



Growing agricultural biodiversity: knowledge and practice in Europe

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Report of the event

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| Title of the activity | EU Legislation Workshop: How to protect our seeds? |
| Organizers | ARCHE NOAH |
| Date of the activity | 22.11.2013-24.11.2013 |
| Place of the activity | Wolkersdorf im Weinviertel (Vienna), Austria |
| Participants | 33 people from the following organisations: Green Lane Agricultural Assistance NGO (Armenia), Arche Noah (Austria), Réseau de Soutien à l'Agriculture Paysanne (Belgium), AGROLINK Association (Bulgaria), ZMAG y Gredica (Croatia), Maatiainen ry (Finland), Réseau Semences Paysannes (France), Dachverband Kulturpflanzen- und Nutztiervielfalt, Save Our Seeds y Verein zur Erhaltung der Nutzpflanzenvielfalt (Germany), AEGILOPS y PELITI (Greece), ESSRG Ltd (Hungary), Bifurcated Carrots y Reclaim the Seeds (Netherlands), The Green Institute (Poland), GAIA (Portugal), Eco Ruralis (Romania), EKOTREND Slovakia y Utopia o.z. (Slovakia), Seed Guardians – The Association for Preservation of Biodiversity of Cultural Plants (Slovenia), Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad" (Soani), Garden Organic (UK), Campaign for Seed Sovereignty, Greens/EFA, Longo mai (Europa). |
| Topics of the activity | The EU seed regulation and its consequences on agricultural biodiversity and the diversity of actors |
| Crops related to the visit | Any non-industrial crops, with focus on plants used in agriculture |
| Verification of the activity | Iga Niznik, iga.niznik@arche-noah.at |
| A/ Contents of the activity | <p>Friday, November 22nd Individual arrival and check-in at HOTEL KLAUS Julius-Bittner-Platz 4 2120 Wolkersdorf im Weinviertel +43 (0) 2245 / 22240 www.hotel-klaus.at</p> <p>20:00 Dinner At the Hotel's Restaurant Contribution: 15 €</p> <p>Saturday, November 23rd 8:45 Gathering: Room "Abensperg-Traun", 3rd floor</p> <p>morning session: Introduction and Update on the seed regulation 9:00-9:15 Welcome 9:15-09:45 Presentation of each participant 9:45-10:45 Presentation 1: The Commission's proposal and its impact on diversity actors 10:45-11:15 Coffee Break 11:15-12:30 Presentation 2.a: The European parliament's rules & seed regulation: Committees, Rapporteurs, Procedures 12:30-14:00 LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>afternoon session: Introduction of amendments and Brussels Process 14:00–15:15 Presentation 3.a: Amendments: The top 20 changes we shall fight for 15:15-16:00 Presentation 4: The European parliament's procedure & campaigning: A</p> |

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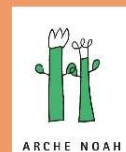
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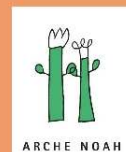
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| | <p>calendar for joint activities 16:00-16:30 Coffee Break 16:30-17:0 Presentation 6: The "Menue of services": Instant campaigning tools provided by ARCHE NOAH and our partner GLOBAL 2000 16:45-17:45 Workshop 1: How can I contribute? 17:45-18:30 Declaration: Common statement of the NGOs (Coordination: Nicolae from Eco Ruralis). 20:00 Dinner (vegetarian) Stadtwirtshaus Wolkersdorf</p> <p>Sunday, November 24th</p> <p>morning session: A closer look behind the scene in Brussels 8:45 Gathering: Room "Abensperg-Traun", 3rd floor 09:00-09:45 Presentation 8: The game the industry plays in the review of the seed legislation 09:45-10:30 Discussion: Which arguments encounter us and how to deal with them? 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break 11:00-12:30 Discussion: Meet the decision makers: Session with Karin Kadenbach, Member of the EU Parliament and Dr. Miko, Representative of the EU Kommission. 12:30 Closure 13:00-14:00 LUNCH</p> |
| <p>B/ Interested points of the activity</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Big picture: NGOs give reports on what has been done in their countries to improve the EU Seed Regulation ✓ Development of a calendar for lobbying activities in view of a first vote in the EU Parliament in April 2014 ✓ Coordination of public campaigning activities in the member states and in Brussels in ✓ view of a first vote in the EU Parliament in April 2014 ✓ Better advocacy impact through streamlined action and orientation on Brussels law making process ✓ Added value and commitment through personal get together ✓ Seed initiatives establish a strategic network & cooperation for the coming years – think globally, act locally! ✓ Contact with decision makers |

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