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The University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD) will coordinate the LivingSoiLL- Healthy ***Soil*** to Permanent Crops Living Labs project, funded by Horizon Europe's ***Soil*** Mission with 12 million euros.

The project aims to improve ***soil health*** in permanent crops in Europe in the areas of vineyards, olive groves, chestnuts, hazelnuts and apples.

"UTAD's participation in LivingSoiLL is a unique opportunity to contribute to improving ***soil health*** in Portugal and Europe," says Cristina Carlos, project coordinator and researcher at the Center for Research and Agro-Environmental and Biological Technologies (CITAB).

As well as "disseminating sustainable ***soil*** management practices and strengthening ***soil*** literacy", this consortium will establish five Living Labs dedicated to promoting healthy ***soils***, testing and co-creating innovative solutions that are adjusted locally," she says.

UTAD will coordinate the Luso-Galician LL, focused on vineyards and olive groves, the two most important permanent crops in the north of the country and in Galicia.

"We believe that LivingSoiLL has the potential to generate a significant impact on ***soil health*** in Europe, and that it will contribute to more sustainable food production, water and climate regulation and biodiversity conservation," concludes Cristina Carlos, who is also a lecturer at UTAD.

LivingSoiLL includes 50 partners from Portugal, France, Spain, Italy and Poland, and brings together universities, local producers, producers' associations, public bodies, a European association that produces fruit, vegetables and ornamental plants, and a European association that defends the wine sector.

The project will run for 54 months, in a collaborative approach based on the co-creation, co-implementation and co-testing of solutions, in which the active participation of more than 2,000 local actors is also expected.

The UTAD team is made up of 27 members and includes researchers from the Center for Research and Agro-Environmental and Biological Technologies (CITAB), the Vila Real Chemistry Center (CQVR) and the Center for Transdisciplinary Development Studies (CETRAD).

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