



Cultivating diversity for resilient and inclusive communities

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The DiverSeedPaths partners are proud to announce their initiative aimed at fostering resilient and inclusive communities through the exchange of knowledge and collaboration between migrant communities and stakeholders involved in agricultural biodiversity and seed conservation. As emerged from a discussion during the kickoff meeting of the project we believe that “Seeds are a powerful means to create links between people”.

The project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, aims not only to preserve and nurture the invaluable knowledge and expertise held by migrant communities regarding seed selection, conservation, management, and utilisation but also to encourage the exchange and co-creation of knowledge with European organisations, farmers, and citizens dedicated to enhancing the diversity and resilience of our food system, thereby contributing to the fight against climate change. Specific objectives include promoting equitable exchanges of knowledge and fostering actions to combat climate change. This involves connecting migrant communities with European institutions and engaging small-scale operators at local levels, with a focus on inclusivity and collaboration. Additionally, the project aims to increase awareness of climate change strategies and stimulate action among citizens, farmers, and seed savers.

The idea for this project arose from the observation that plants have always developed strategies for moving around, occupying other spaces and exploring new places. Cultivated biodiversity is the result of co-evolution between population and wild plants over several millennia, and their strategies for moving around were across human hands. Considering this, DiverSeedPaths aims to bring together members of local farmers' organisations and migrant communities

The project will conduct various activities, such as workshops involving migrant organisations and agrobiodiversity stakeholders, gathering and sharing seed stories, hosting ecological gardening festivals, providing training on Community Seed Banks, climate change, and resilience, organising significant international meetings on seeds and migration, and enhancing understanding of European Seed Policy and Legislation through capacity building. The schedule of the events is as follows:

- Seeds, Ideas and People Stories - Events in Greece
Volos 18-19 May 2024
Thessaloniki 7 July 2024
- Sow your resistance - International gathering on cultivated biodiversity
Antibes, France 1-5 October 2024
- Training on policy, legislation, community seed banks and seeds & resilience
Remote and in-person (*dates TBD*)

Updated information on how to register and participate in the events is posted here:

<https://liberatediversity.org/projects/diverseseedpaths/>

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