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**Land and Soil Management Award**

*For good agriculture and environmental conditions*

Application Form 2017/2018 edition

**Name of the project:**

**Date of application:**

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\* to be filled out by the ELO Award Coordinator

**Introduction**

Sustainable land and soil management is central to improve our food systems, maintain a healthy environment and ensure European rural development. Indeed, soils, through their structure and the great variety of species they host, perform numerous functions including food production, nutrient and water storage, filtering, buffering as well as breaking down and conserving organic matter. They also play a central role in the protection of water and in the natural exchange of gases with the atmosphere. Moreover, soils are biological habitats, gene pools, elements of landscapes and of cultural heritage as well as providers of raw materials. They are therefore crucial for agriculture and for all human beings as well as for nature itself, and are the foundation of our health and our wealth. Soils are as such part of Europe’s greatest treasures, thus, it is important to promote and reward practices which contribute to their protection.

**About the Award**

The prize rewards land use and soil management practices mitigating soil threats i.e. soil degradation, erosion, reduction of organic matter content, diffuse contamination, and compaction as well as the reduction of soil biodiversity, salinization, sealing, flooding and landslides. In doing so, the award sheds light on outstanding achievements, encouraging new concepts of land and soil protection and their implementation in land management, as well as enhancing awareness about the importance of land and soil functions.

**Who can apply?**

Farmers, landowners, land managers, groups of farmers, on their own or in collaboration with research institutes, universities and/or private companies.

**Why to apply?**

To recognize the great value of the farmer’s work, by promoting the winning project as a good practice at the EU level. Also, to enhance the visibility of such ways of farming at the local, national as well as European scale and to encourage the farmers to further develop their work in a sustainable path.

5.000 € as well as a diploma of recognition are awarded to the winning project every year.

**How to apply?**

Fill out the application form and send it back to the Award Coordinator before the application deadline (December 31): **Land and Soil Management Award**

**European Landowners' Organization**

**Rue de Trèves 67 – B-1040 Brussels**

**Email to emmanuelle.mikosz@elo.org**

The call for application is open every year until December 31.
The award is bestowed to the winner every year during the Forum for the Future of Agriculture (FFA) Gala Dinner.

**Partners**

This award has been launched in 2008 by the European Landowners’ Organization (ELO), under the auspices of the European Commission (DG Environment and the Joint Research Centre) and in association with the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) of Vienna, Syngenta International AG, as well as the Centre for Soil and Environmental Sciences of the Ljubljana University. Since then, the award jury has selected outstanding achievements throughout the European Union in the field of sustainable soil and land management.

**SECTION A**

**Administrative introduction**

**Applicant**

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| **Short Name** |  |
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**Partner 1**

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**Partner 2**

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**SECTION B**

**Description of the project – this part can be written in native language if a quality Executive Summary is enclosed.**

**The questions are all based on the selection criteria of the jury**

# Description of the project

## Among the following 8 main soil threats, which ones do you address in your project? *(more than one can be indicated)*

* erosion
* compaction
* salinization
* landslides
* decline of soil organic matter
* biodiversity decline
* contamination

## Describe the project’s objectives covering both short and long term *(maximum 1000 words)*

## Describe the actions and means involved in order to reach the project’s objectives *(maximum 1000 words)*

## Describe the results of the project so far and its innovativeness (in terms of outcomes, of means employed, of working practices, etc.) *(maximum 1000 words)*

## Describe the project’s social and economic feasibility: do you think this project can be exported to other regions/countries? *(maximum 1000 words)*

## Any other remarks or specific features of the project you didn’t mention above, but which you think are important? *(maximum 1000 words – this part is not compulsory and won’t negatively influence your application. However, it can have a positive impact on it through the granting of bonus points by the jury in case of interesting additional details)*

**SECTION C**

**Annexes**

# Topographic documentation *(compulsory – at least a Google screenshot of the location)*

* enclose maps showing the location of the estates in the national/ regional context
* enclose maps of the estate/ territory where the project is carried out
* enclose maps, graphs or other documentation on the localisation of the actions in the estate/ territory (land use, development, etc.)

# Other documentation *(if available, welcomed by the jury)*

* books
* leaflets
* pictures
* website
* other

# Executive summary of the project - compulsory

*This part needs to be written in English, minimum 1200 words.*

*Applications without a well-structured summary can be discarded from selection.*