

SOIL IS LIFE

Farmers consulting farmers on soil health

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CA-Farming Zauner



- No plow since 1998
- Covers since 1991
- Min-Till since 2012
- Conservation Agriculture since 2021
 - No disturbance
 - Permanent cover
 - Plant diversity







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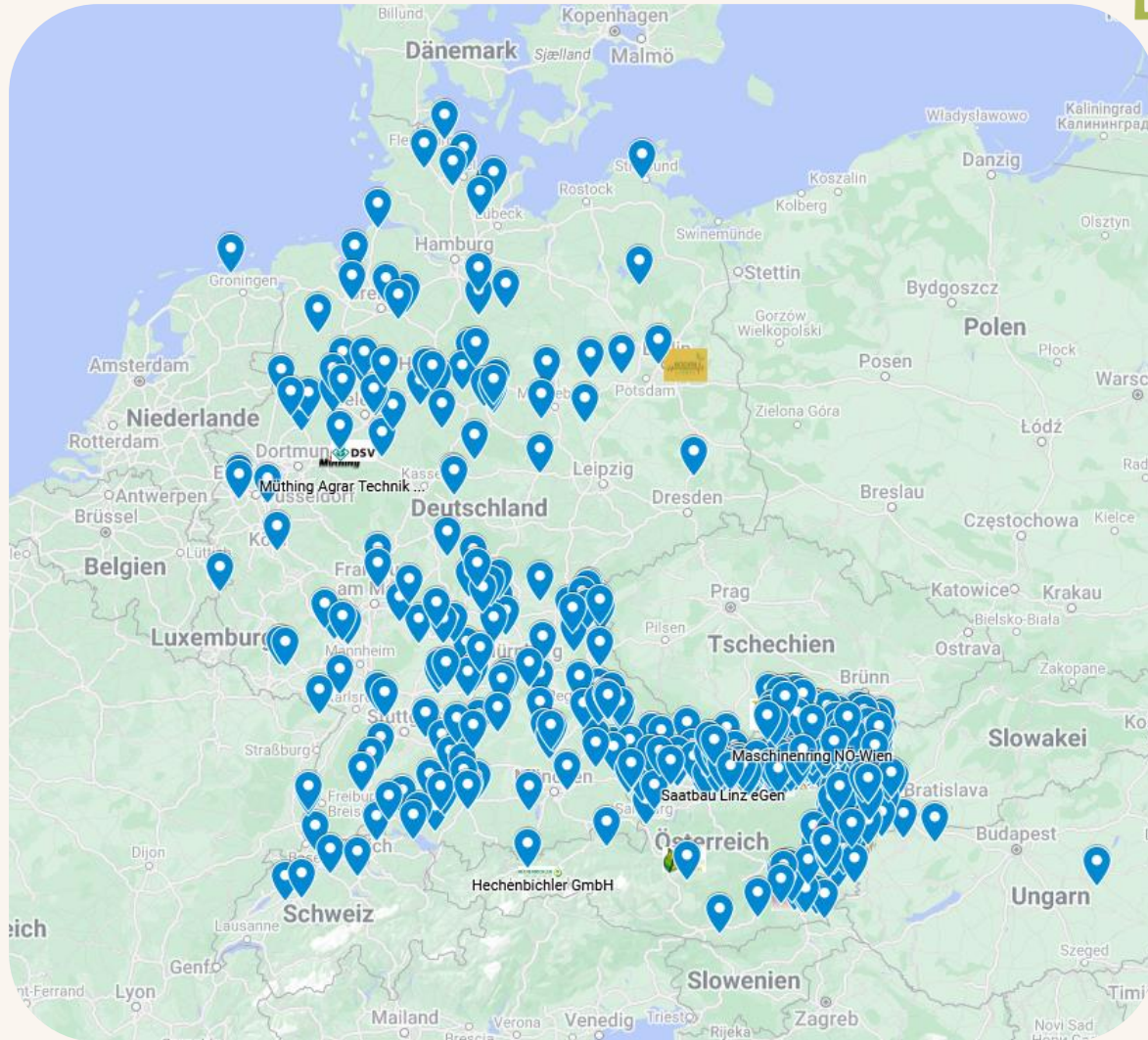
Organisation

