionale



OBIETTIVO
UNA RETE
NAZIONALE DI
LABORATORI DEL
SUOLO CERTIFICATI



In Europa e nel Mondo

International Soil-analytical
Exchange Programme – ISE
(Wageningen University)

<https://www.wepal.nl/en/wepal/Home/Proficiency-tests/Soil/Proficiency-tests/ISE.htm>



<https://www.fao.org/global-soil-partnership/glosolan/en/>

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Double sampling exercise within LUCAS Soil 2022 to check the impact of sampling protocols and analytical methods and support the development and/or validation of transfer functions



Analytical procedures

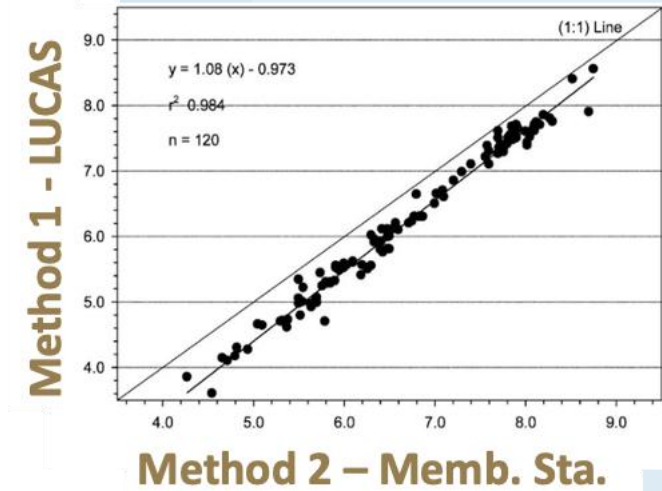
- Double samples obtained from LUCAS 2022 samplers
- Between 100 and 200 sites will be analyzed depending on the countries
- 17 countries involved
- Comparison of EU and national results



Sampling and analytical procedures

- Sampling (on national SMS and/or on LUCAS 2022 points) according to national and LUCAS sampling protocols
- 6 countries involved
- Compare the overall process

