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THE FUTURE!**



**Seed diversity is crucial for our food.  
Play your part to preserve it.**





## All the food we eat comes from seeds.

Seed diversity is the basis of our food chain and our food security depends on it. Decreasing seed diversity impacts on the choice of the food we eat, and local fruits, vegetables and cereals could disappear from our fields and plates.

## Seed diversity is the basis of agriculture.

Exchange of seeds between farmers and gardeners has been the source of genetic diversity, disease resistance, adaptation of plants to local climates and high quality taste for thousands years, since the beginning of agriculture. However, after World War Two agriculture was industrialised and breeding of high yield plants was adapted to the needs of industrial agriculture.

### How you can help:

**PLANT, SAVE and EXCHANGE**  
your seeds.

**INVOLVE** more people in preserving diversity in seeds.

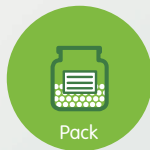
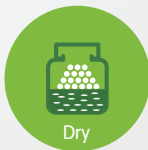
This is how you can preserve and adapt the very basis of our food and contribute to the European movement of citizens, breeders, farmers and others, to save seeds and crop diversity for future generations.

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## Successive EU legislation has contributed to the decrease in seed diversity.

Since the 1960's, EU legislation has continuously reduced seed diversity, privileging and selecting some varieties for industrial use. What was supposedly intended to protect farmers from poor seed quality actually ended up granting more and more exclusive rights and patents to big seed companies and agro-chemical corporations rather than farmers and small breeders, and has contributed to the loss of countless local varieties.

### What is happening today:

The EU is currently proposing new legislation on seeds which would further exclude farmers and gardeners from preserving and developing seed diversity and instead offer exclusive rights to a handful of big companies, which could lead to further uniformity, increased reliance on just a few varieties, and decreased food security. But it doesn't have to be this way .

### How to act politically?

Find out what the Greens/EFA are doing on the issue and support civil society activities.

For more information on the EFA Food campaign website.

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