

ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity number	8					
Activity title	Visit to production and consumption experiences in Andalusia (Cordoba and Seville)					
Organizers	Seed Network of Andalusia "Cultivating Biodiversity" (Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad")					
Size of organization						
A/ Personnel & Board of Directors	28					
B/ Trainees	40					
Date of activity	07-08/01/2015					
Duration	2 days					
Place	Seville, El Carpio (Córdoba), Cordoba and Encinarejo de Cordoba (Córdoba).					
Number of participants and organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 members of Réseau Semences Paysannes and Graines del Pais (France). ▪ 9 members of Rete Semi Rurali (Italy). ▪ 6 members of Garden Organic (UK). ▪ 8 members of Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad" (Spain). ▪ 3 interpreters (companions). 					
A/ Men	13					
B/ Women	16					
C/ Students	18					
D/ Teachers	8					
E/ Companions	3					
F/ People with special needs	0					
Ages	22-68					
Stakeholders	Farmers, consumers, technicians and local seed networks					
Activity themes (mark with an X)	Exchanges	Regulations	Microenterprises	Fruit trees	Cereals	Horticulture
						X
Type of activity	Seminar					
Crops related to the activity (mark with an X)	Cereals		Horticulture		Fruit trees	
			X			
Dissemination strategies	Information via the list of the project GROW and via the information lists of the Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad", social networks and web page of the project.					
News (links) in the press	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red Andaluza de Semillas (01/01/2015). Spain (RAS) – Programme of the visit to production and consumption experiences in Andalusia (Cordoba and Seville) (http://redandaluzadesemillas.org/centro-de-recursos/proyectos-y-estudios/proyecto-growing-agricultural/article/estado-espanol-ras-visita-a-1959) 					
Verification of the activity						
A/ Contents of the activity	<p><u>Tuesday, 6th of January 2015.</u> Arrival to Seville</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 7th of January 2015</u> 09,00-10,00 h. Visit to the Local Seed Bank of Red Andaluza de Semillas (Seville). 10,30-12,30 h. Visit to the agroecological project Isla de Tercia (Seville). 12,30-14,00 h. Travel to Cordoba. 14,00-16,30 h. Organic and local. El Carpio (Cordoba). 17,00-19,30 h. Visit to the garden and market stall of Ecocarpio (El Carpio, Cordoba). 20,00-22,00 h. Excursion in Córdoba and dinner.</p> <p><u>Thursday, 8th of January 2015</u> 09,30-11,00 h. Visit to the Vegetal Germplasm Bank of Andalusia (Cordoba). 11,30-13,30 h. Visit to the organic producer Leticia Toledo (Encinarejo de Cordoba, Cordoba). 14,00-16,30 h. Organic lunch in Córdoba. 17,00-19,00 h. Tour to the Mosque of Cordoba. 19,30-20,30 h. Travel to Seville.</p>					

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	21,00 h. Collective dinner and farewells.
B/ Objective of the activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the training of the participants in the production, organization and commercial aspects related to the organic production and trade in short supply channels of local varieties. To offer small-scale business alternatives to the economical crisis. To be a meeting point and articulate people and initiatives bound to organic production and consumption networks of different European countries. To strengthen the projects in Andalusia dealing with organic production and consumption of local varieties as an alternative to the economical crisis. To make known to the colleagues of other European countries the production, cultural and environmental specificities of Andalusia.
C/ Impacts and results obtained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening of relations between the Red Andaluza de Semillas and the visited projects in Andalusia, especially the Vegetal Germplasm Bank, Ecocarpio and the project Agroecology Isla de Tercia. Learning on the organization models in organic production for local markets. Increase of understanding of the participants of other European countries of the idiosyncrasy of Andalusia, which directly affects the improvement of relations and the joint work.
D/ Obstacles found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None in particular.
E/ Proposals to improve this type of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some participants proposed for the next activity to do only just one visit to a farm, staying there 2 days in order to know and understand better its activities.
F/ Materials prepared for the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme of activity: redandaluzadesemillas.org/IMG/pdf/150107-08_programa_grow_ras_sevilla-cordoba_verfinal.pdf Manual for the use and conservation of local varieties. 10 basic questions regarding traditional varieties: http://www.redandaluzadesemillas.org/IMG/pdf/Manual_VVLL_RAS_2011_10_preguntas.pdf The Vegetal Germplasm of Andalusia: 25 years conserving the flora of Andalusia: http://www.jbotanicos.org/IMG/pdf/revista3_2_web.pdf Agroecology Isla de Tercia: https://agroecologiaisladetercia.wordpress.com/ Ecocarpio: http://www.ecocarpio.com
G/ Value added of the activity regarding a more intense European cooperation	This activity has been very important for the Red Andaluza de Semillas since it has tightened links and the possibility of future collaborations regarding the training in developing production and consumption network of local varieties with European and Andalusian organizations.
H/ Brief description of the visiting groups of project GROW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Réseau Semences Paysannes (France) (www.semencespaysannes.org): organization which bring together 70 groups, which include agricultural organizations, of organic agriculture, microenterprises of seeds and nurseries, professional and non professional farmers, development NGOs and organizations for the conservation of biodiversity. Their objective is to link the existing diverse initiatives which work in the conservation and renewal of cultivated biodiversity, increasing their capacities and knowledge by way of exchanges and training. This organization also collaborates with the scientific community of the public sector by way of participatory and innovating research. Garden Organic (UK) (www.gardenorganic.org.uk/): Pioneer association in the organic movement in the United Kingdom, being ahead in the promotion of proximity production and internal consumption of organic horticultural produce for over 50 years. The work with cultivated biodiversity is carried out from its project The Heritage Seed Library, through which it conserves hundreds of traditional horticultural varieties. Rete Semi Rurali (Italy) (www.semirurali.net): organization which brings together 18

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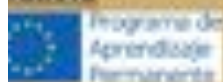
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	<p>Italian groups and which works for the conservation of biodiversity by way of its use in situ and in organic agriculture. Its objectives are the support of systems of seeds based in the active role of the farmers in the production and spreading of varieties in agroecological systems by way of short circuits of commercialization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Agroecology Isla de Tercia (Seville, Spain) (https://agroecologiaisladetercia.wordpress.com/)</u>: This project is formed by a group of people with different profiles that are committed to a self-employment and cooperative project. It's situated in Sevilla, in a triangular area limited by the Guadalquivir River. Their main activity is to produce and trade, in short supply channels, agroecological vegetables and build a commitment with the consumers. The training activities are an important part of the project (agroecology, permaculture, environmental education, etc.). ▪ <u>Ecocarpio (El Carpio, Cordoba, Spain) (http://www.ecocarpio.com)</u>: It's an association that links the local and organic production and the consumption of the village. Unemployed people have created the group and their objective in to generate alternatives to the employment crisis and offer quality products to the population. In this sense, Ecocarpio is a pioneering project in the region. 12 people are working in the garden and distributing the products directly to consumers groups and in the market stall. ▪ <u>Vegetal Germplasm Bank of Andalusia (BGVA) (Cordoba, Spain) (http://www.jardinbotanicodecordoba.com/index.php/t-investigacion/t-conservacion/item/1234-banco-de-germoplasma-vegetal-andaluz)</u>: The BGVA is a public entity and was born in 1988. It conserves the flora and wild phylogenetic resources of Andalusia. They have 2.000 accessions of 900 species. They conserve the exchange collection in freezers at -5°C and the base collection at -20°C. They exchange seeds for free with 800 institutions around the world.
<p>I/ Short description of organizing group</p>	<p>The Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad" (RAS) is an organization which has among its purposes to tackle the loss of Andalusian agricultural biodiversity and of traditional peasant know-how, fostering a peasant and organic agriculture, as the basis for rural development. It is made of farmers and horticulturists, consumers, technicians, collectives and all those people who believe that it is possible to develop a type of agriculture in harmony with our environment and health.</p> <p>Its main objective is to reach as many farmers who maintain these local cultivation varieties in situ helping them to recover the agricultural biodiversity of Andalucía and facilitating the access, cultivation and exchange of seeds among farmers.</p> <p>It also intends to make society aware of the need to conserve agricultural biodiversity, promoting the knowledge of local varieties amongst consumers, recuperating the cultural and popular tradition attached to the Andalusian cultivated genetic heritage and the creation of employment in the rural environment by way of production and commerce at local level.</p> <p>The Andalusian Seed Network defends before public institutions the development of policies designed to return to farmers the right to sow and exchange their seeds, to promote agricultural biodiversity and the conservation of our genetic resources by using local cultivation varieties, to favour agro ecological practices and to maintain our food free from genetically modified organisms.</p> <p>This organization is legally set up as a non-profit association since December 2003. Web page: www.redandaluzadesemillas.org</p>
<p>J/ General evaluation of the activity</p>	<p>The activity is evaluated in a very positive way.</p>

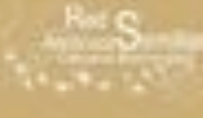
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Photo 1. Visit to Ecocarpio garden. El Carpio (Cordoba).

Photographs of the activity



Photo 2. Visit to Vegetal Germplasm Bank of Andalusia (Cordoba).