

Crops for better soil: final conference



The LIFE project Crops for better soil ([LIFE10 ENV/ES/000471](#)), which highlights profitable organic farming techniques to combat soil degradation in the Mediterranean, is holding its final conference on 18-19 May 2016 at the Spanish ministry for agriculture, food and the environment in Madrid.

The [programme for the two-day conference](#) features presentations on the results and communications strategy of the LIFE project alongside presentations on similar agriculture-related LIFE projects. It will include a panel discussion on sustainable production. The second day comprises a trip to a field trial in Illana, Guadalajara.

The LIFE project was set up to demonstrate that applying specific organic farming techniques for rain-fed croplands can improve soil fertility and increase yields, on a significant scale. Such techniques are particularly relevant for semi-arid land, such as that found at the project site. The project is showing how such land is suitable for the profitable cultivation of crops.

The aim is to demonstrate that organic farming is a viable alternative to current erosive farming practices and to the abandonment of areas with vulnerable dry soil types. The project has also been demonstrating innovative measurement methods.

To join the event, please complete the [registration form](#). Simultaneous English and Spanish translation will be available.

For more information about Crops for better soil, visit the [project website](#).