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to the Commission**

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Subject: Guide on EU funding opportunities available for the protection, sustainable management and restoration of soils

The EU soil strategy for 2030 was adopted on 17 November 2021. Among the concrete measures and actions listed in the strategy, the Commission announced the publication of a guide in 2022 providing an overview of EU funding opportunities available for the protection, sustainable management and restoration of soils.

The current EU budget provides multiple sources of funding to support the sustainable use and restoration of degraded soils, such as the common agricultural policy, the programme for environment and climate action (LIFE), Horizon Europe, the cohesion policy and the Recovery and Resilience Facility, yet the only guide with funding opportunities available from the Commission is the one concerning the Horizon Europe mission on soil.

Given the 2022 drought and heatwave conditions, funding opportunities to sustainably restore and protect our soils should be a priority for the Commission.

1. When will the comprehensive funding guide announced in the EU soil strategy for 2030 be published?