

Task 4.1

Environmental Impact Assessment

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⇒ *To what extent is cultivation and use of a certain non-food crop in a certain European region sustainable?*

Environmental Impact Assessment:

Evaluation method to explore the possible environmental effects of a proposed project



Soil Erosion

⇒ *Goal is primarily to evaluate the environmental effects due to the production of different non-food crops in different European Regions*



Parameters to be studied

⇒ **Mainly at the agricultural phase**

⇒ **Ecological**

⇒ **Socio-economic**



Ecological Parameters, some examples

- ⇒ Use of Water Resources
- ⇒ Use of Mineral Resources
- ⇒ Land availability
- ⇒ Implications on Water Quality
- ⇒ Implications on Soil Quality
- ⇒ Erosion of the Soil
- ⇒ Implications on Air Quality
- ⇒ Implications on Biodiversity and Landscape
- ⇒ Waste production and Utilisation



Socio-economic Parameters, some examples

⇒ **Stimulation of rural industrialisation**

⇒ **Creation of new opportunities for the agricultural sector**

⇒ **Employment creation**



Application of the methodology

⇒ Choice of the non-food crops

⇒ **to be discussed among partners**

⇒ Oil crops: rape, flax, hemp, sunflower, safflower, castor

⇒ Starch and sugar crops: sugarbeet, sweet sorghum, potato

⇒ Lignocellulosic and fiber crops: kenaf, miscanthus, cardoon, reed canary grass, switchgrass, poplar, willow, eucalyptus, wheat, maize



Application of the methodology

⇒ Choice of the European Regions

⇒ **to be discussed among partners**

⇒ North Europe

⇒ Central Europe

⇒ South Europe

⇒ **Atlantic Influence**

⇒ **Continental influence**

⇒ **Mediterranean Influence**



Purpose of the study

⇒ To achieve conclusions and to define recommendations

⇒ In order to stimulate discussion inside and outside the European Union

⇒ To give a contribution towards further development of non-food crops throughout Europe

