



Accelerating adoption and implementation of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) to reduce soil and water pollution in agriculture

Exploring enabling mechanisms to kick off and scale up NBS from a public authority perspective

This public debate on Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) for soil and water quality improvement aims to openly discuss with representatives of local and regional authorities what good governance elements have been deployed for the adoption of NBS, and how decision-makers moved from initial consultations to actual implementation.

The 2-hour public debate will also discuss what the key challenges for adoption have been, with the aim to collect valuable evidence on potential barriers, and suggest viable way forwards for new adopters. Invited speakers to the debate will be practitioners and public authorities across Europe who have already adopted NBS to reduce soil and water pollution, with a specific focus on nutrients pollution from agricultural production.

Participation to the event is open to all actors interested in facilitating the adoption of NBS, and to those actors who have already adopted them and want to share their experiences. Aiming to open up a constructive dialogue between early adopters and new comers to fast-track the adoption process, the organizers seek to engage the audience from start to end, making this event as interactive and meaningful as possible.

The event is organised by ACR+ in the framework of the EU-funded project Seacure.





Date of the event: Monday 8th June 2026*
Timing: 2 PM to 4PM (Brussels time)*
Format: online webinar
Registration link: register to the event [here](#)
Registration deadline: 30 May 2026

Tentative draft program

13.50 – 14.00	Online connection of speakers and participants
14.00 – 14.05	Welcome introduction, aims of the meeting
14.05 – 14.30	Contextualizing soil and water pollution from agriculture in Europe <i>This session will provide an overview of the recent developments of EU legislation on soil health and water quality, positioning NBS within the broader scope of intervention actions supported by European and national funds</i>
14.30 – 15.00	From ideas to actions: examples of inclusion of NBS into local and regional policy frameworks <i>In this session participants will learn about the governance and regulatory aspects adopted by 3 European public authorities who will showcase their experience of adopting, implementing and evaluating impact of NBS, including challenges and ways to overcome them</i>
15.00 – 15.50	Q&A Interactive session with participants The interactive session is aimed to open dialogue with participants to enable exchange, mutual learning and critical dialogue on the needs to accelerate the adoption of NBS while taking a wider policy approach to preserve the quality of European soils and water systems. It is foreseen that the session will address the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consensus building versus top-down approaches: who moves faster?• Prevention or treatment? Timing, costs and impact considerations• Major challenges to adoption• Levers of change• Supporting the decision process: what do public authorities need to select NBS?
15.50 - 16.00	Closing remarks
16.00	End of the event

* the organizers reserve the right to modify date and time of the event based on speakers' availability. Final date and time of the event will be confirmed to registered participants 1 week before the event starts





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If you wish to gather more information about the event, engage in a co-development activity, or showcase your experience as public authority by becoming a speaker, you can contact the organizer at the following e-mail addresses:

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