Transfer functions



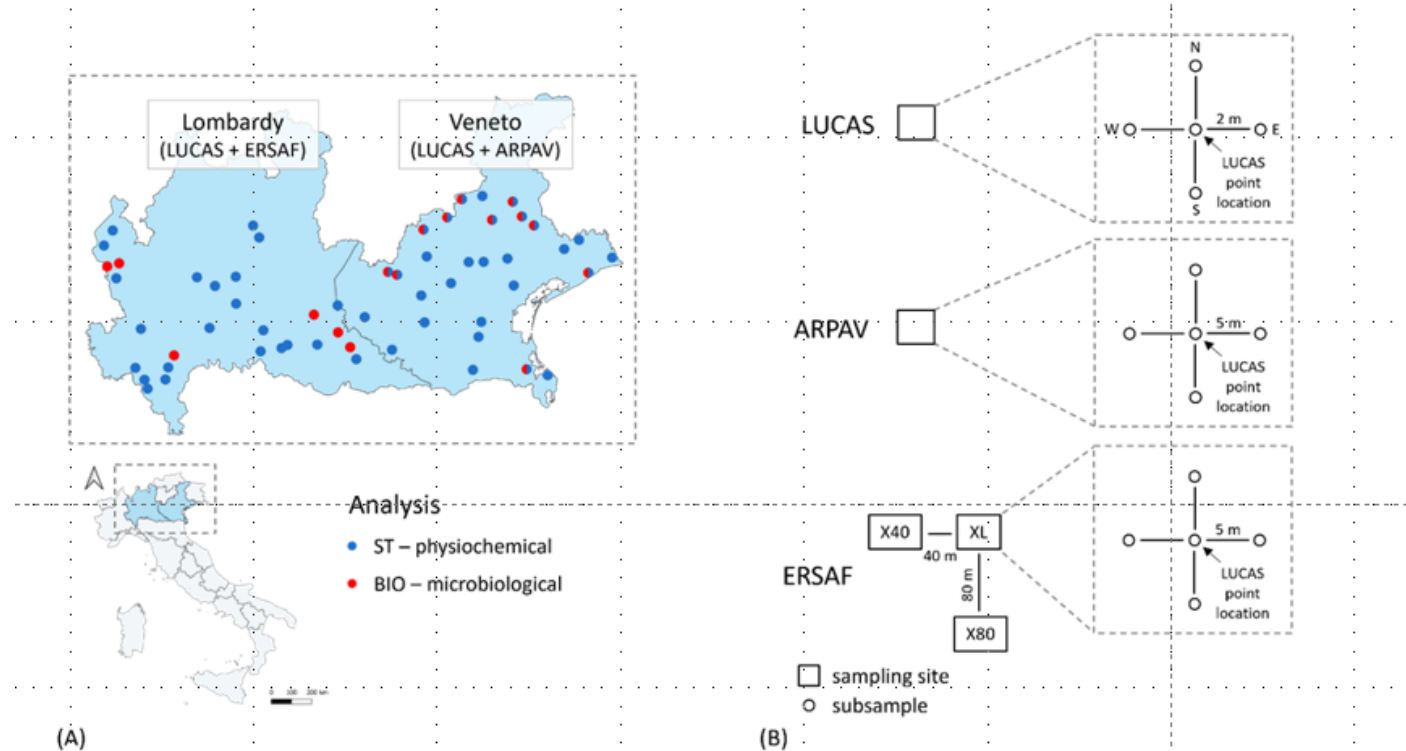
Soil Mission Call

=> Un progetto di ricerca specifico inizierà da metà anno 2026

EJPSOIL LUCAS 2022 DOUBLE SAMPLING CAMPAIGN – IN ITALY



