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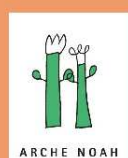


REPORT OF ACTIVITY

Title of the activity	Strengthening community seed networks and developing opportunities for the conservation, cultivation and marketing of seeds of local vegetable varieties					
Organisation	The Seed House (Magház) and the Environmental Social Science Research Group (ESSRG)					
Date of the activity	16-17 August, 2014					
Duration of the activity	2 days					
Place of the activity	The school of Nagyszékely (Nagyszékely, Hungary)					
Number of participants and partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 member of Essrg (Hungary) • 4 members of Arche Noah (Austria) • 3 members of Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad" (Spain) • 1 member of Bio Loire Ocean (France) • 1 member of Bio D'Aquitaine/Agrobio Périgord (France) • 3 members of Magház (Hungary) • 2 members of ÖMKI (Hungary) • 2 members of Szövetség az Élő Tiszáért (Hungary) • 2 members of Évkerék Ökotanya CSA (Hungary) • 1 member of Bese Természetvédelmi Egyesület (Hungary) • 2 members of Öko-Forrás Alapítvány (Hungary) • 2 member of Védegylet (Hungary) • 1 member of National Gene Bank of Hungary (Hungary) • 1 member of Biokultúra Egyesület (Hungary) • 1 member of Magosvölgy Ökológiai gazdaság (Hungary) • 1 member of Mozgalom az Átalakuló Kecskeméért (Hungary) • 1 member of Kétküvik Biogazdaság (Hungary) • 2 interpreter • 3 visitor 					
A/ Males	12					
B/ Females	19					
C/ Students	6					
D/ Teachers	2					
E/ Companions	0					
F/ People with special needs	0					
Age range	25-60					
Stakeholders	Farmers, consumers, technicians and local seed networks					
Topic of the activity	Exchange	Policy	Microenterprise	Fruit trees	Cereals	Vegetables
	x		x			X
Type of activity	Presentations, workshop, garden visit, vegetable tasting, seed exchange.					
Crops related to the visit	Cereals		Vegetables	Fruit trees	All	
			X			
Dissemination strategies	Information through the mailing list of the GROW project. Mails to NGOs in Hungary					
Verification of the activity	Judít Czúcz, czucz@kut.sote.hu , Dorottya Kiss, kiss.dorottya@essrg.hu					
A/ Contents of the activity	Saturday, August 16					
	07.30-08.30 Breakfast					
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09.00-10.00 Brief introduction by participants (from Europe and Hungary)

10.00-10.30 Landraces, conservation strategies (NÖDIK - Hungarian National Gene Bank)

10.30-11.00 Presentation of the 'Seed House' (Magház, www.maghaz.hu) community seed network

11.00-11.45 Break

11.45-13.30 Presentation of community initiatives from Europe:

- Arche Noah, Austria (www.arche-noah.at) (Claudia Kaufmann)
- Bio Loire Océan, France (Camille Sourdin)
- Agrobio Perigord, France (Rémy Lebrun)
- Red Andaluza de Semillas, Spain

13.30-15.00 Lunch

15.00-15:45 Seed legislation in Hungary (Dr. Kiss László)

15:45-17:30 Workshop on strengthening community seed networks. Potential themes to be discussed: development of training content and methods, ensuring seed quality, decentralised administration, legal solutions, fund-raising, labels for seeds of local varieties

17.30 Tasting of tomato varieties

19.00 Dinner, campfire and Chimney Cake (kürtőskalács) making

Sunday, August 17

07.00-8.00 Breakfast

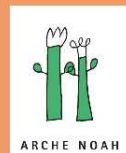
08.30-11.00 Tour of the garden (in small groups): seed saving, seed cleaning, seed storage

11.00-11.30 Break

11.30-13.30 Presentation of Hungarian seed initiatives:

- On-farm tomato experiments (ÖMKI, <http://www.biokutatas.hu/>, Dr. Drexler Dóra)
- Small-scale advocacy organization (Szabadkai Andrea)
- Community gardens in Hungary (Keszthelyi Zsuzsanna)
- Fruit tree conservation and fruit production in South-Borsod (helyigyumolcs.blog.hu, Kiss Dorottya)

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-Wheel of the Year Organic Farm (Évkerék Ökotanya, evkerek.blogspot.com, Dr. Kiss László)
 -Golden Bough extra social cooperative (Aranyág extra szociális szövetkezet, Valkai István)

13.30 -14.30 Lunch

14.30 -15.30 Seed exchange

15.30-16.00 Closure and expected end of workshop

B/ Interested points of the activity

- Experiences of the Austrian, French and Spanish participants concerning the operation of their organization and participatory seed production
- The results of seed legislation and fund-raising workshops
- Garden visits of two permacultural gardens in Nagyszékely
- Presentation of several Hungarian organizations related to food sovereignty and agro-biodiversity
- Seed exchange, tomato tasting and informal parts

C/ Obstacles encountered

Difficult access to Nagyszékely by public transport.

D/ Materials prepared for the event

- Profiles of the participants for the introduction
- Slideshow to introduce the Hungarian National Gene Bank
- Slideshow to introduce Seedhouse civil network
- Slideshow to introduce ARCHE NOAH
- Slideshow to introduce Bio Loire Océan
- slideshow to introduce Agrobio Perigord
- slideshow to introduce Red Andaluza de Semillas
- a set of Flipcharts to work during the Workshop

Photographs of the activity



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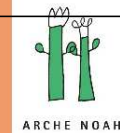
Photo 1. Garden visit

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Photo 2. Tasting of local tomato varieties



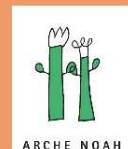
Photo 3. Participants of the meeting

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