ISSUE #1

**NEWSLETTER** 

#### **HELLO!**



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Welcome to the first project ECHO newsletter! In this issue, we provided a few ways for you to get better acquainted with our project. Learn all about the origins of ECHO from our coordinator, check out our expanding website, and enjoy the first fruits of our collaborative labour!

In future issues, you can expect updates about different ways you can involved in preserving and improving soil health with ECHO, so stay tuned!

### **ABOUT US**





Our citizen science project supports the EU Mission "A Soil Deal for Europe", which aims to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030. Find out more about our goals and the outcomes we envisioned!

**About ECHO** 

#### **PARTNERS**



16 partners with a shared passion for soil

Ambitious goals require appropriate scale. That's why ECHO brought together 16 partners from Europe and Scotland. On our website, you can now read all about the different universities, research centres, SMEs, and foundations, and their role in project ECHO.

**ECHO Partners** 



## MEET OUR COORDINATOR





To kick-off our first newsletter, we interviewed our coordinator, prof. Tanja Mimmo from the Free University in Bolzano.

"I think people need to understand that soil is an integral part of our ecosystem. It is not only something beneath our feet, but an extremely important, yet "invisible" resource, and our lives depend upon it. Through ECHO, I hope to reach as many citizens as possible: all ages, all different cultural backgrounds, all different soil types, and involve them right from the beginning, so they feel part of the whole story."

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# **CITIZEN SCIENCE**



Preliminar table of Citizen Science initiatives for monitoring soil health

Soil health is everyone's responsibility. We're not the only ones who think so! We prepared an overview of the current state of the art in projects, initiatives, or activities that have already involved citizens in monitoring soil health, from both inside and outside the European Union.

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## **ECHO IN EUROPE**





# ECHO in Puławy

As the year draws to a close, we brought ECHO to one more event - the 3rd AGROEKOTON Partner Conference in Puławy, Poland ■. Our presentation was attended by representatives...



## Ciência Cidadã

It was a full immersion in citizen science projects at the 4° Encontro Nacional de Ciência Cidadã. One of them was our project "ECHO – Engaging citizens in soil science:...



Hub Plantpress represented ECHO during a very

important event – the inaugural conference of the Polish Hub for Soils – a platform for cooperation of all interested parties for whom it...



## This November, Project ECHO had the opportunity

to be introduced to a large audience during the Mission Soil Week in Madrid, Spain. We're happy to report that ECHO made its...







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