

Preface

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This programme aims at promoting trans-European research in the primary production sectors of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fisheries, and aquaculture, linking these with the input and processing industries, particularly food processing and renewable biomaterials.

The food area is important within this programme and is covered by the theme 'Generic Science and Advanced Technologies for Nutritious Foods'.

There is growing interest in Europe in the concept of 'Functional Foods' and this concerted action, bringing together Europe's scientists and industry, is fundamental to establishing a science-based approach to such foods.

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