



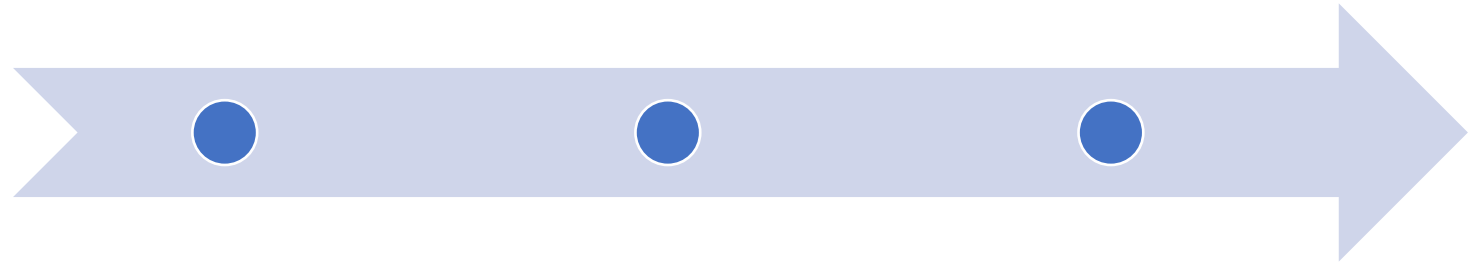
Riccardo Bocci - Rete Semi Rurali - [r.bocci@rsr.bio](mailto:r.bocci@rsr.bio) - [www.rsr.bio](http://www.rsr.bio)

Start thinking about a network...