Joint Research Center



Two Italian regions involved

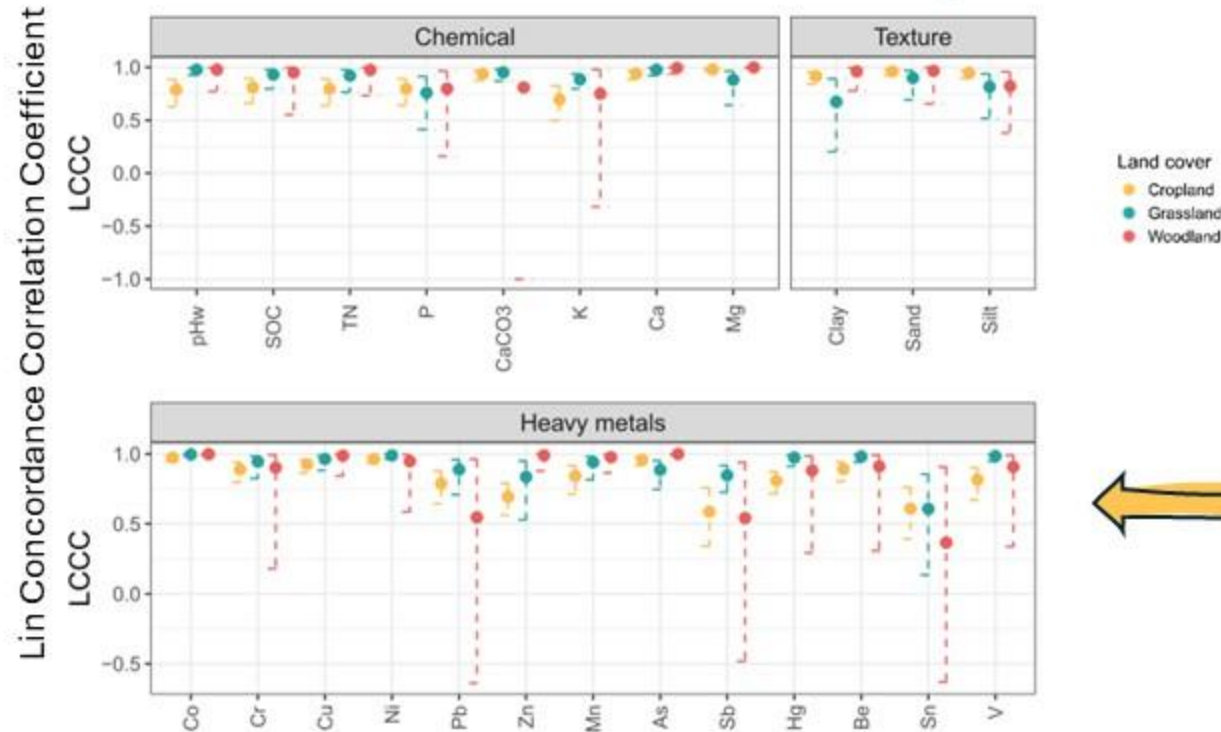
Physicochemical soil properties analyzed in 52 sites by ARPAV

