



On-farm produced vegetable seeds and seedlings

Participatory seed-production: Propagation, Quality assurance, dissemination and organisational structure

Workshop in the frame of the LEONARDO DA VINCI partnership

“Growing agricultural biodiversity: knowledge and practice in Europe”

24th and 25 th of March 2014 at Gärtnerhof Ochsenherz in Gänserndorf

A short introduction of the venue, the Gärtnerhof Ochsenherz:

After many years of selling organic products on farmers markets in Vienna, Ochsenherz initiated the first CSA project in Austria. The farm produces more than 60 vegetable species and a big number of varieties; most of which are also reproduced on the farm. Seeds and seedlings are also sold.

www.ochsenherz.at

Program

Monday, 24th of March

- 9:30 Arrival with coffee and tea at
Gärtnerhof Ochsenherz, Tannengasse 1, 2230 Gänserndorf –Süd
- 10:00 introduction of participants with a profile answering the following questions (we want to collect the answers in advance and print out a profile for every participant – will be good for networking)
- Where am I situated – where is my farm?
 - How exactly do I work with seeds (propagation, consultant,)?
 - My own experience/standpoint concerning participatory seed-production?
 - How am I organised in a network concerning seed-production?
 - Which exact questions and needs of exchange do I have concerning participatory seed-production?
- 10:45 coffee break
- 11:00 introduction of the following organisations concerning participatory seed-production:
- Khaol Choz, France – René Lea (requested)
 - Biaugerme, France – PhilippeCatinaud (www.biaugerme.com)
 - Red de Semillas, Spain, - Maria Carrascosa (www.redsemillas.info)
 - RegioSaatCoop, Germany - Max Rehberg
 - ARCHE NOAH, Austria – Franziska Lerch, Mara Müller (www.arche-noah.at)

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Here are some questions that might be helpful for the introduction:

- Who are we, where are we?
- Since when does the organization exist?
- How exactly do our organisation work with seeds (in general) and concerning participatory seed-production?
- Experience/standpoint of the organisation concerning participatory seed-production?
- How is the group working together on participatory seed-production organized? (association, loose group, who are the people working together in the group, only farms or also scientific personel,...)
- Which exact questions and needs of exchange do we have concerning participatory seed-production?

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Gärtnerhof Ochsenherz: introduction and guided tour with emphasis on seed and seedlings production

17:00 estimated end of the official program

19:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 25th of March

9:00 up to date information concerning the review of the EU legislation on Seed and Plant Propagating Material

9:30 World Cafe concerning the following topics:

- Quality assurance on seeds (sanity, germination, storage...)
- How can the dissemination be organized?
- Propagation (how can seeds be propagated, who can responsibility be beared or shared)?
- Varieties as Open Source or who „owns“ the varieties on which the group has been working?
- Organisational structure of the group working together on participatory seed production

11:15 coffee break

11:30 Presentation of the World Cafés outcomes to the whole group, discussion

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- 12:30 lunch break,
afterwards: seed swap and dégustation of self made products brought along by the participants (it would be nice if everybody could bring a self made product)
- 14:00 Elaboration of a working paper concerning participatory seed-production
- 15:00 coffe break
- 15:20 Presentation of the working paper to the whole group
- 16:30 Closure
- 17:00 estimated end of the workshop

