

# Growing agricultural biodiversity: knowledge and practice in Europe

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### Report of the event

<b>Title of the activity</b>	SEED EXCHANGE WORKSHOP
<b>Organizers</b>	PELITI (ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY PELITI)
<b>Date of the activity</b>	25.4 and 26.4. 2014
<b>Place of the activity</b>	Mesohori, area of Paranesti near the city of Drama, Greece
<b>Participants</b>	Two persons from Garden Organic UK (mobilities), and three persons from Peliti
<b>Topics of the activity</b>	Organisation of Seed Exchange Events in order to support biodiversity
<b>Crops related to the visit</b>	Any non-industrial crops, with focus on plants used in agriculture
<b>Verification of the activity</b>	Panagiotis Sainatoudis (panagiotis@peliti.gr)
A/ Contents of the activity	<p><u>SEED EXCHANGE during PELITI's Annual Seed Festival April 25 26, 2014. Duration 2 days in Paranesti, Northern Greece</u></p> <p>April 25 . At the Centre for Environmental Education at Mesohori, Paranesti, Greece            11.00hrs Arrival in the area of Paranesti, 10 minute drive to Mesohori to the Center of Environmental Education            11.30-13.30 participation to the seed exchange preparatory work with the farmers and volunteers who prepare the seed festival and the seeds for distribution            13.30 Lunch            15.00- 19.30 participation as above            20.30 Dinner together with the farmers and volunteers who bring and prepare the seeds for distribution</p> <p>April 26. DAY OF THE ANNUAL SEED FESTIVAL. At the Peliti land in Mesohori, area of Paranesti, Greece            08.00hrs. breakfast            09.00-11.00 participation to the preparations at the area of the seed distribution, organizations of the farmers stands            11.00 starting time of The Annual festival, visitors start coming            11.00- 18.30 observation and participation to the system of seed distribution, listening to the lectures and the intermediate music, observation of communal cooking, lunch at the open air together with the visitors, observation of the workshops offered by farmers to the visitors            20.30 dinner with the farmers who brought seeds and the volunteers</p> <p>APRIL 27 , departure in the morning</p>

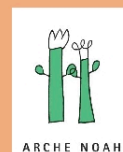
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<p>B/ Interesting points of the activity</p>	<p>Fifty seedsavers participated in this Annual Seed Exchange Festival. One hundred and fifty volunteers helped in the organisation and 3.000 visitors came to the Peliti land on that day to listen to the lectures and workshops and take traditional seeds which were distributed for free.</p> <p>Contact with the large public and answering their questions on local varieties of crop plants and especially on seed saving is an important challenge for spreading local varieties and thus maintaining the wealth of biodiversity and supporting natural evolution especially in a period of climate change</p>
<p>C/ Proposals to improve these kind of events</p>	<p>✓ More information from individual farmers is needed on the topic of evaluation of the seeds they maintain, more follow up is needed after the event</p>
<p>D/ Materials prepared for the event</p>	<p>✓ Detailed program of the the workshop</p>
<p>Photographs of the activity</p>	<p>FOUR pictures. Two from the preparation (April 25) and two from the Seed Exchange event (April 26)</p> 

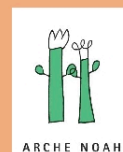
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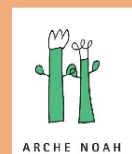
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