Boden.Leben



- Organisation of farmers, consultants, researchers
- Founded in march 2019
- NGO for soilhealth farmers
- 650+ members
- Focused on soilhealth, research on soilhealth themes and helping farmers to make their soils better

Members of Boden.Leben



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Research

- Funding own projects
 - Researching on subjects where more results are needed
- Partner in different project
 - Stakeholder
 - Providing farmland
- Co-funding research



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Activities



- Field days
- Conventions
- Workshops
- Webinars
- Machine demonstrations

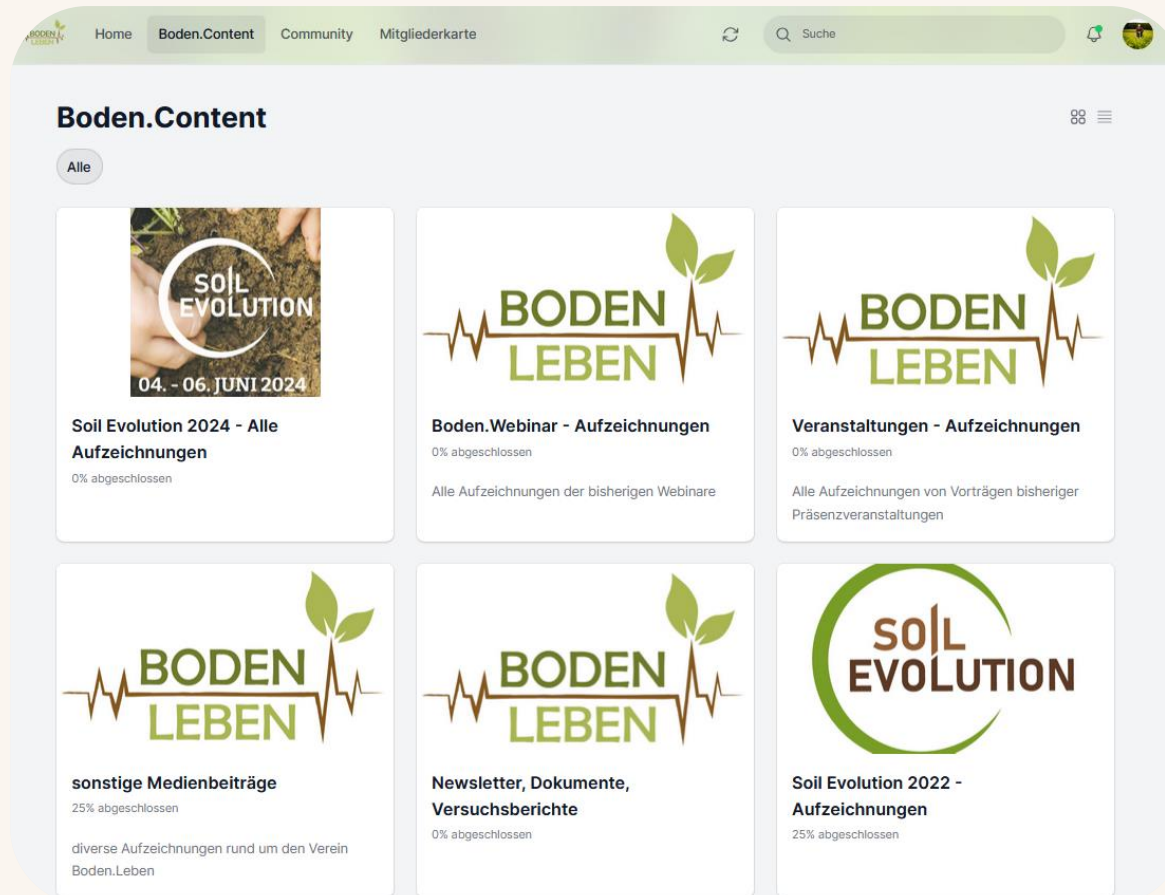


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Members Area



- „that's the farmers NETFLIX“ – member of Boden.Leben



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- 3-day festival every 2 years
- Focused on soil health, conservation agriculture & regenerative agriculture
- Austria, Germany and Swiss together

