



# People4Soil – EU -Bürger für Bodenschutz

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# WHO?

- "People4Soil" is a **coalition** of **350** European NGOs, research institutes, farmers associations and environmental groups in all EU member states.
- They are very worried about the **increasing degradation of soils** both in the EU and at global level



# WHY?

- At the moment, **soil is not subject to a coherent set of rules in the Union**: the proposal for a Soil Framework Directive has been withdrawn in May 2014 after it ran into a blocking minority for eight years.
- Existing EU policies in other areas such as agriculture, water, waste, chemicals, and prevention of industrial pollution **are not sufficient** to ensure an adequate level of protection for all soils in Europe.



# WHAT?

- We want to push European institutions to **adopt binding legal instruments to ensure a high level protection of soils in Europe**, fixing principles and rules to be complied by the Member States.
- We want Europe to **recognize soil as a shared heritage** essential for our lives and to assume its sustainable management as a primary commitment.



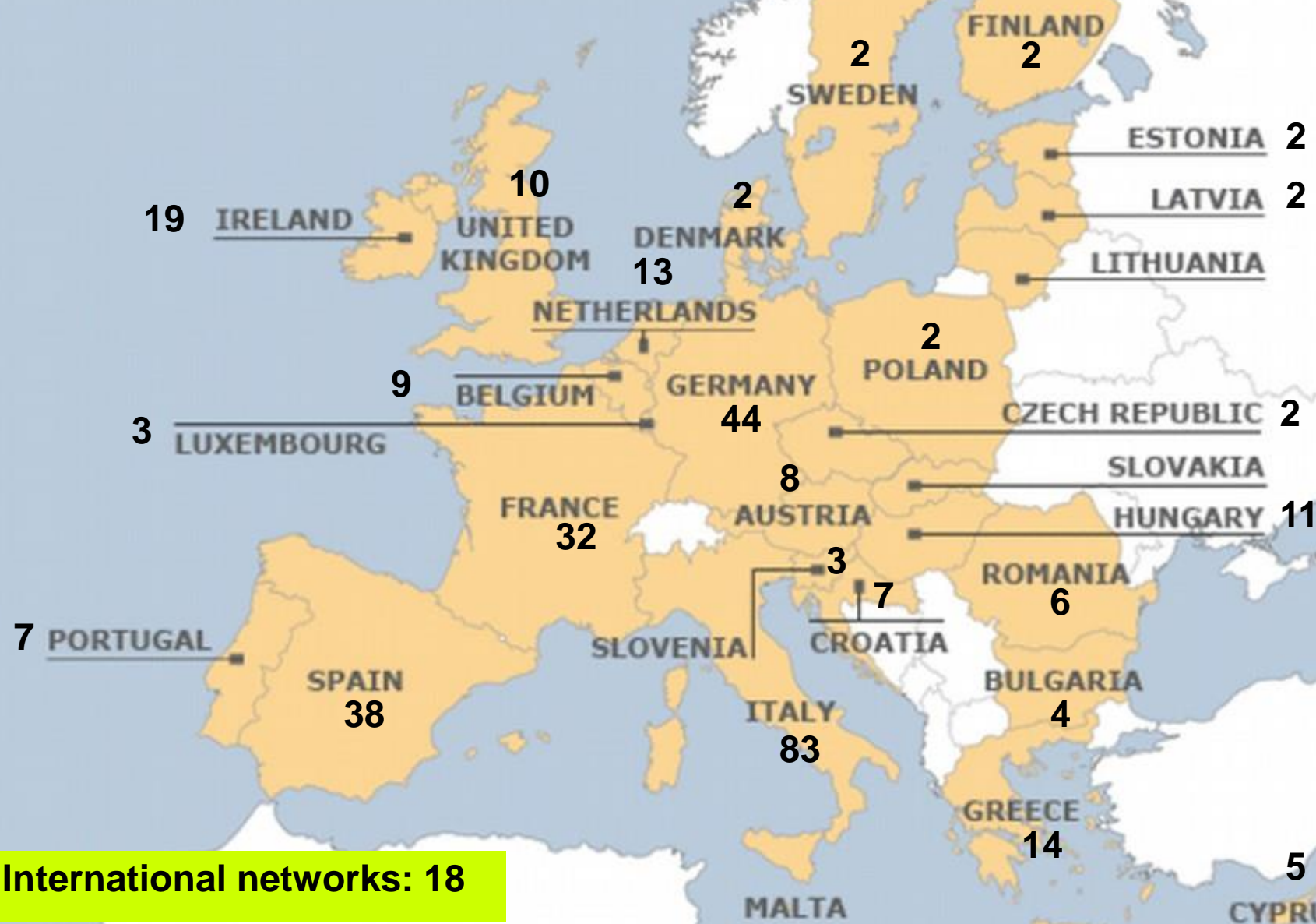
# HOW?

- European citizens have the right to recommend EU legislation via the **European Citizens' Initiative** (ECI).
- A citizens' initiative has to be backed by at least one million EU citizens within a year time frame !
- 350 organisations are already at the start of the campaign **promoters of a European petition** targeted at introducing a specific legislation on soil in Europe.





# 350 Organisations



International networks: 18





# 12 Coordinations



# COUNTRY COORDINATORS



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ENVIRONNEMENT**

FRANCE



GERMANY



**Slow Food®**

BELGIUM



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FOUNDATION**

NETHERLANDS



GREECE



CYPRUS



## Minimum number of signatories per member state



# THE ECI PROPOSAL

## **People4Soil: sign the citizens' initiative to save the soils of Europe!**

*Soil is one of the most strategic resources of Europe, as it ensures food security, biodiversity conservation and climate change regulation. It's time to protect the soils of Europe.*

Recognize soil as a shared heritage that needs EU level protection, as it provides essential benefits connected to human well-being and environmental resilience; develop a dedicated legally binding framework covering the main soil threats: erosion, sealing, organic matter decline, biodiversity loss and contamination; integrate soil related UN Sustainable Development Goals into EU policies; properly account and reduce greenhouse gases emissions from the farming and forestry sectors.



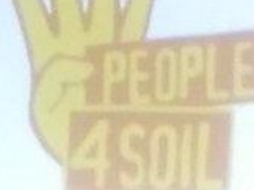
# WHEN?

- ECI is open! **Deadline is 12/09/2017**
- Soon, the website will be certified for the online signatures.
- Signature sheets can be already downloaded
- You can still join as partner or volunteer.





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