

Growing agricultural biodiversity: knowledge and practice in Europe

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August 16-17, 2014, Nagyszékely, Hungary

**Strengthening community seed networks and developing opportunities for
the conservation, cultivation and marketing of seeds
of local vegetable varieties**

Organisers:

The Seed House (Magház) and
the Environmental Social Science Research Group (ESSRG)

Draft programme

Friday, August 15	Arrival to Nagyszékely (about 150 km south of Budapest) and dinner
Saturday, August 16	
07.30-08.30	Breakfast
09.00-10.00	Brief introduction by participants (from Europe and Hungary)
10.00-11.00	Seed legislation in Hungary
11.00-11.30	Presentation of the 'Seed House' (Magház, www.maghaz.hu) community seed network
11.30-12.00	Break and tasting of local tomato varieties
12.00-13.30	Presentation of community initiatives from Europe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arche Noah, Austria (www.arche-noah.at) (tbc) • Biaugerme, France (www.biaugerme.com) (tbc) • (tbc)
13.30-15.00	Lunch
15:00-17:00	Workshop on strengthening community seed networks

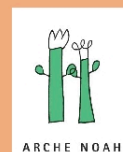
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	<p><i>Potential themes to be discussed:</i> development of training content and methods, ensuring seed quality, decentralised administration, legal solutions, fund-raising, labels for seeds of local varieties</p>
17.30	Tasting of local melon varieties
19.00	Dinner, campfire and Chimney Cake (kürtőskalács) making
Sunday, August 17	
07.00-8.00	Breakfast
08.30-11.00	Tour of the garden (in small groups): seed saving, seed cleaning, seed storage
11.00-11.30	Break
11.30-13.00	<p>Presentation of Hungarian seed initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wheel of the Year Organic Farm (Évkerék Ökotanya, evkerek.blogspot.com) - Witch-Farm Foundation (Banya Tanya, www.banya-tanya.hu) - Community gardens in Hungary - Fruit tree conservation and fruit production in South-Borsod (helyigyumolcs.blog.hu) - Etc.
13.00 -14.00	Lunch
14.00 -15.00	Seed exchange
15.00-15.30	Closure and expected end of workshop

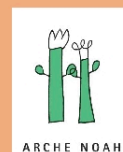
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Questions asked from participants:

- 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 are my questions and needs about participatory seed-production that I would like to address during this exchange?

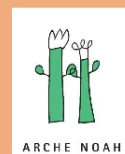
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