2001

New headquarters

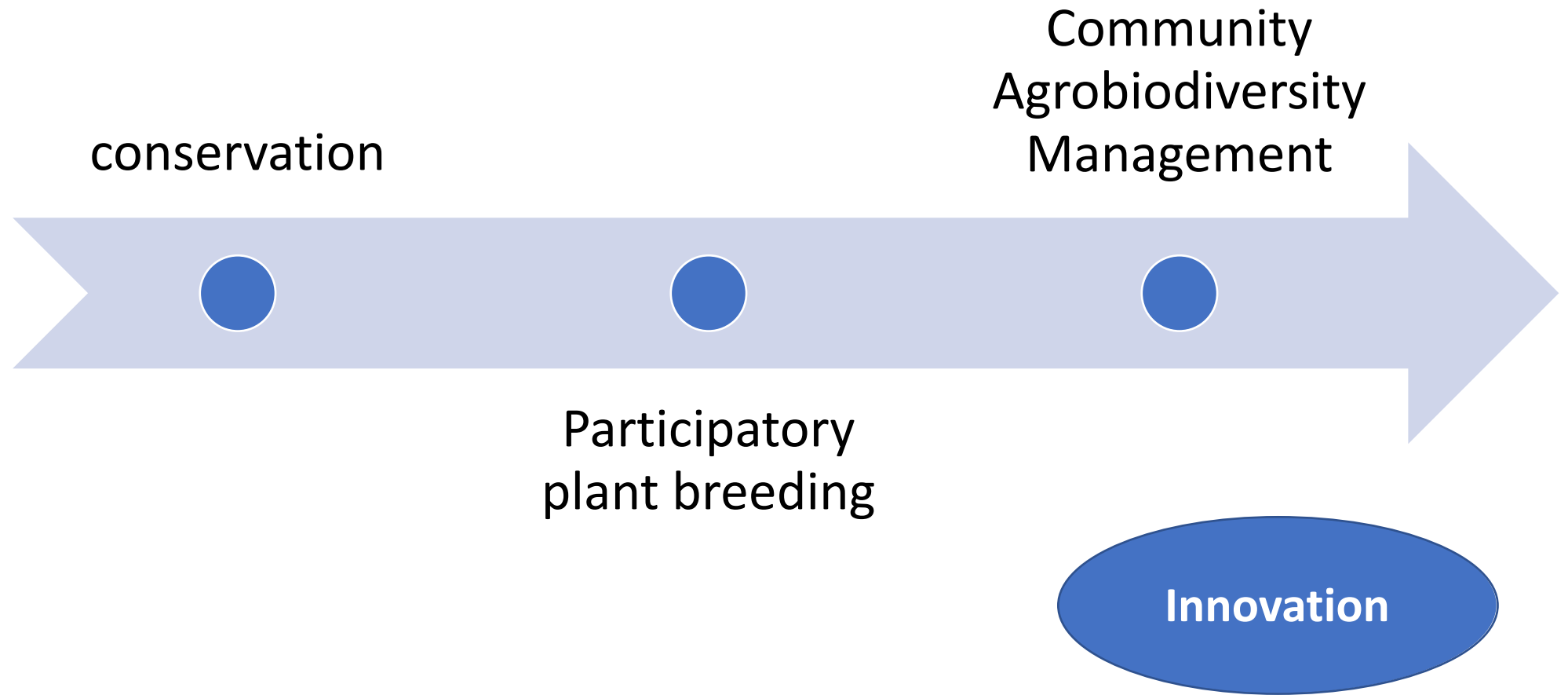
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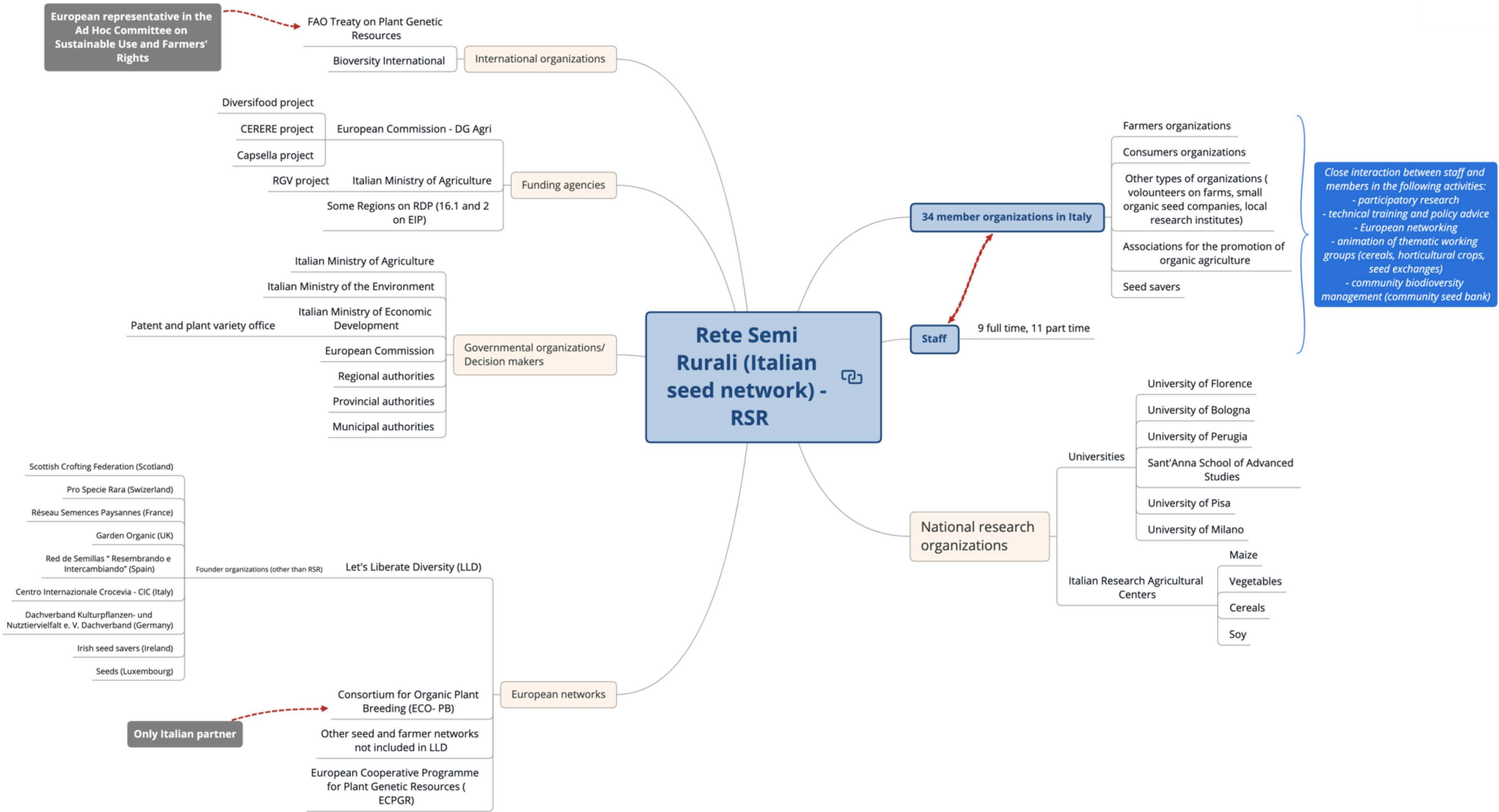
2007

