Objective

The SAFE project aims to allow Europe to take advantage of silvoarable agroforestry systems that are currently prevented due to policy maladjustment. The introduction of wide-spaced high-quality trees in European farmland will be modelled at the plot, farm, and regional scale. The project builds on accumulated evidence that mixtures of trees and crops are environmentally efficient and will provide high quality timber resources, while improving the amenity value of agricultural landscapes. The project brings together field experimenters, modellers of tree-crop interactions and end-users in the farm and forest sectors. A biophysical model will be linked with an economic model for long-term evaluation. The final deliverable of the project will be an ‘Agro forestry Policy Options’ document allowing the EU to frame new agro forestry regulations.

Programme(s)

FP5-LIFE QUALITY - Specific Programme for research, technological development and demonstration on "Quality of life and management of living resources", 1998-2002
Topic(s)

1.1.1.-5. - Key action Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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