Microbiological soil properties analyzed in 17 sites by CREA

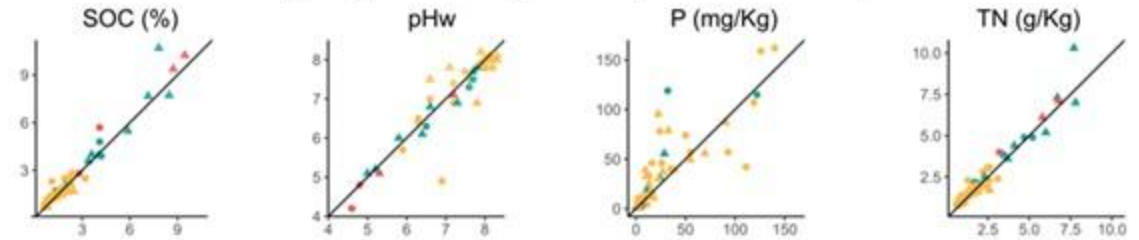
Del Duca et al., 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ejss.70108>

Double sampling exercise within LUCAS Soil 2022 in Italy: effect of the sampling procedures

Physicochemical soil properties



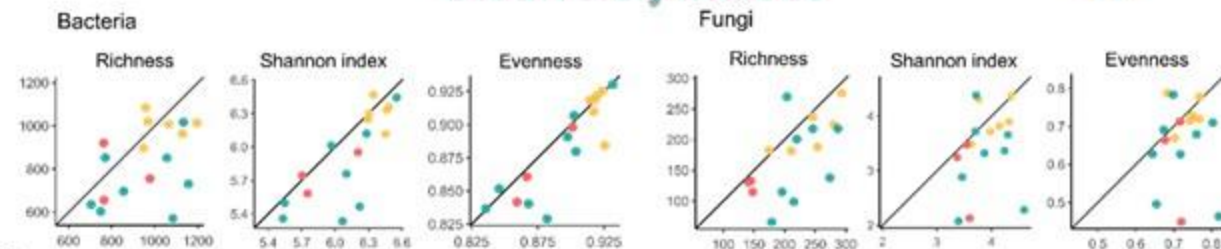
XY graph showing the relationship between the results of the Italian protocol (x axis) compared to the one of the LUCAS (y axis). The 45° degree line represents the ideal perfect concordance.



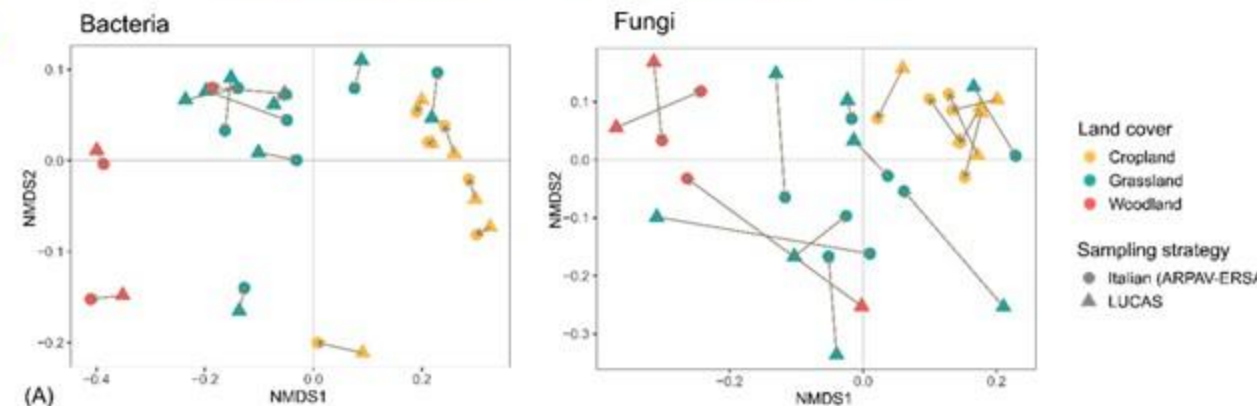
- Concordance among LUCAS and Italian sampling protocol varied depending on the physicochemical parameter being considered and on land cover
- Overall , good concordance was detected, but some key soil health indicators (eg.SOC; P; pH) showed significant differences

