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Fig. S1 Rarefaction curves showing the accumulation of ASVs with increasing number of sequence reads. Each of the 50 samples is represented by one line.





Fig. S2 Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) ordination plot of fungal communities in old and young plots based on Bray-Curtis dissimilarities.





Fig. S3 Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) ordination plots of fungal communities in old and young plots based on Bray-Curtis dissimilarities. Each point represents the fungal community of one sample, color coded for the score of the varimax-rotated PCA of root traits, indicating the plants position along the collaboration and conservation axis. Higher values along the collaboration axis indicate an 'outsourcing' root strategy, higher values along the conservation axis indicate a 'fast' root strategy.





Fig. S4 Correlation between mycorrhizal colonization rate, as determined by staining and microscopic image analysis, and the two axes of the varimax-rotated PCA of root traits. R, Pearson correlation coefficient. The grey areas depict the 95% confidence interval.





Fig. S5 Differences between root traits of the 25 plant species in the young (4-year-old) and old (18-year-old) monocultures. SRL, specific root length; RDMC, root dry matter content. Lower and upper hinges correspond to the first and third quartiles; bold horizontal line represents the median. Whiskers extent to the lowest and largest value, no further than 1.5* inter-quartile range.





Fig. S6 Relationships between the collaboration axis and the conservation axis of the root economics space and the Shannon diversity of the overall fungal community, saprotrophs, arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi, and plant pathogens. Values for the collaboration and conservation axis are varimax-rotated scores from the principal component analysis of the root traits. The lines show model predictions from linear mixed effect models. Note the different scales on the axes. Dashed lines show non-significant relationships. The blue and green areas depict the 95% confidence interval. For detailed model results, see Supporting Information Table S2.



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Young plots
Old plots



Fig. S7 Inverse Simpson, observed number of ASVs and Shannon diversity of the fungal community in old and young monocultures after rarefaction. Lower and upper hinges correspond to the first and third quartiles; bold horizontal line represents the median. Whiskers extent to the lowest and largest value, no further than 1.5* inter-quartile range.





Fig. S8 Relationship between the collaboration axis and the conservation axis of the Root Economics Space and the relative abundance of saprotrophs, arbuscular mycorrhiza and plant pathogens. Values for the collaboration and conservation axis are varimax-rotated scores from the principal component analysis of the root traits. The lines show model predictions from linear mixed effect models. Note the different scales on the axes. Dashed lines show non-significant relationships. The blue and green areas depict the 95% confidence interval. For detailed model results, see Supporting Information, Table S2.



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Fig. S9 Correlation of Basidiomycota : Ascomycota ratio and the two axes of the root trait PCA. R, Pearson correlation coefficient. The grey areas depict the 95% confidence interval.





Table S1 List of plant species of which roots and soil were sampled.

	Functional	
Species	Group	Family
Alopecurus pratensis L.	Grass	Poaceae
Arrhenatherum elatius L.	Grass	Poaceae
Bellis perennis L.	Herb	Asteraceae
Centaurea jacea L.	Herb	Asteraceae
Crepis biennis L.	Herb	Asteraceae
Daucus carota L.	Herb	Apiaceae
Festuca rubra L.	Grass	Poaceae
Galium mollugo L.	Herb	Rubiaceae
Glechoma hederacea L.	Herb	Lamiaceae
Helictotrichon pubescens Huds.	Grass	Poaceae
Holcus lanatus L.	Grass	Poaceae
Leontodon hispidus L.	Herb	Asteraceae
Leucanthemum vulgare Lam.	Herb	Asteraceae
Medicago lupulina L.	Legume	Fabaceae
<i>Medicago x varia</i> Martyn	Legume	Fabaceae
Onobrychis viciifolia Scop.	Legume	Fabaceae
Plantago lanceolata L.	Herb	Plantaginaceae
Plantago media L.	Herb	Plantaginaceae
Ranunculus repens L.	Herb	Ranunculaceae
Rumex acetosa L.	Herb	Polygonaceae
Sanguisorba officinalis L.	Herb	Rosaceae
Taraxacum officinale L.	Herb	Asteraceae
Trifolium fragiferum L.	Legume	Fabaceae
Trifolium pratense L.	Legume	Fabaceae
Veronica chamaedrys L.	Herb	Plantaginaceae



Table S2 Mean root traits per plant functional group. SRL, specific root length; RDMC, root dry matter content.

Plant functional group	Mean diameter (mm)	Mean SRL (cm/g)	Mean RDMC (g/g)	Mean relative nitrogen (%)
Grasses	0.25	113.12	0.28	0.89
Herbs	0.34	66.07	0.20	1.17
Legumes	0.39	43.57	0.21	2.51



Tab. S3 Results of linear mixed effect models relating the Shannon diversity and relative abundance of fungal ASVs within the three guilds saprotrophs, AMF and plant pathogens to the conservation and collaboration gradient of root traits.

