

FSTP Call - Application Submission

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Application Submission

The FSTP call is published on the official SOILCRATES website (<https://soilcrates.eu>) and related social media.

All proposals must be submitted electronically via the official SOILCRATES electronic submission system (EU Survey), which is accessible via the SOILCRATES website (<https://soilcrates.eu>).

Paper submissions are not possible.

Submission Format

Proposals must be complete and contain all parts and mandatory annexes and supporting documents to be taken into account:

The following documents have to be completed online:

- Administrative information
- Technical Proposal (Annex A)
- Breakdown of costs (Annex B).

The following documents have to be read and accepted online:

- Privacy Statement (Annex D)
- Declaration of Honour (Annex E).

Please note: Updates to a submitted proposal or its annexes are allowed until the selection round deadline. Based on the automatic time stamp, only the latest editions of the documents will be evaluated.

Timeline

**Call for Applications
First Round**

**First Round
Results**

**Call for Applications
Second Round**

**Second Round
Results**

**Contracts
preparation**

PROJECT START

1st November 2025

Submission
deadline: 30th
November

26th December
2025 (latest)

1st January 2026

Submission
deadline: 1st
February

1st March 2026

January-March
2026

March 2026



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Communication & Support

All relevant information and communication will be published on the SOILCRATES website: <https://soilcrates.eu/>.

For any queries, please email info@soilcratesireland.ie



Data Confidentiality

- Application data will be collected and stored by CNAM using its EUSurvey system.
- To apply, you must accept EUSurvey's Terms and Conditions, including its Privacy, Cookie, and Use Policies. You confirm you have permission to accept these on behalf of your organisation.
- SOILCRATES may publish general statistics about the applications (such as number by country or topic), and may share information about funded projects, including data on each applicant and summaries.
- Personal data you provide may be seen by CNAM partners. You must ensure all individuals whose data is included have agreed to share it. All applicants must follow relevant data protection laws, including the EU GDPR.
- **Applications will be treated confidentially, and documents received in accordance with SOILCRATES Data Management Plan, which has been adopted by the SOILCRATES project.**



Review & Selection Process



Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is composed **by eight soil health experts** from the SOILCRATES consortium (Ireland, France, Netherlands, Spain), each Living Labs providing a referent and a back-up expert.



Formal Requirements

If one of the below requirements is not fulfilled, the proposal will be rejected.

Criterion	Evaluation	
Submission	Proposal delivered on time.	Yes / No
	The proposal submitted by a single applicant	Yes / No
Technical proposals	The Technical proposal is fully completed and submitted on time following the Application process, along with Annex B breakdown of costs and a Gantt Chart	Yes / No
Declaration of Honour	Declaration of Honour is signed	Yes / No
Legal Status	Applicant is a Farm owner, Farmers associations and/or a local SME or Research and Technology organization (RTO), Education organisations	Yes / No
Geographic location	Applicant is legally established in one of the LL regions.	Yes / No
Number of Proposals	Maximum of one proposal per applicant.	Yes / No
Conflict of Interest	No conflict of interest.	Yes / No
Ethical self-assessment	Proposal includes an ethical self-assessment	Yes / No



Eligibility Criteria

Criterion	Evaluation	
Project Phases	Proposal includes all required phases (Development, Implementation and Dissemination)	Yes / No
Relevance for SOILCRATES	Proposal is matching the general SOILCRATES objectives.	Yes / No
Alignment with SOILCRATES requirements	The described activities in the technical proposal are aligned with the requirements of the Call, corresponding to at least the following:	
	Project activities are described	Yes / No
	The application is represented by at least one member of the Living Lab core team (TUS, Ballyhoura, Cloughjordan, Loop Head)	Yes / No
	The application has been discussed at least once in a co-creation session	Yes / No
Budget	Requested budget is between 20,000€ and 60,000€ per Application	Yes / No
Cost allocation details	Sufficient details on the allocation of costs in the requested budget is provided	Yes / No



Evaluation Criteria

Financial support will be awarded to the selected applicants following a transparent and expert evaluation-based selection process. Proposals will further be awarded based on criteria of global fit to the LL objectives, applicant's team, and reasonability and appropriateness of the budget.

Four experts from the field, from the SOILCRATES consortium, will evaluate each proposal against the following criteria:

- a) Collaboration with a knowledge institute and Living Lab peers
- b) Innovation and technical approach
- c) Knowledge dissemination and demonstration
- d) Price and quality balance

Budget Criteria

Evaluators can propose budget changes from the requested budget based on the evaluation results, item d) « Price and quality balance ».

If changes are proposed by the evaluators, they can be accepted or rejected by the applicant.

Rejecting the recommended modification of the requested budget by the applicant means that the project will be rejected.

Based on the ranking, the first non-funded projects might be accepted for funding.

Criteria Fulfilment & Selection Process

Rating Scale – Criteria fulfillment		
0 points	Non existent	The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
1 point	Poor	The criterion is inadequately addressed or there are significant weaknesses.
2 points	Fair	The criterion is insufficiently addressed and needs revision and improvements
3 points	Good	The proposal addresses the criterion well, but some shortcomings are present.
4 points	Very Good	The criterion is well addressed, with few shortcomings only
5 points	Excellent	The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion, no or only minor shortcomings.



The minimum condition for a proposal to be selected is the have a minimum score of 3 points out of 5 in each criterion. A proposal failing to reach 3 out of 5 points for one criterion or more will be automatically rejected. Thus, the **minimum threshold per proposal to pass is 12 points**.

THANK YOU