

Enriching the diversity of cultivated plants through a multi-actor approach. This is DIVERSIFOOD, an international project that will evaluate different agro-ecosystems to increase their performance, resilience and quality.

THE PROJECT

By integrating existing multi-actor networks across Europe, the project will strengthen the “food culture” to achieve local high quality food systems. Thanks to the composition of its consortium, DIVERSIFOOD will cover the whole value chain: from genetic resources to marketing.

With specific concepts and methodologies, DIVERSIFOOD will evaluate the genetic resources of underutilized and forgotten plant species for organic and low-input agriculture or marginal conditions. A new diversity will also be generated by innovative breeding methods specifically designed for more intra-crop variation.

DIVERSIFOOD will demonstrate the socio-economic value of on-farm seed systems, increase food and environmental awareness, and improve multi-actor approaches to embed healthy and tasty local products in regional food systems.

Results and key-lessons based on the diverse experiences in the project will be shared with a wide range of stakeholders through modern IT solutions, social events and training sessions.



THE OBJECTIVES

Through multi-actors, trans-disciplinary approaches and relevant cases, DIVERSIFOOD aims to develop:

- Relevant locally developed innovations
- New biodiversity management models
- New approaches to plant breeding and management
- New crops, varieties and populations
- Diverse healthy and tasty food products and market valorisation
- Original experimental and communication tools to connect activities and people



PARTNERS' VOICES

“DIVERSIFOOD develops concepts and practices to support the spread of a new culture of food based on biodiversity and sustainable methods.”

“DIVERSIFOOD promotes participatory processes engaging a common effort of all actors from plant to food.”

“Increased diversity means increased possibilities to respond and adapt food production to local conditions and global change.”

“Networking local communities allows improved knowledge exchange and empowers farmers.”

“A network of farmers, researchers, consumers, working together for diverse and healthy food.”

