

## REPORT OF ACTIVITY

<b>Number of the activity</b>	24					
<b>Title of the activity</b>	Vegetables: Organic nurseries and seed production – Visit to experiences in Murcia					
<b>Organisation</b>	Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando", Red Murciana de Semillas, La Almajara del Sur.					
<b>Size of the organisation</b>						
A/ Staff and Board of Directors	27					
B/ Students	50					
<b>Date of the activity</b>	05/08-09/2015					
<b>Duration of the activity</b>	2 days					
<b>Place of the activity</b>	Murcia, Abanilla and Bullas (Murcia, Spain)					
<b>Number of participants and partners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 members of Réseau Semences Paysannes (RSP)</li> <li>▪ 4 members of La Almajara del Sur (Spain)</li> <li>▪ 20 members of Red Murciana de Semillas (Spain)</li> <li>▪ 1 interpreter</li> </ul>					
A/ Males	13					
B/ Females	13					
C/ Students	23					
D/ Teachers	2					
E/ Companions	1					
F/ People with special needs	0					
<b>Age range</b>	24-70					
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Farmers, nurseryman, consumers and local seed network.					
<b>Topic of the activity</b>	Exchange	Policy	Microenterprise	Fruit trees	Cereals	Vegetables
						X
<b>Type of activity</b>	Visits to nurseries and farmer-seed producers					
<b>Crops related to the visit</b>	Cereals	Vegetables	Fruit trees	All		
		X				
<b>Dissemination strategies</b>	Information through the GROW project mailing list and Seed Network of Murcia, social network and project website mailing lists.					
<b>News</b>	Estado español (RdS): Vegetables – Organic nurseries and seed production (07/05/2015): <a href="http://www.redsemillas.info/?p=3801">http://www.redsemillas.info/?p=3801</a>					
<b>Verification of the activity</b>						
A/ Activity contents	<p><u>Friday, May 8 th</u></p> <p>10h30-13h00. Visit to the Germplasm Bank at the University of Murcia. 14h00-16h00. Lunch in Murcia. 17h00-19h00. Visit to Muzalé nursery, specialists in wild plants and production of local fruit varieties.</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 9th</u></p> <p>9h00. Trip to Bullas. 10h30-12h30. Visit to La Almajara organic nursery, which focuses on local varieties and collaborates with Murcia Seed Network in many activities. 13h00-14h00. Visit to Ecoprao, specialist producers of organic vegetables (local varieties) and aimed to trade in the local market. 14h00-16h00. Lunch in Ecoprao. 16h30-18h00. Visit to a communal Seed Bank in Biosegura, a producers and consumers association of ecological and organic products.</p>					

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## GROW

	19h00-20.00. Trip back to Murcia.
B/ Purpose of the activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To show how an ecological nursery specialized in local horticultural varieties works, as well as a traditional fruit nursery.</li> <li>To share how different local seed banks work, and how local seeds exchange actions are dealt with.</li> <li>To develop among the participants some initiatives associated with local varieties production and preservation at regional level.</li> </ul>
C/ Impacts and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to different performance sites: seed banks, seed production related groups, small local variety production businesses, etc.</li> <li>Awareness of organizations and groups that work for the preservation of local varieties</li> </ul>
D/ Obstacles encountered	The distance between all visited sites.
E/ Proposals to improve these kind of events	Try to increase local participation.
F/ Event materials	Catalog of varieties by La Almajara del Sur.
G/ Added value of the activity towards an improved European cooperation	We were able to meet a member of the Reseau Semences Paysannes (RSP) thanks to this activity. This allowed an exchange between the technical knowledge followed in France and the one followed in both Murcia and Spain.
H/ Brief Description of the groups of visitors from Project GROW	Reseau Semences Paysannes (RSP). It is a network dedicated to the promotion and protection of cultivated biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge. In addition to the coordination and consolidation of local initiatives, Peasant Seeds Network works to promote collective management methods that protect seeds to farmers, as well as scientific and legal recognition of farmer production practices and exchange of seeds and seedlings.
I/ Short description of organizing groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando" (<a href="http://www.redsemillas.info">www.redsemillas.info</a>): Coordinates GROW Project, a decentralized organization of technical, social and political character, which has worked for the past 10 years to gather efforts around the use and conservation of agricultural biodiversity at a local, national and international context. Its primary objective is to facilitate and promote the use, production, maintenance and conservation of agricultural biodiversity on farms and markets. It brings together more than 20 local seed banks networks distributed throughout the Spanish territory seeds.</li> <li>Red Murciana de Semillas (<a href="http://redmurcianadesemillas.org/">http://redmurcianadesemillas.org/</a>): Local seed network acting in Murcia, linked to the National coordinating seed network Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando" that aims to facilitate and promote the use, production, maintenance and conservation of agricultural biodiversity.</li> <li>Banco de Semillas de la Universidad de Murcia: Seed Bank pursuing use of local varieties through exchange.</li> <li>Banco de Semillas de Biosegura: Seed Bank pursuing use of local varieties through exchan</li> </ul>
J/ General evaluation of the activity	The activity has received positive reviews, as it had a better distribution among both the organizations and the local associations that work towards the production and conservation of native varieties.

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**Photographs of the activity**



Photo 1. Visit to Muzalé nursery



Photo 2. Visit to La Almajara del Sur nursery



Photo 3. Visit to Ecoprao.