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REPORT OF ACTIVITY

Number of the activity	27					
Title of the activity	Final partner meeting and European conference					
Organisation	Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando".					
Size of the organisation						
A/ Staff and Board of Directors	27					
B/ Students	50					
Date of the activity	29-30/05/2015					
Duration of the activity	2 days					
Place of the activity	Sevilla					
Number of participants and partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 member of Garden Organic (UK) • 1 member of Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad" (Spain) • 1 member of Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando" (Spain) • 1 member of Rete Semi Rurali (Italy). • 2 members of ESSRG (Hungary). • 1 member of Réseau Semences Paysannes (France). 					
A/ Males	2					
B/ Females	5					
C/ Students	0					
D/ Teachers	7					
E/ Companions	0					
F/ People with special needs	0					
Age range	28-43					
Stakeholders	Farmers, consumers, technicians and local seed networks					
Topic of the activity	Exchange	Policy	Microenterprise	Fruit trees	Cereals	Vegetables
						X
Type of activity	Conference and meeting					
Crops related to the visit	Cereals	Vegetables	Fruit trees	All		
				X		
Dissemination strategies	Information through the mailing list of the GROW project. Mailing list of Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando", social network and project website.					
News in press (links)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spanish State (RdS): Final partner meeting and European conference (21/05/2015): http://www.redsemillas.info/?p=3808 ▪ VISITA ABIERTA A LOS HUERTOS URBANOS, SOCIALES Y ECOLÓGICOS DE MIRAFLORES (25/05/2015): http://redandaluzadesemillas.org/centro-de-recursos/alianzas-y-convenios/comite-pro-parque-educativo-de/articulo/visita-abierta-a-los-huertos ▪ Spanish State (RdS): Final partner meeting and European conference (21/05/2015): http://www.redsemillas.info/?p=3808 ▪ Open visit to Miraflores urban, social and organic allotments (25/05/2015): http://redandaluzadesemillas.org/centro-de-recursos/alianzas-y-convenios/comite-pro-parque-educativo-de/articulo/visita-abierta-a-los-huertos 					
Verification of the activity	Friday, 28 May 2015 - Open discussion (European conference)					
A/ Contents of the activity	<p>All the activities will be developed at the Miraflores social, urban and organic allotments (Sevilla).</p> <p>18h00-18h45. Conference by Raul Puente "History of the Miraflores allotments". 18h45-19h30. Conference by Manuel Fernandez (horticulturist). "Local and new varieties at Miraflores". 19h30-21h00. Visit to the allotments and to the oil mill. 21h00. Dinner at La Taberna de los Comunes.</p>					

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	<p>Saturday, 29 May 2015 - Final partner meeting</p> <p>09h00 – 11h00. Presentation of the activities developed by each partner. Presentation of the activities developed in each theme (seed exchange, vegetables, cereals, fruits, legislation and seed enterprises)</p> <p>11h00-12h00. SWOT of the project and Final report. Possibilities to develop in the future.</p> <p>13h00-16h00. End of the programme.</p>
B/ Scope of the activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To create a meeting space between European organizations and Seville institutions related to agroecological production. To reflect upon the importance of developing urban and suburban social allotments and social agroecological projects for food self-sufficiency in a crisis context. To learn strategies for increasing the use of local varieties in urban and suburban social allotment projects. To promote an exchange amongst the Leonardo Association participating organizations on activities carried out and challenges detected. To evaluate the possibility of submitting an ERASMUS + project in the 2016 programme.
C/ Impacts and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening of relations between Red de Semillas and members of the Leonardo Association. Agreement for the submittal of an ERASMUS + project in the 2016 programme led by Garden Organic (UK).
D/ Obstacles encountered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solely the high temperature during those days in the city of Seville.
E/ Proposals to improve these kind of events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To avoid these activities in hot months since the northern European colleagues are not used to such high temperatures.
F/ Materials prepared for the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of previous meetings. Summary of the ERASMUS + programme. Presentation by Raúl Puente and Manuel Fernández on the Miraflores allotments.
G/ Value-added of the activity related to a more intensive European cooperation	<p>This activity has been of great importance since it has been agreed that Garden Organic will lead the submittal of an ERASMUS + project for the 2016 programme.</p>
H/ Brief Description of visitor groups from 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. 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. ESSRG (www.essrg.hu): Research and development group whose members are university professors and experts in the field of agro environmental engineering,

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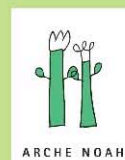
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	<p>environmental economy and rural sociology. Many of its members teach at the Institute for Environmental and landscape Management (IELM), Szent István University, Gödöllo, Hungary. The courses given by ESSGR are related to climate change, biodiversity, rural development and renewable energies. ESSGR also carries out multidisciplinary research integrating methods of research/participatory action based on the strong involvement of local communities in the research process. ESSGR is strongly related to a great number of key players who work at the conservation of cultivated biodiversity, particularly with the organic producers association Biokultura and the Agrobotanical Institute Tápiószéle, the main seed bank of plants of agri food interest in Hungary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Red Andaluza de Semillas "Cultivando Biodiversidad" (RAS) (www.redandaluzadesemillas.org)</u>: 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.
I/ Short description of organizing groups	Red de Semillas "Resembrando e Intercambiando" (www.redsemillas.info): Coordinates GROW Project. Decentralized organization of technical, social and political character, who 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
J/ General evaluation of the activity	The activity is evaluated very positively.
Photographs of the activity	

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Photo 1. Participating group at final meeting.

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Photo 2. Conference by Raúl Puente on the history of the Social Allotments of Miraflores (Seville).

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