

## ***Interactive comment on “Soil Conservation in the 21st Century: Why we need Smart Intensification” by Gerard Govers et al.***

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Dear Gerard,

As you've seen two reviewers have now commented on your manuscript 'soil conservation in the 21st century: why we need smart intensification'.

Both referees highly value your manuscript and support publication in the special Issue of SOIL, provided that some improvements / corrections / justifications are made.

I fully agree with the referees recommendation; the paper is convincing and well backed up by literature, and reads very smoothly. The modifications suggested by the referees will further strengthen the publication, and I would like to ask you to consider the suggestions, and make the modifications where you think appropriate. Please provide a

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detailed rebuttal where you decide not to follow the referees' suggestions.

Seeing the relatively limited revisions required, I would like to ask you to submit the revised manuscript by the end of October. Please let me know whether this is feasible.

Best regards, Jakob Wallinga co-editor special issue

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