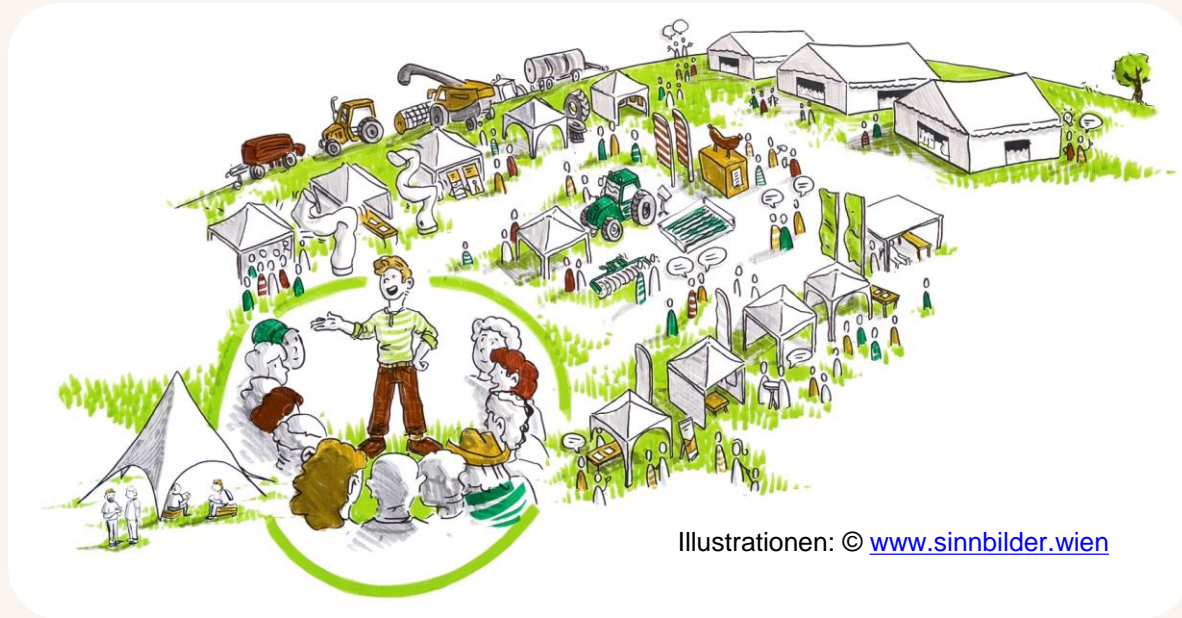




The idea - Soil Evolution a festival of the soil



Therefore, to reach a wider audience, more information must be produced in German language and needs to be spread not only via written papers, but also **directly on the field and face-to-face to other farmers.**

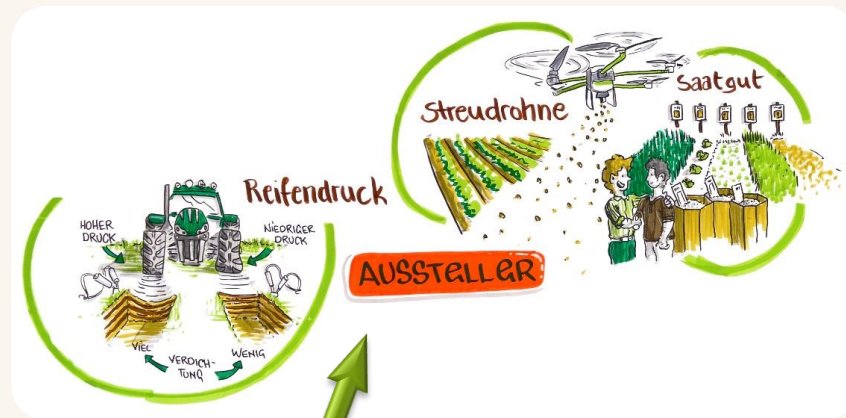


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Learning from the positive experience of the British Groundswell movement, a similar event called **Soil Evolution** was organized for the first time in **2022 in Germany** with CA farmers from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland participating