RSR foundation

7 organisations







**34 member organizations in Italy**

**Staff**

9 full time, 11 part time

Farmers organizations

Consumers organizations

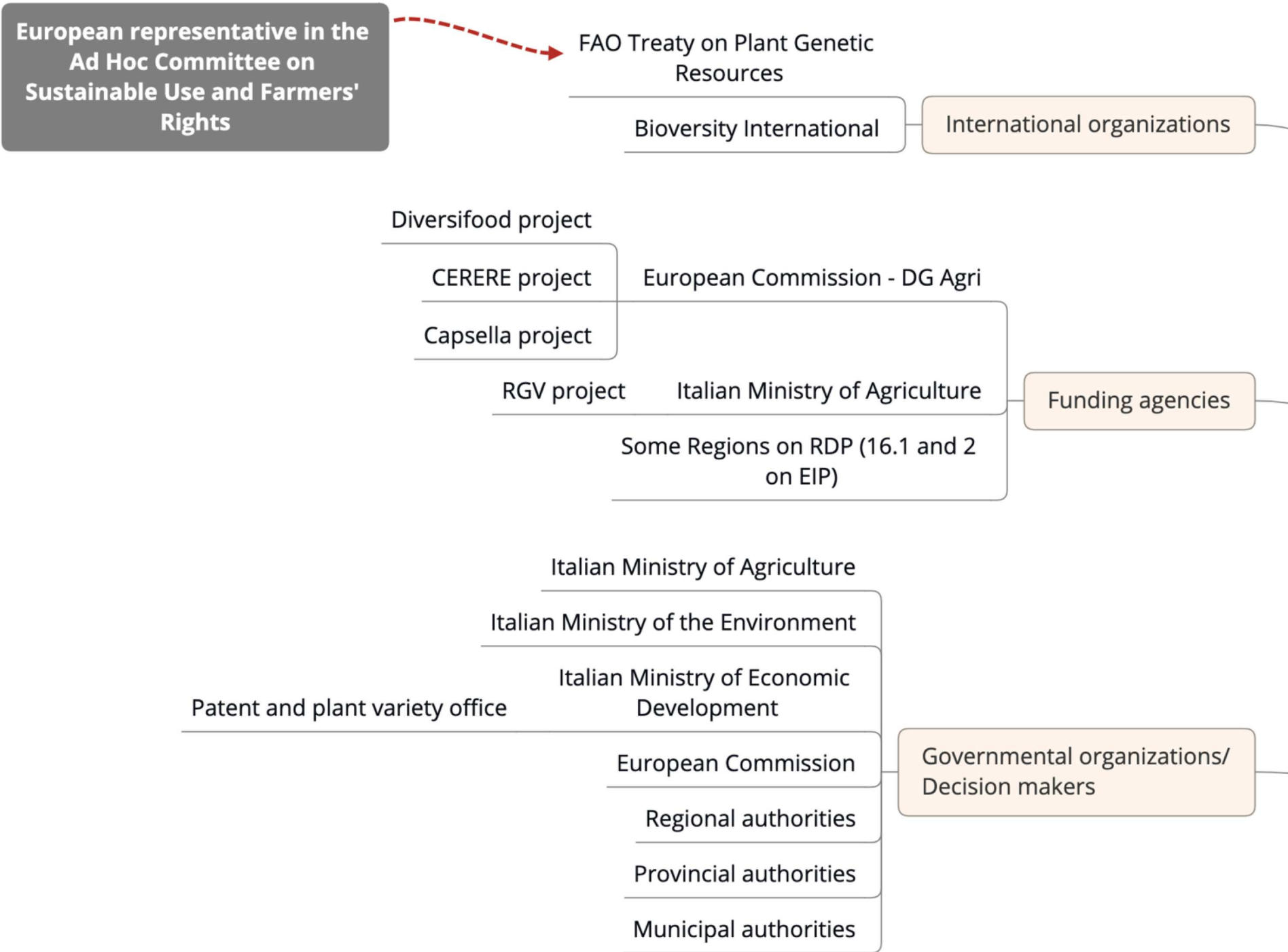
Other types of organizations (volunteers on farms, small organic seed companies, local research institutes)