Biodiversity indices showed low concordance, but community composition was proved to be comparable among sampling strategies

Biodiversity indices



Bacteria and Fungi communities



Set di indicatori biologici suggeriti

Priority level	Recommended indicators		Brief description	Methodology	Cost
Tier I Minimum set of indicators to be used (less than 1,000 euros/sample)	Functional Indicators	Microbial biomass C	Amount of microbial biomass per gram soil	ISO 14 240-1 / -2 EN ISO 11 063	20-30€/sample
		Microbial respiration	Production of CO2 per amount of soil	ISO 16072:2002	20-30€/sample
		Enzyme activity	Measurement of several hydrolase activities in soil	ISO 14 238 ISO/TS 22 939 ISO 23 753-1 ISO 23 753-2	20-80€ for each enzyme
	Structural indicators	Ecosystem engineers (Macrofauna)	Structural and functional diversity (earthworms)	ISO 23611-1:2018	30-140€
		Biological regulators (Mesofauna)	Structural and functional diversity	ISO 23611-2:2006 QBS-ar (Parisi et al., 2005)	75-140€
		Biological regulators (Microfauna)	Structural and functional diversity (nematodes)	ISO 23611-4:2006	30-140€
		Chemical engineers (Microorganisms)	Structural diversity of soil microbiota (bacteria, archaea, fungi)	DNA metabarcoding (ISO 11063:2020) and Plassart et al., 2012	75-100€ for each target group

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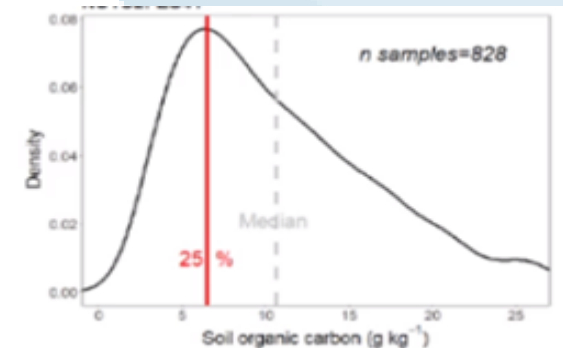
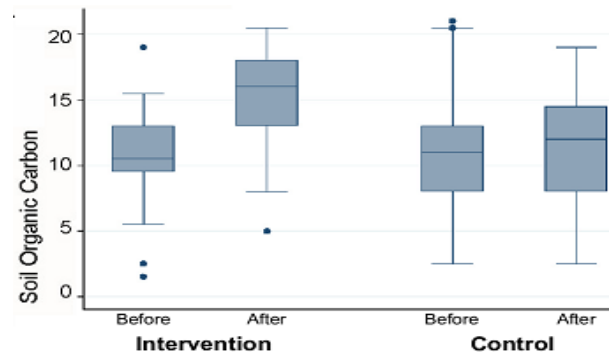
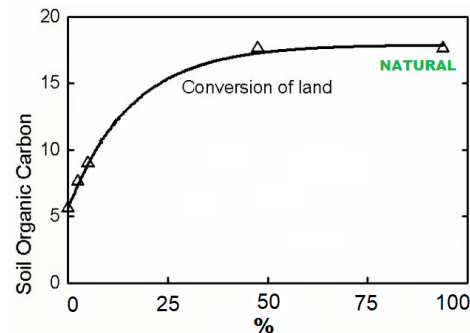
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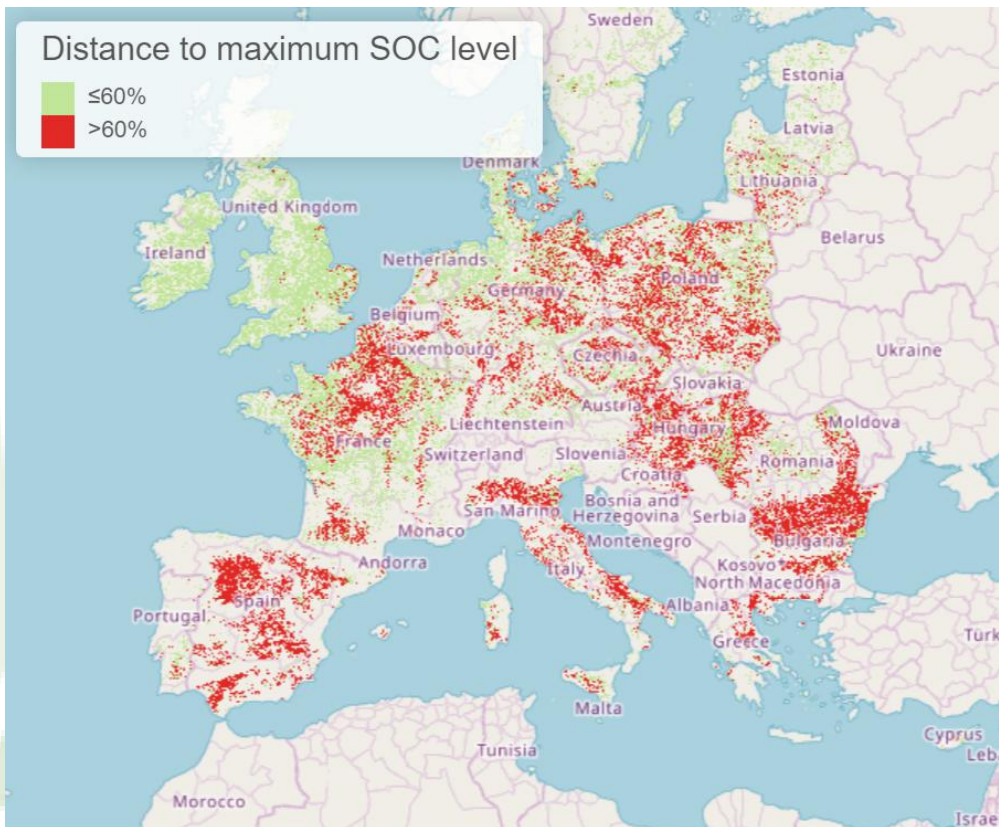
FIXED VALUE	RELATIVE TO NATURAL LAND USES	RELATIVE CHANGES	DISTRIBUTION
One static value, based on best available research/knowledge, stratified as required	One static value, calculated as a percentage of what would be found under 'natural' land uses (stratified as required). Based on modelling	A value calculated based on the local state of the soil and static only for a given period of time (i.e. target is an increase/decrease of y% of current value within x years), after which the value may change)	A value calculated based on the regional state of the soil (i.e. target/threshold is a certain percentile of the current range of values), static only for a given period of time (until distribution is re-measured), after which the target/threshold may change