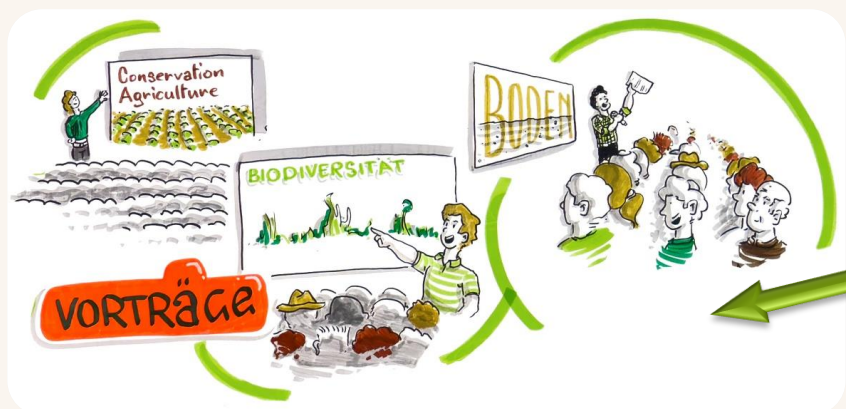


Machinery demonstration No-Till Drills



Exhibitors:

Machinery manufactures producers of seed, fertilizer and plant protection... presenting their products regarding CA systems

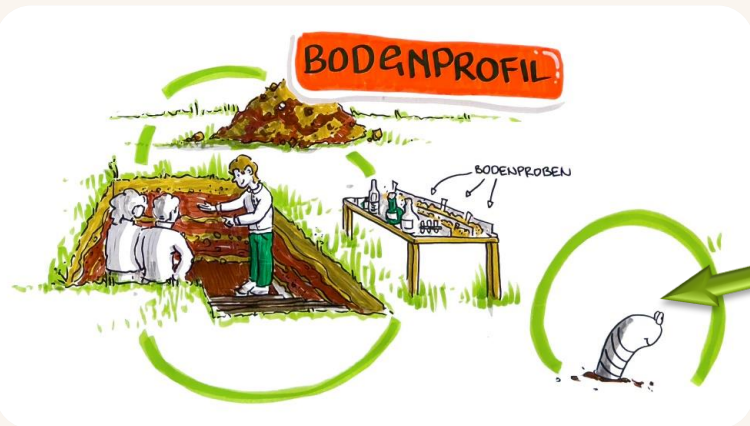


Oral presentations take place in different tents on the festival ground sorted by thematic focus e.g. Soil, Biodiversity and Conservation Agriculture

Workshops show differences between CA and conventional systems, but also share knowledge



Farmer Talks and Additional meeting points give everybody the chance to discuss several problems and questions about CA



Soil Profil because the connecting element of the whole event is the **Soil**



The key element of the 3-day event is the **networking and exchange between practitioners, scientists and advisors as well as exhibitors**

But don't forget the **social aspect**

The 3 countries (DACH) competed in disciplines such as rope pulling, rubber boot throwing and the egg race in our **Farmers' Olympics**.





The facts



- 4,5 ha Area – CA Farm
- 3 Days (in June)
- 3 thematic tents with 36 oral presentation
- 8 Workshops
- 65 exhibitors
- Machinery presentation of 21 Mulch- and No-Till Drills
- 5 Farmers Talks
- Soil Profile
- 25 anniversary Event of ECAF
- Farmers' Olympics
- 2.500 Visitors

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Thank you!



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