

EUROPEAN COORDINATION

Let's Liberate Diversity!

The European Forum for Cultivated Biodiversity



Scandicci (Florence) 22nd / 24th May 2020

About us

European Coordination *Let's Liberate Diversity!* (EC-LLD) is an **international, non-profit**, Belgium-based organisation created in 2012 with the main challenge to **encourage, develop and promote** the dynamic management of **cultivated biodiversity on farms and gardens**. The **12 Members** (from 10 countries) share the same concern that our food systems are **too uniform**, and promoting biodiversity is the key for achieving food sovereignty.

History, our goals

Our goal is to bring back diversity in our food systems in a socially and economically sustainable way through the whole food chain. The diversification can be achieved **linking** the work of **different actors** involved, supporting and promoting their knowledge and actions associated to cultivated biodiversity. To achieved this *Vision*, in many years of activity, **EC-LLD** has found that it is **essential** to have a **platform** that promotes the **exchange and sharing** of **experiences/viewpoints/policies**, in order to foster **local actions and activities**. The proposed methodology is a horizontal approach to training and knowledge sharing. In this way there is a **horizontal exchange** between the different actors who bring their knowledge and share it, going beyond the top-down approach.



Promotion and development of **farmers' seeds** on organic and biodynamic farms.



Exchange and dissemination of knowledge and skills associated with farmers' seed, its use and promotion.



Promotion of a legislative framework favourable to the rights of farmers, hobbyists and small seed companies on agricultural biodiversity.



Experimentation and research.

What is "Let's Liberate Diversity!" ?

Since 2005 a European movement was formed with the need to address these issues, so the European Forum *Let's Liberate Diversity!* aimed at the general public, citizens and professionals, to promote exchange between countries and **raise awareness** of the issue people. For this reason, these events are organised annually in different European cities, to allow a **participatory** and active involvement. Among the activities that take place during the 3-day forum in Scandicci:



Farmers, researchers and national and international experts take turns holding seminars and meetings sharing innovation and practices.

Exhibitions but also real local markets to expose the cultivated biodiversity.



Exchange of seeds and varieties among farmers, allowing a "contamination" of varieties in the territories ensuring genetic diversity.

Involvement of citizens in meetings, workshops and laboratories on agriculture and food issues.



Scandicci, 11th "LET'S LIBERATE DIVERSITY!"



On the 22nd and 23rd of May seminars, workshops and sharing meetings on *seed* and *food* issues will be held at the Castello dell'Acciaiuolo, the Casa dell'Agrobiodiversità of Rete Semi Rurali.

Sunday, May 24th, a day open to the *citizens* with a **market** in Piazza Resistenza, with products of **local farmers** and other networks, from organic and biodynamic farming. At the same time in the **Auditorium Rogers** cultural events open to the public and exhibitions on agricultural biodiversity (variety collections, photo exhibition).

200 participants are expected among *farmers, researchers, sector associations, professionals* and interested parties from all over Italy and delegations from various European countries.

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