



OLIVE GROVES AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Olive groves several centuries old and others in significantly disadvantaged conditions no longer dedicated to the production of extra virgin olive oil may well become a technical response helping to combat climate change. This is the proposal underlying the European oLIVE CLIMATE Project. It will take place in Greece thanks to funds totalling almost 4 million euros.

Tests will include new techniques for reducing greenhouse gases by capturing carbon dioxide (one of the major greenhouse gases) in the soil, higher levels of organic substances in the soil and better retention of ground-water.

In overall terms, these objectives should help offset the effects of climate change at the same time as safeguarding the landscape and the territory as a whole against hydrogeological instability.

Based on the results achieved, Greek researchers may receive some kind of incentive in order to promote the role of olive groves managed using the techniques tested.

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