



Restoring Europe’s agriculture soils

Monday 3 June, 14:30-16:00

Finlandia Hall

A circular and regenerative food system can only exist when food is produced in soil that is healthy¹. Currently however, European agriculture follows a linear, extractive model that degrades soil health and fertility, with not only environmental but also significant economic costs to farmers and society. It is possible to turn this around and restore soil health through regenerative agricultural practices which provide benefits to farmers, consumers and the environment.

SYSTEMIQ and Soil Capital are building a “Soil Restoration Accelerator” that seeks to scale action towards a more circular food system by bringing together EU farmers, food buyers, and funders to improve soil health across the EU. This session will introduce the objectives of the Accelerator and invite participants to contribute to its design and implementation. The programme is as follows:

14:30	Welcome and introduction – Sitra and SYSTEMIQ
14:35	The Circular Economy for Food – Ellen MacArthur Foundation
14:40	Presentation on Soil Restoration Accelerator – SYSTEMIQ and Soil Capital
14:55	Presentation of farmer experience – Eliisa Malin
15:10	Small group discussions how to scale action around soil health
15:45	Reporting back and plenary discussion
16:00	Session ends



¹ See also “Cities and Circular Economy for Food” (2019) by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation