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ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity number	26					
Activity title	Seed exchange : Urban and suburban agriculture in 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	28-29/05/2015					
Duration	2 days					
Place	Seville					
Number of participants and organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 members of ESSRG (Hungary). ▪ 1 member of Rete Semi Rurali (Italy). ▪ 4 members of Garden Organic (UK). ▪ 5 members of Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad" (Spain). ▪ 1 interpreter (companion). 					
A/ Men	8					
B/ Women	6					
C/ Students	8					
D/ Teachers	5					
E/ Companions	1					
F/ People with special needs	0					
Ages	21-68					
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	Visits					
Crops related to the activity (mark with an X)	Cereals	Horticulture	Fruit trees	All		
		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	Andalucian Seed Network (20/05/2015). Andalusia (RAS): Seed exchange - Seed exchange : Urban and suburban agriculture in Seville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://redandaluzadesemillas.org/centro-de-recursos/proyectos-y-estudios/proyecto-growing-agricultural/articulo/andalucia-ras-seed-exchange 					
Verification of the activity						
A/ Contents of the activity	Thursday, 28 May 2015. 11h00-13h00. Visit to social, urban and organic gardens of Torreblanca (Sevilla). 14h00-16h00. Lunch in La Madraza. 17h00-19h00. Visit to the organic farmers project "Isla de Tercia" (Sevilla). 20h00-21h00. Visit to the social, urban and organic "Huerto del Rey Moro" 21h00. Dinner in El Ambigú.					
	Friday, 29 May 2015 11h00-13h00. Visit to social, urban and organic allotments of Alamillo (Seville). 14h00-16h00. Lunch in Antojos and end of programme.					
B/ Objective of the activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase training of participants in the productive and organizational aspects of organic production in urban and suburban social allotments. 2. Reflect on the importance of developing urban and suburban allotments and agro-ecological social projects for food self-sufficiency in the context of crisis. 3. Learn strategies to increase the use of local varieties in the projects of urban and 					

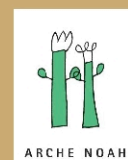
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	<p>suburban social allotments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen and highlight Andalusian urban and suburban social allotments projects Introduce colleagues of fellow European countries to the specific productive, cultural, environmental, etc. characteristics of Andalusia
C/ Impacts and results obtained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening relations between the Andalusian Seed Network and the various projects visited in Seville Learning from experience in urban and suburban social allotments in Seville, important in number and organizational, historical and productive aspects This directly affects the proliferation of such projects in other European countries. Future exchange of PhD student Christopher Yap of Coventry University Centre for Agroecology who is investigating the urban food production (video of the event by Christopher Yap : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBKLWzyWi3M&feature=youtu.be) Increased understanding of the participants from other European countries on Andalusian idiosyncrasies This has a direct impact on improving relations and working together
D/ Obstacles found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only the high temperature during those days in the city of Seville.
E/ Proposals to improve this type of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To avoid these activities in hot months as Northern European partners are not accustomed to such high temperatures.
F/ Materials prepared for the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programa de la actividad: http://www.redsemillas.info/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/programa-Sevilla.pdf Manual for the use and conservation of local crop varieties. 10 basic questions about traditional varieties : http://www.redandaluzadesemillas.org/IMG/pdf/Manual_VVLL_RAS_2011_10_preguntas.pdf GUIDE TO CREATING SOCIAL ALLOTMENTS IN ANDALUSIA : http://www.juntadeandalucia.es/agriculturaypesca/portal/comun/galerias/galeriaDescargas/cap/produccion-ecologica/huertos_sociales_OK..pdf Peak of allotments in Seville during the crisis: http://sevillareport.com/social-movimientos-sociales/apogeo-huertos-urbanos-sevilla-crisis/ Agroecology at Isla de Tercia: https://agroecologiaisladetercia.wordpress.com/ Huerto del Rey Moro: http://www.huertodelreymoro.org/ Social allotments at Torreblanca: http://asociacionhuertosdetorreblanca.blogspot.com.es/
G/ Value added of the activity regarding a more intense European cooperation	<p>This activity has been very important for the Andalusian Seed Network since it has strengthened the ties and the possibility of future collaborations around the training on developing urban and suburban gardens and how to promote the use of local crop varieties in those projects.</p>
H/ Brief description of the visiting groups of project GROW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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. ESSRG (www.essrg.hu), research and development group whose members are

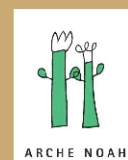
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	<p>university professors and experts in the field of agro-environmental engineering, environmental economics and rural sociology. Most members teach at the Institute for Environmental and Landscape Management (IELM), Szent István University, Godollo, Hungary. The courses are taught by ESSGR related to the subject of climate change, biodiversity, rural development and renewable energy. ESSGR also conducts interdisciplinary research, integrating action research methods based on the strong involvement of local communities in the process of participatory research. ESSGR is strongly related to many actors who develop a job in conservation of cultivated biodiversity, especially with the Association of organic farmers and Biokultura Tápiószele Agrobotany Institute, the main plant gene bank of agrifood interest in Hungary.</p>
<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. 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. 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. 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. 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>

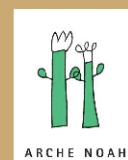
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Photographs of the activity



Photo 1. Visita a los Huertos Sociales de Torreblanca (Sevilla).



Photo 2. Visita a los Huertos Sociales del Alamillo (Sevilla).

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