

# Soilmates

*When the living soil is our teacher*

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[Video This was Soilmates 2020](#)

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Soilmates is a non-profit initiative  
launched in 2020

A growing collective and movement



- *Soilmates 2020*  
250 guests,  
10 national and international chefs,  
5 artists and more than 40 volunteers
- *Soilmates 2021*  
500 participants,  
20 speakers, 22 chefs and their teams,  
8 artists and more than 50 volunteers

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*are people willing  
to think holistically about  
the web of life*

Our aim is  
to create a paradigm shift  
in which  
the *living soil* becomes  
the center of the culinary experience,  
rather than the chef or the farmer.



# Burning platform

[Video FAO Stop soil erosion](#)



FAO, 2020

State of knowledge of soil biodiversity

300 scientists

# A Call For Action

- ✓ to give the soil a **(multidisciplinary) voice** through annual gatherings of farmers, chefs, artists, scientists, activists, foodies...
- ✓ to raise awareness of the status of the soils worldwide and to restore the food system from **soil-to-plate**



# The Earth Needs Many Soilmates



# Giving the soil a voice through food



# Giving the soil a voice through botanical drinks, local beers and wines





# Giving the soil a voice through art



# To join the movement

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