







14th European Forum "Let's Liberate Diversity"

Farm to Fork - Seed to Plate Regional Seeds and Varieties for the Future of our Food

Lycée Technique Agricole Luxembourg 1 Kréiwénkel, 9374 Gilsdorf

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About the Forum

Seeds and other plant reproductive material are the basis of all food production. The future perspectives outlined in the European Green New Deal roughly point in two directions:

- Diversity of traditional regional varieties with continuous adaptation and development processes on the farms and in the gardens and
- Technological plant breeding with privatised varieties in an advancing centralisation process.

The purpose of the Forum is to show that traditional *on-farm* plant breeding and variety development are indispensable and cannot be substituted by any technology, however advanced.

The Forum will provide the participants and visitors with valuable information on plant breeding, seed production, varietal diversity, practical experience, research projects, seed laws and property rights in the broad context of cultivated biodiversity.

About the organisers

ECLLD

The European Coordination Let's Liberate Diversity! (EC-LLD) is an international non-profit organisation founded in 2005 with the mission to develop and promote the dynamic management of agrobiodiversity by coordinating initiatives and sharing knowledge and experiences of its members.

The work of ECLLD and its members is based on the understanding that the diversity of regional crop varieties plays a key role for sustainable food systems and that this diversity needs not only to be preserved but also developed further on farms, in gardens and on local markets. This pragmatic approach is summarised by the phrase "Use it or lose it".

ECLLD, which currently consists of 22 associations from 22 European countries, facilitates various initiatives at the practical, political, social, economic and scientific levels. A permanent office coordinates cooperation between members thus fostering political momentum and processes of co-creation.

ECLLD organises annual European Forums which bring together farmers, plant breeders, seed producers, diversity organisations and researchers for conferences, workshops and discussions. The European Forums not only enable members to regularly meet in person but also create opportunities for exchange with the broad public and political authorities.

https://liberatediversity.org/what-we-do/ The European on-farm network 11th Let's Liberate Diversity! Forum - Budapest 27-29 October 2022

SEED Luxembourg

SEED (**"S**eeds for the **E**nhancement and **E**volution of **D**iversity") was founded in 2012 by various Luxembourgish organisations and individuals with the aim of maintaining and developing the regional diversity of cultivated plants. SEED is active at the practical, pedagogical and political levels and is a member of the European network ECLLD, the network "Dachverband für Kulturpflanzen und Nutztiervielfalt" as well as the "Réseau Meuse-Rhin-Moselle pour les semences paysannnes et citoyennes".

www.seed-net.lu

Lycée Technique Agricole

The LTA is the Technical Highschool for the "green professions" in agriculture, horticulture and forestry. In addition to the vocational training of apprentices and students, the LTA is involved in various research projects and in political and public initiatives for the promotion of sustainable ways of food production and environmental management.

www.lta.lu

LUGA

LUGA – Luxembourg Urban Garden is an open-air exhibition that will be taking place from 7 May to 18 October 2025. The ephemeral LUGA exhibition will take over five emblematic sites in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg: the Edouard André municipal park, the Alzette valley, the Pétrusse valley, the Kirchberg as well as the town of Ettelbruck in the Nordstad. LUGA will invite visitors to discover the city through a variety of scenic trails, offering moments of relaxation amidst vibrant gardens, enchanting agricultural landscapes, and a wealth of leisure and social spaces. Over the course of six months, this unique and mostly free exhibition will become an open-air laboratory of ideas, providing a platform for interaction and experimentation. Visitors will be invited to contribute to collective reflections on the future of our cities and engage in a diverse programme of events focussed on the LUGA exhibition's key themes.

https://luga.lu/en/

