

Brussels,  
11<sup>th</sup> April  
2018

## Forum with policy makers and stakeholders

# Cultivating diversity and food quality



### How to better embed crop diversity for resilient sustainable food systems?

To deal with this issue, Diversifood team organises a forum with policy makers and stakeholders.

Diversifood results and key lessons will be shared, such as new approaches for cultivated biodiversity management, for plant breeding for sustainable farming systems, and new relationships among actors of the food systems.

In the afternoon there will be time for discussions, to share knowledge, collect feedbacks and to further develop current policies for cultivating diversity and food quality (for FP9, CAP 2020,...). The outputs of this workshop will feed the final recommendations of Diversifood.



**DIVERSIFOOD** is a European project aiming at enriching cultivated biodiversity by testing, renewing and promoting underutilized or forgotten crop species. Through multi-actor approaches, it supports the spread of a new food culture, based on diverse, tasty and healthy food.  
[www.diversifood.eu](http://www.diversifood.eu)

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## Registration:

Before the **30 March 2018**.  
Limited number of place.



<https://anmeldeservice.fibl.org/event/diversity-for-food-and-plant-breeding>

Hosted by the **European Committee of the Regions**,  
Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 101, 1040 Brussels

## Organizing Committee

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## Preliminary programme

**09:30**

Arrival and registration

**10:00**

Welcome and introductions

**10:30**

Underutilized/forgotten crops: definitions and concepts (A. Costanzo, ORC)

**10:45**

New approaches for plant breeding for sustainable farming systems (I. Goldringer, INRA)

**11:10**

First results regarding the EU experimentation of Heterogeneous Material marketing: presentation of cases studies (A. Costanzo, ORC)

**11:35**

Coffee break

**11:50**

Value chain for produces coming from participatory plant breeding/underutilized crops (B. Oehen, FiBL)

**12:05**

From on farm conservation to Community biodiversity management (R. Bocci, RSR)

**12:20**

Roundtable with policy makers

**13:10**

Lunch

**14:25**

Lessons learnt from value chains studies in Diversifood: factors in support and hindering their success (B. Oehen, FiBL and R. Bocci, RSR)

**14:40**

Workshop: how to better embed crop diversity and networking for local high quality food systems?

**16:50**

Conclusion and perspectives

**17:00**

End of the forum

*Attended participants: Policy makers, Members of Parliament and of Committee of the Regions, Foundations, NGOs, Farmer Organisations, Researchers, Value chain actors.*