Matrix of mean SOC minimum and maximum thresholds for cropland soils (% soil mass)

Soil texture class	Climatic water balance (mm) summer					
	Less than -100		-100 to 0		More than 0	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Sand	0.5	1.23	0.9	1.73	1.2	2.23
Silt	1.5	2.53	1.0	2.07	0.8	1.59
Loamclay	0.6	1.47	0.9	1.92	1.9	3.23



Soil Health Monitoring – EUSO Dashboard and the SoilWise project



<https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/esdacviewer/euso-dashboard/>

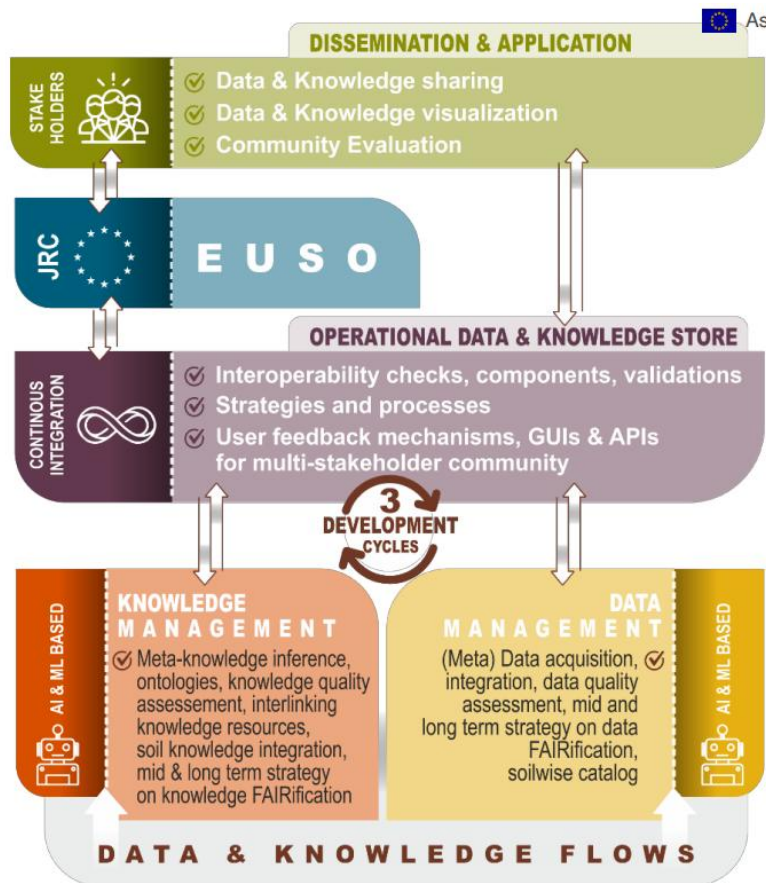


Figure 1 Overview of SoilWise methodological approach.

<https://soilwise-he.eu/>



L'ITALIAN SOILHUB - LA RETE NAZIONALE PER LA PROTEZIONE DEL SUOLO



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*Evento di coordinamento con gli Stakeholder del
Programma EJP-SOIL e Progetto SOIL-HUB*

Roma, 15 novembre 2022, ore 09:30
Ministero delle politiche agricole alimentari e forestali, Sala Cavour

Dal 2020 al 2024 è stato attivo il progetto SOILHUB, finanziato da MASAF e coordinato dal CREA (Roberta Farina) e Adesso rifinanziato come SOILHUB2, che ha come principale obiettivo proprio la messa a sistema (rete) della complessa realtà di competenze, conoscenze, esperienze in tema di protezione del suolo presenti in Italia.



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Obiettivo del WP2

Criteri per l'istituzione e la gestione di un osservatorio sui suoli.

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LO STATO ATTUALE E PROGETTI CORRELATI

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**RETE DELLA PAC 2023-2027
(MASAF-CREA)**

- 1) Analisi dei benefici ambientali della PAC attraverso l'uso di modelli
- 2) Supporto alle regioni per la valutazione dell'impatto delle politiche di sviluppo rurale sullo stato dei suoli agricoli e forestali italiani.

Le regioni

SEMPRE MAGGIORE LA
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ACCURATI IN RISPOSTA A
NUMEROSE RICHIESTE

Concorrenza dai
privati oppure loro
integrazione nei
servizi pubblici?

Annosa questione
della condivisione
dei dati e della
suddivisione ruoli

Nel tavolo tecnico stiamo lavorando per la definizione dei ...

- (8) 'soil district' means a part of the territory of a Member State, which has been delineated by that Member State in accordance with this Directive;
- (9) 'soil unit' means a spatially discrete area within a soil district resulting from the intersection of sets of spatial data used as factors for statistical homogeneity within that soil district;

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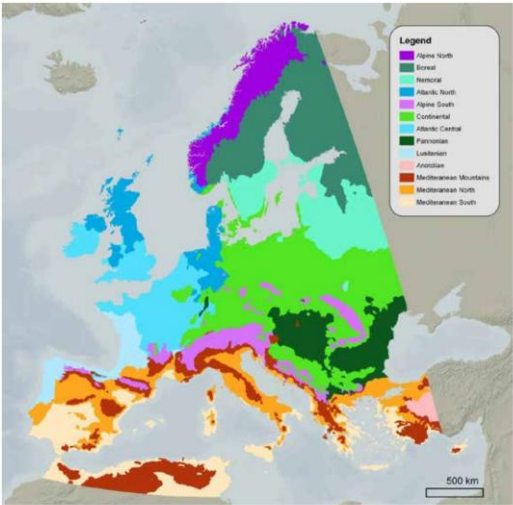


Figure 1 The thirteen Environmental Zones (EnZs) of the Environmental stratification of Europe (Metzger et al., 2005).

