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REPORT OF ACTIVITY

Number of the activity	3					
Title of the activity	Seed Exchange: Exchange networks management					
Organisation	Internal training workshop: Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando". XIV State Fair of Agricultural Biodiversity: Red Extremeña de Semillas , Villanueva de la Vera Seed Bank and Red Extremeña de Semillas					
Size of the organisation						
A/ Staff and Board of Directors	27					
B/ Students	50					
Date of the activity	10/04-06/2013					
Duration of the activity	3 days					
Place of the activity	Villanueva de la Vera (Cáceres, Spain)					
Number of participants and partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 members of Garden Organic (UK) • 7 members of Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad" (Spain) • 20 members of Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando" (Spain) 					
A/ Males	12					
B/ Females	17					
C/ Students	24					
D/ Teachers	5					
E/ Companions	0					
F/ People with special needs	0					
Age range	22-65					
Stakeholders	Farmers, consumers, technicians and local seed networks					
Topic of the activity	Exchange	Policy	Microenterprise	Fruit trees	Cereals	Vegetables
	X					
Type of activity	Internal training workshop XIV State Fair of Agricultural Biodiversity					
Crops related to the visit	Cereals	Vegetables	Fruit trees	All		
				X		
Dissemination strategies	Information through the mailing list of the GROW project. Mailing list of Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando", social network and project website.					
News in press (links)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Report of the XIV Biodiversity Fair (24/01/2014). Red de Semillas. (http://www.redsemillas.info/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/131004-06-Memoria-RdS-FEB-2013-Villanueva-CAC-EXT.pdf) • Newspaper ABC (09/22/2013): Villanueva de la Vera hosts the State Fair of Agricultural Biodiversity. (http://www.abc.es/agencias/noticia.asp?noticia=1500044) • RADIO INTERIOR (09/23/2013): Villanueva de la Vera host from 4 to 6 October the XIV State Fair of Agricultural Biodiversity (http://www.radiointerior.es/index.php?op=noticia&id=31381) • Newspaper EL PERIÓDICO DE EXTREMADRA (25/09/2013): Extremadura becomes the national epicenter of traditional seed exchange (http://www.elperiodicoextremadura.com/noticias/extremadura/extremadura-convierte-epicentro-nacional-intercambio-semillas-tradicionales_758382.html) • DIGITAL Extremadura (25/09/2013): XIV State Fair of agricultural biodiversity in Villanueva de la Vera (http://digitalextremadura.com/not/43069/xiv_feria_estatal_de_la_biodiversidad_agricola_en_villanueva_de_la_vera/) • Press Release of Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando", Red Extremeña de Semillas and Banco de Semillas de Villanueva (03/10/2013): VERA Villanueva de la Vera will host early october the XIV State Fair of Agricultural Biodiversity (http://www.redsemillas.info/?p=2627) • EUROPAPRESS (04/10/2013): A fair trade in Villanueva de la Vera foster the exchange and sale of traditional seed varieties (http://www.europapress.es/extremadura/noticia-feria-villanueva-vera-fomentara-intercambio-venta-variedades-tradicionales-semillas- 					

