

15th
LET'S LIBERATE
DIVERSITY!
FORUM

23 / 24 / 25

MAY 2026

SCANDICCI

15th Let's Liberate Diversity!
& 72h of Biodiversity



@ Castello dell'Acciaio

Via Pantin 63 - **Scandicci**



Day 1



RSR/ECLLD Head Quarter

09:00 - 13:00



EC-LLD General assembly
(EC-LLD members only)

14:00 - 18:00



Internal workshops
(EC-LLD members and Eco-PB only)



Castello dell'Acciaio, Scandicci, Florence

18:00 - 18:30



Opening Ceremony of the LLD Forum & 72h of Biodiversity

18:30 - 19:30



Celebration of the 25th anniversary of ECO-PB with keynote speakers

19:30 - 22:00



Social dinner and concert

Key information

The 15th edition of the Let's Liberate Diversity! (LLD) Forum will take place in Scandicci, Italy, from 23 to 25 May 2026. This year's Forum will be hosted as part of the 5th edition of the "72 Hours of Biodiversity" festival, a three-day event dedicated to cultivated biodiversity and organised by Rete Semi Rurali (RSR).



The forum will be held in English and Italian for selected sections.



Day 2



Castello dell'Acciaio, Scandicci, Florence

Sunday will be the main shared day of the Forum. The programme will run throughout the day and will include workshops, exchanges and networking activities, a farmers' market, and food tastings.

The workshops are structured around three parallel rooms, each with a distinct thematic focus.

Room 1 is dedicated to the Horizon project **LiveSeeding** and will present a series of sessions sharing key outcomes and reflections emerging from the project as it comes to a close. These sessions will focus in particular on local food policy, the right to food, and living labs in relation to organic breeding and agroecological transition.

Room 2 is dedicated to **seed policy and political framing**. Sessions in this room will address broader questions around seeds as commons, democratic seed systems, the EU seed law reform, and current debates on NGTs and patents.

Room 3 focuses primarily on **community-based experiences and movement building**. It brings together local and regional experiences from different countries and contexts, including urban and rural initiatives, regional exchange in Central Asia and Eastern Europe, and a concluding session with an international perspective on coalition-building.





Day 2



08:30 - 09:00

Registration opens

09:00 - 10:45

Workshop Session 1

Room 1

**WS1 Seeds, Biodiversity and the Right to Food:
The Role of Municipal Food Policies**

Liveseeding Project

Room 2

**WS2 Seeds in Common: Genebanks, Breeding
Innovation, and the Future of Democratic Seed
Systems**

*Organic Seed Alliance, University of Wisconsin–Madison,
CIMMYT*

Room 3

**WS3 On farm agrobiodiversity in the Balkan
Region: from preservation to plant population
development**

Bilim Alliance and Cosmic Gardeners

10:45 - 11:15

Coffe break

11:15- 13:00

Workshop Session 2

Room 1

**WS4 Enhancing cultivated biodiversity through
local food policies**

Liveseeding Project

Room 2	WS5 EU Seed Law Reform – What Does It Mean for Fields and Plates, and How Can We Safeguard Seed Diversity? <i>Arche Noah, KVANN</i>
Room 3	WS6 Farmers' Seed Systems in the Region of Central Asia and Eastern Europe: Experience, Challenges and Future Directions <i>Seed Community of East Europe and Central Asia</i>
13:00 - 14:45	Lunch break / Market / Tasting
14:45- 16:45	Workshop Session 3
Room 1	WS7 Agroecology Living Labs - Crossfertilization for promoting agrobiodiversity <i>Liveseeding Project & Agroecology Partnership</i>
Room 2	WS8 NGTs and Patents: How Can We Grow Without Them? Updates on Political Debates and Cooperation Amongst Organic Breeders and Growers <i>No Patents on Seeds!, APBREBES, Arche Noah, IG Saatgut, Nordic Maize Breeding</i>
Room 3	WS9 Affectionate Alliances and Exploratory Mindsets: Building a Global Coalition of Agro-ecological Seed Networks for Evolutionary Radical Futures <i>Organic Seed Alliance, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Gaia Foundation Seed Sovereignty Programme, Federatie van Agro-ecologische Boeren, SeedChange</i>
16:45 - 17:15	Short plenary and closure of the Forum
17:15 - 18:00	Tasting of Food Prototypes <i>by Cousin Project</i>
17:15 - 18:00	Beer tasting <i>by Opificio Birraio</i>
from 18:00	Social programme, dinner and theatre

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Day 3



Field visit // Azienda Floriddia Floriddia (Peccioli, PI) (previous registration required)

On Monday, participants who booked in advance during registration will join a field visit to Azienda Agricola Floriddia, in the Tuscan countryside, and a concluding dinner before returning to Scandicci.

08:00 | **Departure from Scandicci to Pontedera**

13:00 | **Lunch at the farm**

19:00 | **Dinner at Artusino in Cerbaia**
featuring typical Tuscan products

22:00 | **Return to Scandicci**





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