		<u> </u>	d monocult	ures	Y	Young monocultures			
	DF	Estimate	SE _{Estimate}	P-value	Estimate	SE _{Estimate}	P-value		
Fungal richness (Shannon Dive	ersity)								
Overall community									
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.027	0.043	0.533	0.013	0.05	0.794		
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	-0.085	0.053	0.13	0.026	0.045	0.574		
Saprotroph									
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.046	0.044	0.301	-0.097	0.07	0.184		
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	-0.04	0.049	0.423	0.144	0.065	0.037		
AMF									
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.028	0.064	0.664	-0.014	0.084	0.873		
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	-0.104	0.084	0.229	-0.027	0.08	0.735		
Pathogen									
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.042	0.083	0.619	0.009	0.08	0.907		
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	0.064	0.093	0.494	0.109	0.077	0.173		
Relative guild abundance (log))								
Saprotroph									
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.006	0.022	0.795	0.027	0.027	0.324		
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	0.024	0.028	0.412	-0.001	0.025	0.966		



AMF

Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.079	0.104	0.458	-0.113	0.128	0.389
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	-0.260	0.135	0.070	-0.118	0.124	0.353
Pathogen							
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.276	0.212	0.206	0.161	0.160	0.326
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	0.079	0.237	0.743	0.141	0.145	0.342

ASVs without guild annotation or with multiple annotations were not included. Relative abundances of the guilds were log transformed to meet the criteria of normal distribution of residuals. Experimental blocks were included as random factors. DF, degrees of freedom. SE, Standard Error.



Tab. S4 Results of linear mixed effects model relating the Shannon diversity and relative abundance of fungal ASVs within the three guilds saprotrophs, AMF and plant pathogens to the conservation and collaboration gradient of root traits with altered random effect structure compared to the main analyses.

		OI	d monocult	ures	Young monocultures			
	DF	Estimate	SE _{Estimate}	P-value	Estimate	SE _{Estimate}	P-value	
Fungal richness (Shannon Diver	rsity)							
Overall community								
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.027	0.043	0.533	0.002	0.051	0.967	
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	-0.085	0.053	0.130	0.035	0.044	0.434	
Saprotroph								
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.046	0.044	0.301	-0.072	0.071	0.322	
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	-0.04	0.049	0.423	0.161	0.063	0.019	
AMF								
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.028	0.064	0.664	-0.014	0.084	0.873	
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	-0.104	0.084	0.229	-0.027	0.080	0.735	
Pathogen								
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.042	0.083	0.619	0.009	0.080	0.907	
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	0.064	0.093	0.494	0.109	0.077	0.173	
Relative guild abundance (log)								
Saprotroph								
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.006	0.022	0.795	0.027	0.024	0.269	
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	0.024	0.028	0.412	-0.004	0.022	0.874	



AMF

Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.079	0.104	0.458	-0.113	0.128	0.389
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	-0.260	0.135	0.070	-0.118	0.124	0.353
Pathogen							
Collaboration gradient (Outsourcing)	1	0.328	0.210	0.132	0.196	0.159	0.232
Conservation gradient (Fast)	1	0.114	0.232	0.627	0.143	0.143	0.327

ASVs without guild annotation or with multiple annotations were not included. Relative abundances of the guilds were log transformed to meet the criteria of normal distribution of residuals. In addition to experimental blocks, the annotation rate was included as random factor. For the annotation rate, the number of sequence reads with single guild annotation (as described in the methods of the main text) per sample was divided by the total number of sequence reads per sample and this proportion was split into five quartiles that were used as random effects of the models. If case of singular fit, linear regressions were used instead of linear mixed models. DF, degrees of freedom. SE, Standard Error.



Tab. S5 Results of the partial distance-based redundancy analysis (db-RDA) of the overall fungal community and individual subsets of saprotrophs, AMF and plant pathogens constrained by the scores of the collaboration axis and the conservation axis of the varimax-rotated PCA of root traits with altered covariate structure compared to the main analyses.

		Old monocultures			Young monocultures		
Predictor	DF	<i>R</i> ²	F-value	P-value	<i>R</i> ²	<i>F</i> -value	P-value
Overall community							
Collaboration gradient	1	0.045	0.805	0.861	0.061	1.107	0.297
Conservation gradient	1	0.073	1.306	0.062	0.051	0.921	0.607
Saprotrophic community							
Collaboration gradient	1	0.046	0.825	0.774	0.055	0.986	0.462
Conservation gradient	1	0.079	1.425	0.049	0.05	0.891	0.596
AMF community							
Collaboration gradient	1	0.045	0.812	0.823	0.067	1.209	0.166
Conservation gradient	1	0.069	1.243	0.117	0.052	0.942	0.591
Pathogen community							
Collaboration gradient	1	0.123	2.211	0.025	0.05	0.898	0.523
Conservation gradient	1	0.055	0.983	0.446	0.051	0.918	0.503

Analyses within a guild only include ASVs that are assigned to a single guild. In addition to the experimental block, we controlled for the annotation rate. For this, the number of sequence reads with single guild annotation (as described in the methods of the main text) per sample was divided by the total number of sequence reads per sample and this proportion was split into 5 quantiles that were used as conditioning effects of the db-RDA. DF, degrees of freedom. Statistically significant values are indicated in bold text.