Climatic Regions of Italy

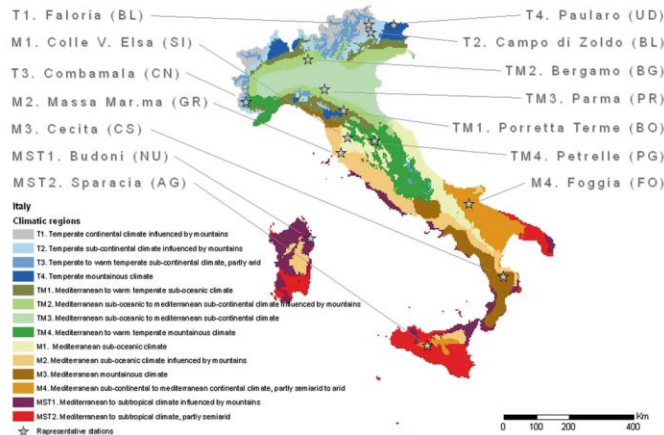
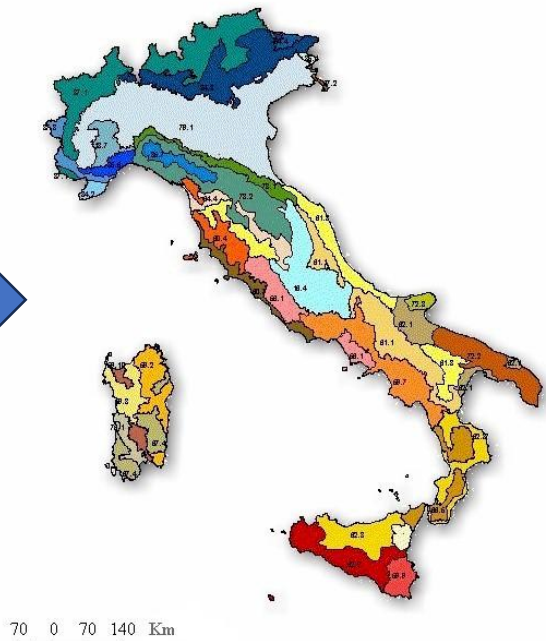


Fig. 2.10 Climatic regions of Italy and representative meteorological stations



The Italian Soil Regions
1:5,000,000 scale

Defined by WRB soil types
and climatic conditions

Table 6.1 Hierarchy of soilscales and databases of Italy

Soilscape	Reference scale	Reference polygon size (ha)
Soil region	1:5,000,000	10 ⁵ –10 ⁶
Soil sub-region	1:1,000,000	10 ³ –10 ⁵
Soil system	1:500,000	10 ³ –10 ⁴
Soil sub-system	1:250,000	10 ² –10 ³
Soil unit	1:50,000	10 ¹ –10 ²
Soil element	1:10,000–25,000	10 ⁻¹ –10 ¹

Soil regions of the Italian hills			100347	33.2
18.7	Langhe, Monferrato and "hills of the Po" on Tertiary marine deposits	Cambisol - Luvisols - Fluvisols	3963	1.3
35.4	Hills of Friuli on calcareous sedimentary rocks	Leptosol - Cambisol - Regosols - Luvisols	468	0.2
56.1	Hills of central and southern Italy on effusive volcanic rocks	Cambisol - Andosol - Regosols	8702	2.9
59.1	Hills of Sardinia on basic rocks	Cambisol - Leptosol - Vertisols - ArenosolFluvisol	2434	0.8
59.7	Hills and mountains on limestone covered by volcanic ashes of southern Italy, and included alluvial and coastal plains	Cambisol - Leptosol - Luvisols	15226	5.0
59.8	Hills of Sardinia on basalt and trachyte	Cambisol - Leptosol - Vertisols	5261	1.7
59.9	Hills and mountains on limestone and igneous rocks of Sicily	Cambisol - Leptosol - Andosols	3398	1.1
61.3	Hills of central and southern Italy on Pliocene and Pleistocene	Cambisol - Regosol - Vertisols	16292	5.4
62.2	Hills of Sicily on Tertiary clayey flysch, limestone, sandstone and gypsum, and coastal plains	Cambisol - Luvisol - Vertisol - Leptosols - Regosols	12089	4.0
62.3	Hills of Calabria and Sicily on Tertiary calcareous rocks and sediments, with included alluvial and coastal plains	Cambisol - Vertisol - Luvisol	15021	5.0
67.2	Carso	Leptosol - Cambisol - Luvisols,	400	0.1
72.2	Hills of Murge and Salento	Luvisol - Regosol - Cambisol	10082	3.3
72.3	Hills of Gargano	Luvisol - Cambisol	1524	0.5

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