

# Alpine SOILutions Congress

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## What?

“Alpine SOILutions” is an interactive **digital congress format for university students** to:

- develop visions and prototype ideas for soil protection.
- relate to future challenges and climate change.
- enhance creative thinking in soil sciences.

The Alpine SOILutions Congress brings together soil experts (science, regional authorities) and practitioners (foresters, farmers) with students of soil-related subjects.

To make working fields and current challenges for sustainable soil management visible.

## Why?

In the face of changing climate and societal challenges, **living soils provide solutions for a sustainable future.**

Agriculture, forestry, climate protection, climate change adaptation, ecosystem services, spatial planning, soil sealing, nature protection, biodiversity, health and tourism – topics that concern largely a sustainable management of soils will be tackled in the course of this Alpine SOILutions Congress.

Which ideas, activities, messages or approaches could help show the potential of healthy soils?

How can sustainable soil management tackle our current social and ecological challenges?

## How?

The Alpine SOILutions Congress is an adaptation of the renowned **Global Goals Design Challenge**:

Accompanied by experienced facilitators, the participants are invited to clarify their personal interest regarding sustainable soil management and will develop ideas, concepts and prototypes for the implementation.

This can be a topic for a scientific thesis, a product, an event, a communication tool or other.

# Who?

You can take part in the Alpine SOILutions Congress if you are

- A Student of a soil-relevant discipline – e.g. agriculture, forestry, geography, biology, environmental science, spatial and landscape planning, regional development.
- From an Alpine country: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Switzerland.

You will get a certificate of participation with 80 % attendance.

## Organisational details

- 50-80 participants
- Working Language: English
- Online meetings via Zoom
- Technical requirements: stable internet connection, web cam and microphone

# When?

17.11.	14:00 - 18:00	Kick-off meeting
26.11.	9:00 - 15:00	Concept development & ideation
27.11.	9:00 - 12:00	Prototyping & Fine-tuning
01.12.	14:00 - 17:30	Alpine Soil Partnership Annual Meeting

Register here <https://forms.gle/J74EWiXQF1qSrZZR8> until 15th October.

# What's in it for you?

Bring innovative ideas to a broader public (Alpine Soil Partnership)

Meet students from other Alpine countries and soil experts

Gather extra-curricular experience

Get feed-back on your idea from experts

Find relevant topics e.g. for a final thesis or voluntary engagement

# Who we are:

The Alpine Soil Partnership joins forces of soil experts and the users of soil knowledge (public authorities, practitioners, NGO's, etc.) to improve a sustainable management of soils in land management practices.

The Alpine Soil Partnership was founded as part of the Interreg Alpine Space project Links4Soils. Currently it consists of 110 members.

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