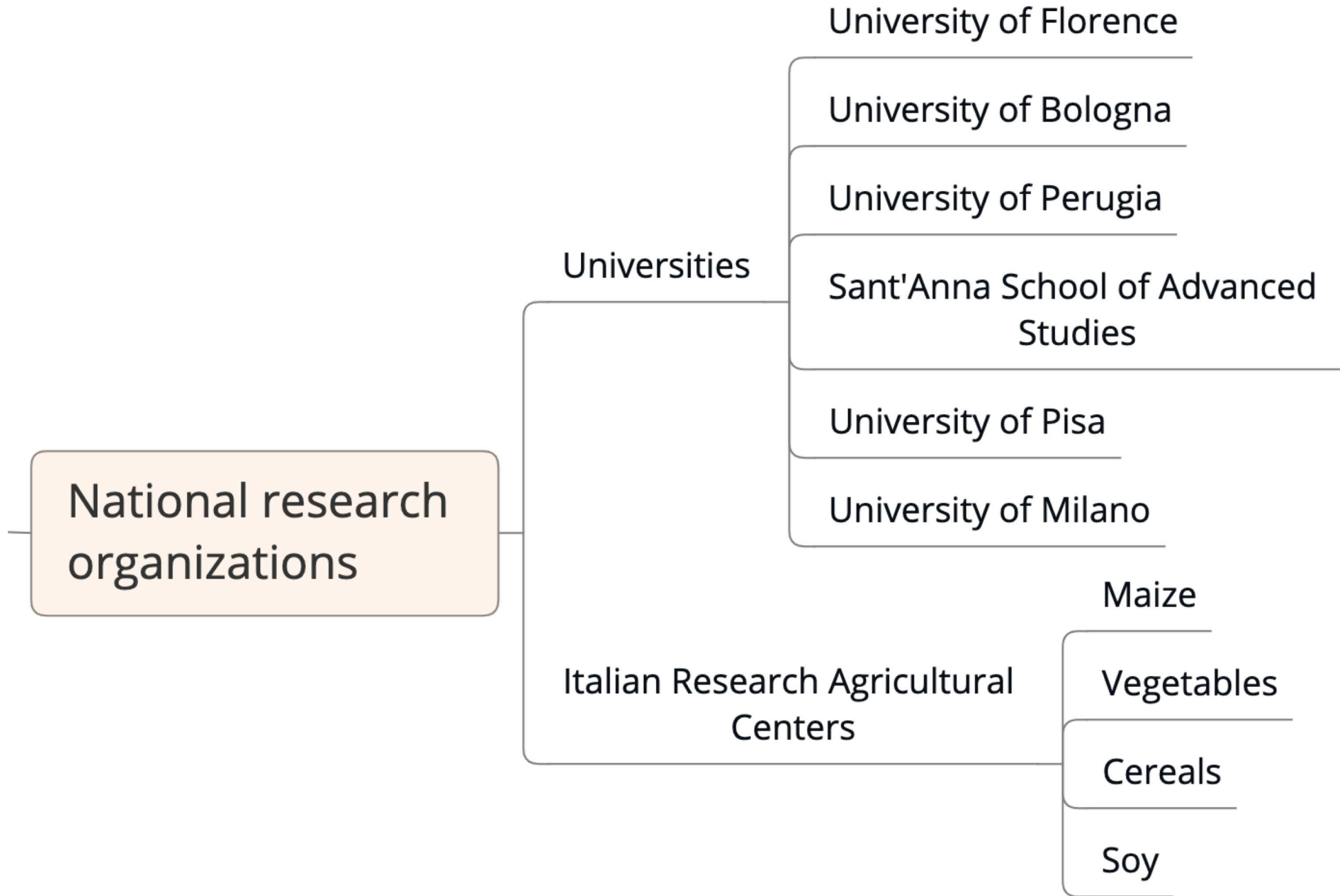
Associations for the promotion of organic agriculture

