

Growing agricultural biodiversity: knowledge and practice in Europe

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REPORT OF THE EVENT

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 maí (Europe).
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 h. Dinner At the Hotel's Restaurant Contribution: 15 €</p> <p>Saturday, November 23rd 8:45 h. Gathering: Room "Abensperg-Traun", 3rd floor</p> <p>morning session: Introduction and Update on the seed regulation 9:00-9:15 h. Welcome. 9:15-09:45 h. Presentation of each participant. 9:45-10:45 h. Presentation 1: The Commission's proposal and its impact on diversity actors. 10:45-11:15 h. Coffee Break. 11:15-12:30 h. Presentation 2.a: The European parliament's rules & seed regulation: Committees, Rapporteurs, Procedures. 12:30-14:00 h. LUNCH BREAK.</p> <p>afternoon session: Introduction of amendments and Brussels Process 14:00–15:15 h. Presentation 3.a: Amendments: The top 20 changes we shall fight for. 15:15-16:00 h. Presentation 4: The European parliament's procedure & campaigning: A calendar for joint activities. 16:00-16:30 h. Coffee Break. 16:30-17:0 h. Presentation 6: The "Menue of services": Instant campaigning tools provided by ARCHE NOAH and our partner GLOBAL 2000. 16:45-17:45 h. Workshop 1: How can I contribute?. 17:45-18:30 h. Declaration: Common statement of the NGOs (Coordination: Nicolae</p>

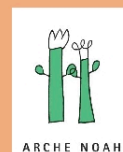
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	<p>from Eco Ruralis). 20:00 h. Dinner (vegetarian) Stadtwirtshaus Wolkersdorf.</p> <p>Sunday, November 24th</p> <p>morning session: A closer look behind the scene in Brussels 8:45h. Gathering: Room "Abensperg-Traun", 3rd floor. 09:00-09:45 h. Presentation 8: The game the industry plays in the review of the seed legislation. 09:45-10:30 h. Discussion: Which arguments encounter us and how to deal with them?. 10:30-11:00 h. Coffee Break. 11:00-12:30 h. Discussion: Meet the decision makers: Session with Karin Kadenbach, Member of the EU Parliament and Dr. Miko, Representative of the EU Kommission. 12:30 h. Closure. 13:00-14:00 h. LUNCH.</p>
B/ Interested points of the activity	<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.
C/ Proposals to improve these kind of events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ More budget for the interpreters must be foreseen – the cost were 350-400€ per person. The GROW budget was only 200€/ person. The extra 700€ for the interpreters had to be covered by ARCHE NOAH. ✓ More discipline during organisation in order to ensure smooth process. ✓ More workshops, fewer presentations.
D/ Materials prepared for the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ General Meeting Agenda. ✓ Detailed program of the meeting. ✓ Registration Form at the international meeting. ✓ Profile Presentation of participating organizations: Who is who?. ✓ Working Paper 1: EU-Seed Law, introducing the biodiversity perspective. ✓ Working Paper 2: First analysis on the Commission Proposal for the EU regulation on the marketing of plant reproductive material.
Photographs of the activity	No pictures available at ARCHE NOAH

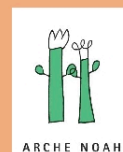
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