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Sustainable Agriculture and Soil Conservation: The SOCO project

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Main objective

Rural Development Program
Common Agricultural Policy

Cross compliance

Soil conservation practices

Environmental legislation related to agriculture

Implementation capacity
### Workflow

**WP2**

**10 Case studies**
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- Spain
- UK

**27 member states**
- Wind & water erosion
- Agricultural land degradation
- Soil organic matter
- Compaction
- Salinisation

**Soil conservation practices**

**Review of policies & regulations**

**March 2008**

**September / October 2008**
Existing institutions & governance structures

Efficiency of institutions & governance structures

Soil conditions & farming practices

Effectiveness of soil conservation measures

Current performance

Best desired performance

changes to be made
Workflow

WP4
Dissemination
Materials for technical training
Workshop

WP3
Soil conservation and policy conclusions
Environmental Policy
Integrated Climate Model calculations (EPIC)
Assess environmental benefits:
Agricultural conservation practices ↔ Conventional agricultural practices

Spring 2009

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Thank you for your attention!

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