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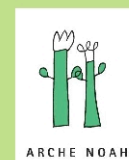
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	<p>20131004094201.html)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KAOS IN RED (09/10/2013): Has been held the XIV State Fair of Agricultural Biodiversity in Villanueva de la Vera. (http://www.kaosnared.net/secciones/s2/guerracriminalizacionrepression/item/70705-se-celebr%C3%B3-la-xiv-feria-estatal-de-la-biodiversidad-agr%C3%ADcola-en-villanueva-de-la-vera.html)
<p>Verification of the activity</p>	
<p>A/ Contents of the activity</p>	<p><u>Friday, October 4 th</u></p> <p>10.30 - 14.30 h. Internal training workshop: Exchange networks management. <i>Contents of the theoretical part of the workshop (2 hrs 30 min)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of the different working system of each Exchange Network (15 min) Protocols and databases Exchange Network: problems, bottlenecks and improvement proposals (1h 30 min) The case of the guardians of seeds Centro Zahoz (20 min) <p><i>Work groups (1h 30 min)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targets of the Exchange networks , commitments of participants and training activities related to promotion and exchange networks Inputs and outputs: Databases, receiving seeds, applications for varietal names etc. Seed quality (conservation, disease, germination capacity, etc.) and varieties characterization. <p>19.30 - 21.30 h. Lecture: Dimension and international cooperation of agricultural biodiversity, by José Esquinas (Ex- General Secretary of the Intergovernmental Committee on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO).</p> <p>21.30 - 22.30 h. Dinner and presentation of the different networks and local seed banks participating.</p> <p><u>Saturday, October 5 th</u></p> <p>10.00 - 20.00 h. Producers market 10.00 - 20.00 h. Exposition, exchange and sell of local seeds varieties 10.00 - 11.00 h. Visit to traditional vegetable gardens. 11.00 - 11.30 h. Opening of the Fair by Joaquín Araujo and organizers. 11.30 - 12.30 h. Lecture: The construction of cultivated biodiversity. Social actors, discourses and practices in Tentudia and Doñana. Rufino Acosta (University of Sevilla). 12.30 - 14.00 h. Intergenerational experiences roundtable focused on women. Participants: Irene de Miguel (Vivero Arbore), Salomé Casado. (Centro Zahoz), Beatriz Fadón (Red Calea) and Carmen Ibañez (Alternatura). 14.30 - 15.30 h. Lunch time 17.00 - 19.00 h. Visit drying paprika facility. 17.00 - 19.00 h. Workshop in local seed production by Salome Casado (Centro Zahoz). 19.00 - 20.30 h. Roundtable about past, present and future of traditional crops in Extremadura. Participants: Margarita Lopez (Finca la Orden), Manuel Serradilla (Finca la Orden) and Bonifacio Sánchez (Vera's paprika Regulatory Council) 20.30 - 21.15 h. Theatre. 21.15 - 22.30 h. Dinner time 22.30 - 01.00 h. Recreational activities (dance, music and more).</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 6th</u></p> <p>10.00 - 14.00 h. Producers market. 10.00 - 14.00 h. Exposition exchange and sell of local seeds varieties. 10.00 - 12.00 h. Grafts workshop. 10.00 - 12.00 h. Visit to traditional vegetable gardens. 12.00 - 14.00 h. Presentation of the Solidarity Economy Market (MES) , by Gloria Sosa (REAS Extremadura) . 12.00 - 14.00 h. Ethical finances and insurance, by Publio Galan (REAS Extremadura).</p>

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B/ Scope of the activity	<p>INTERNAL TRAINING WORKSHOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the methodology used by different groups in seed exchanges. • Show the basic operation of databases and its relevance to the management of a seed Exchange Network. • Train groups and individuals with less experience in the implementation of a seed Exchange Network. <p>STATE FAIR OF AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the civil society the problems that cultivated biodiversity has, and richness of varieties and experiences that we still have. • Training the participants in the different aspects of agricultural biodiversity: production, ethnography, management etc.
C/ Impacts and results	<p>INTERNAL TRAINING WORKSHOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation of groups with extensive experience in the management of seed exchange networks • Presence of experiences with very different management among themselves: guardians of seeds, open sharing networks, groups of multipliers/producers, etc. <p>STATE FAIR OF AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in stands with collective seed banks from Albacete. • Visibility of women work with agricultural biodiversity through the roundtable.
D/ Obstacles encountered	Difficult access to Villanueva de la Vera by public transport.
E/ Proposals to improve these kind of events	<p>INTERNAL TRAINING WORKSHOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen training aspects concerning the management of databases <p>STATE FAIR OF AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use spaces to different events closer.
F/ Materials prepared for the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slideshow: "internal training workshop: management of seed exchange networks." • Script for the work Groups of the Internal Training Workshop. • Program and poster of the XIV State Fair of agricultural biodiversity.
G/ Value-added of the activity related to a more intensive European cooperation	This was the first activity in which we had the participation of the British organization Garden Organic's members. So the event enabled the start of a collaboration between three participating organizations of the GROW project.
H/ Brief Description of visitor groups from Project GROW	Garden Organic (www.gardenorganic.org.uk/): Pioneer association on the organic movement in the UK, promoting local markets of organic vegetable products for over 50 years. Agricultural biodiversity work is done from the Heritage Seed Library, through which preserves hundreds of traditional varieties of vegetables.
I/ Short description of organizing groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando" (www.redsemillas.info): Coordinates GROW project. Decentralized organization of technical, social and political character, who has worked for the past 10 years to gather efforts around the use and conservation of agricultural biodiversity at a local, national and international context. Whose primary objective is to facilitate and promote the use, production, maintenance and conservation of agricultural biodiversity on farms and markets. It brings together more than 20 local seed banks networks distributed throughout the Spanish territory seeds • Red Extremeña de Semillas (https://sites.google.com/site/reddesemillasextremadura/) : Local Seed Network acting in Extremadura, linked to the National coordinating seed network Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando" and aims to facilitate and promote the use, production, maintenance and conservation of agricultural and livestock biodiversity • Banco de Semillas de Villanueva de la Vera (http://extremadurasana.blogspot.com.es/2012/12/banco-de-semillas-de-villanueva-de-la.html) : Seed bank pursuing use of local varieties through exchange

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J/ General evaluation of the activity

The activity is evaluated very positively, especially the internal training workshop



Photo 1. Lecture of José Esquinas.

Photographs of the activity



Photo 2. Workshop in local seed production.

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