



Dear Members and Partners,

As you know, 2025 is the 10th anniversary of our international “4 per 1000” Initiative.

It will be 10 years in December 2015 since the Initiative was launched in Paris at COP 21, alongside five other initiatives, but of these, it was the only one dedicated to soil and soil carbon sequestration.

Since this birth in the capital of lights, water has flowed under the bridges of Paris, and the Initiative has grown (from 160 to almost 900 Partners), the “4 per 1000” Initiative has installed and implemented its governance, at the COP 22 in Marrakech with its four bodies (Forum of Partners, Consortium of Members, Scientific and Technical Committee and Executive Secretariat).

The Initiative adopted an ambitious 2050 Strategic Plan to guide and frame its work until the end of the first half of the century.

During this first decade, the Initiative has seen numerous meetings, conferences, seminars and webinars organised by and for its bodies within and outside its network, for the benefit of soil carbon natural sequestration and soil health more generally.

Numerous partnerships have been concluded, and numerous coalitions and networks have been approached and joined to create synergies and strengthen collaborations to maximize actions in favour of agricultural and forestry soils. Operational and functional tools such as the collaborative platform, the website, social networks, the newsletter, press releases, press reviews, etc. have been designed and made available to the network to facilitate links and interactions between Partners and Members. The Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) and the Executive Secretariat have spared no effort in preparing and publishing numerous publications and articles aimed at decision-makers, farmers, civil society, etc. We are now on a long road paved with many varied milestones, each symbolizing the development of activities serving the cause of soils, their health and carbon sequestration. Although there is still a long way to go and a steep slope to reach our objectives, we are on the move and we must continue our efforts, even if the time has come to modestly celebrate our 10th candle.

This moment to celebrate the accomplished work, while keeping an eye on the road ahead, opened on 24 April with an event in the context of the ChangeNOW Summit in Paris at the Grand Palais. Featuring personalities who have left their mark in the early years of the “4 per 1000” Initiative as well as the contemporary period, this event consisted of two round tables, one devoted to achievements and the other looking to future directions. Ministers, past or present, or their representatives also spoke at the event. The Executive Secretariat is considering other ways of celebrating this anniversary between now and the end of the year.

The Initiative's budgetary situation at the end of the first half of 2025 calls for temperance, and even real concern, as to our ability to continue not only these celebrations, but also the Initiative's missions.

You are looking at an illustration of this state of affairs: the July 2025 newsletter has been reduced to this simple editorial, because we have had to cut back for several weeks now.

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In this respect, it is now certain that the annual meetings of the Forum of Partners and the Consortium of Members, which take place as part of the annual "4 per 1000" Day, will only be held online this year, as will the STC meeting in the second half of the year. Furthermore, the Initiative's participation in COP 30 in Belém, which should be a very important COP, is also unfortunately compromised.

It is paradoxical that at a time when joy and gladness should be filling our hearts, it is instead uncertainty and doubt that are weighing them down. In order not to threaten the initiative's survival in the longer term, the Executive Secretariat felt it prudent to put certain activities on hold, such as communications and the organisation of face-to-face international meetings and conferences.

Just a few months away from handing over to a new Executive Secretary, I am aware of the serious and almost ceremonial tone of the lines I am now writing, appealing once again for the goodwill of Partners and Members to help the Executive Secretariat remedy the situation. The situation is clear: there is a shortfall of €100k to enable us to break even at the end of 2025, while maintaining the main activities set out in the 2025 Roadmap, approved by the Consortium of Members in 2024. This amount is limited, and it seems possible to find this funding. I therefore invite Members and Partners from the public and private sectors who would like to support "4 per 1000" to contact [Béatrice Breton-Askar](mailto:beatrice.breton-askar@4p1000.org) (beatrice.breton-askar@4p1000.org).

Thank you for acting as quickly as possible to help us get through this difficult 2025 stage.

Take care of yourself, your loved ones and our soils.

Paul LUU, Executive Secretary, international "4 per 1000 » Initiative
Montpellier, 10 June 2025



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