Seed savers

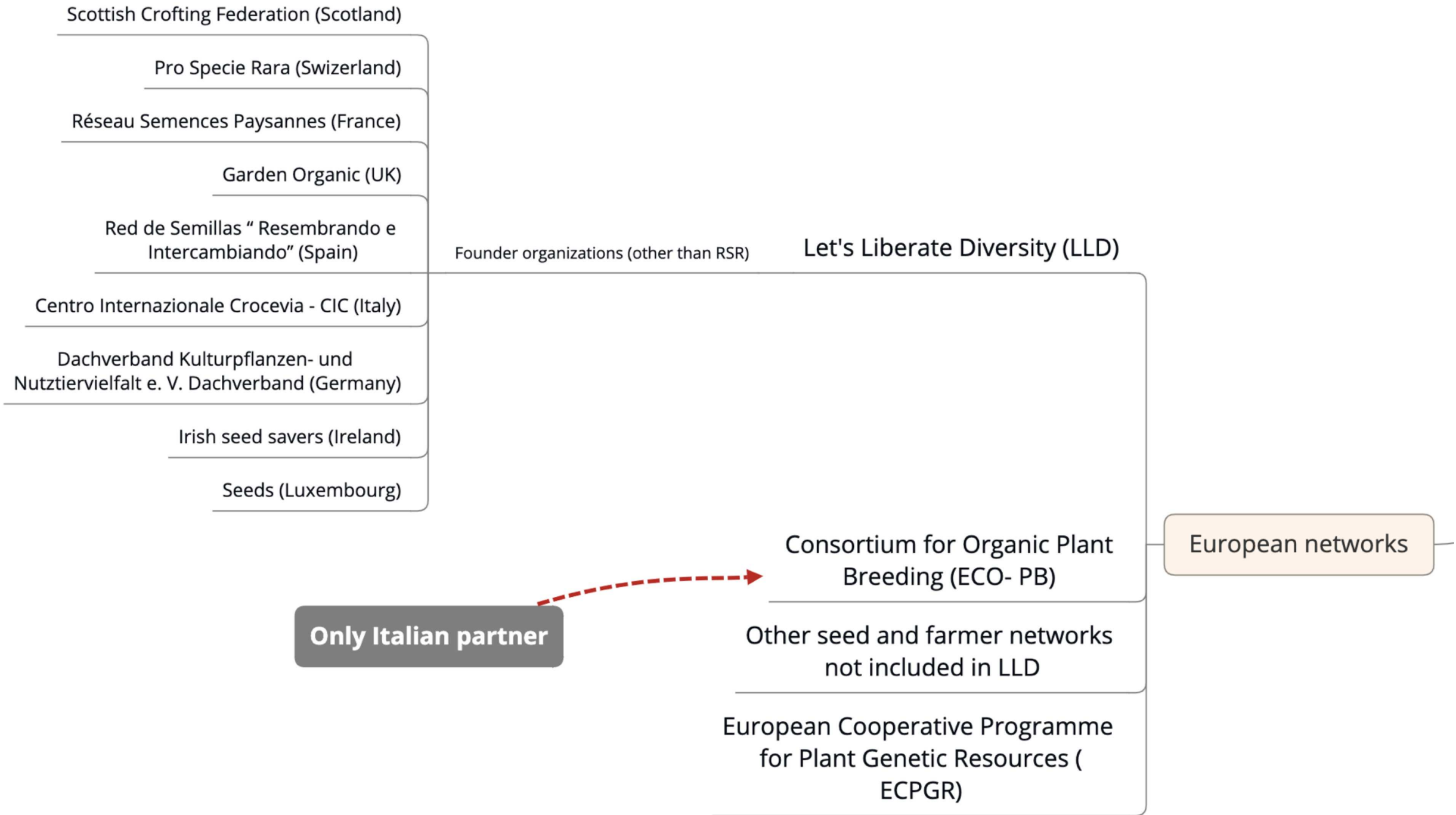
*Close interaction between staff and members in the following activities:*

- participatory research
- technical training and policy advice
- European networking
- animation of thematic working groups (cereals, horticultural crops, seed exchanges)
- community biodiversity management (community seed bank)









34 members



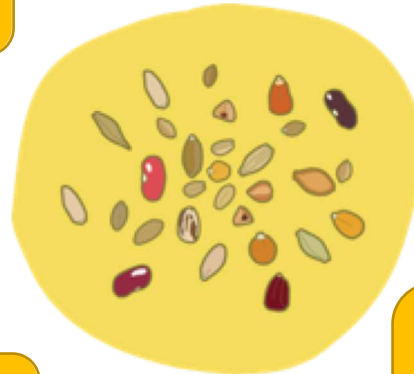
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Seminare il  
cambiamento



Comunità

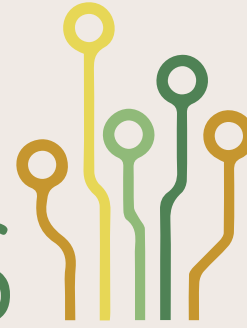


Case delle  
sementi

Sede a  
Scandicci in  
Piazza  
Brunelleschi 8

# DIVERSITAS

ECOSISTEMA DIGITALE RSR



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SEMENTI

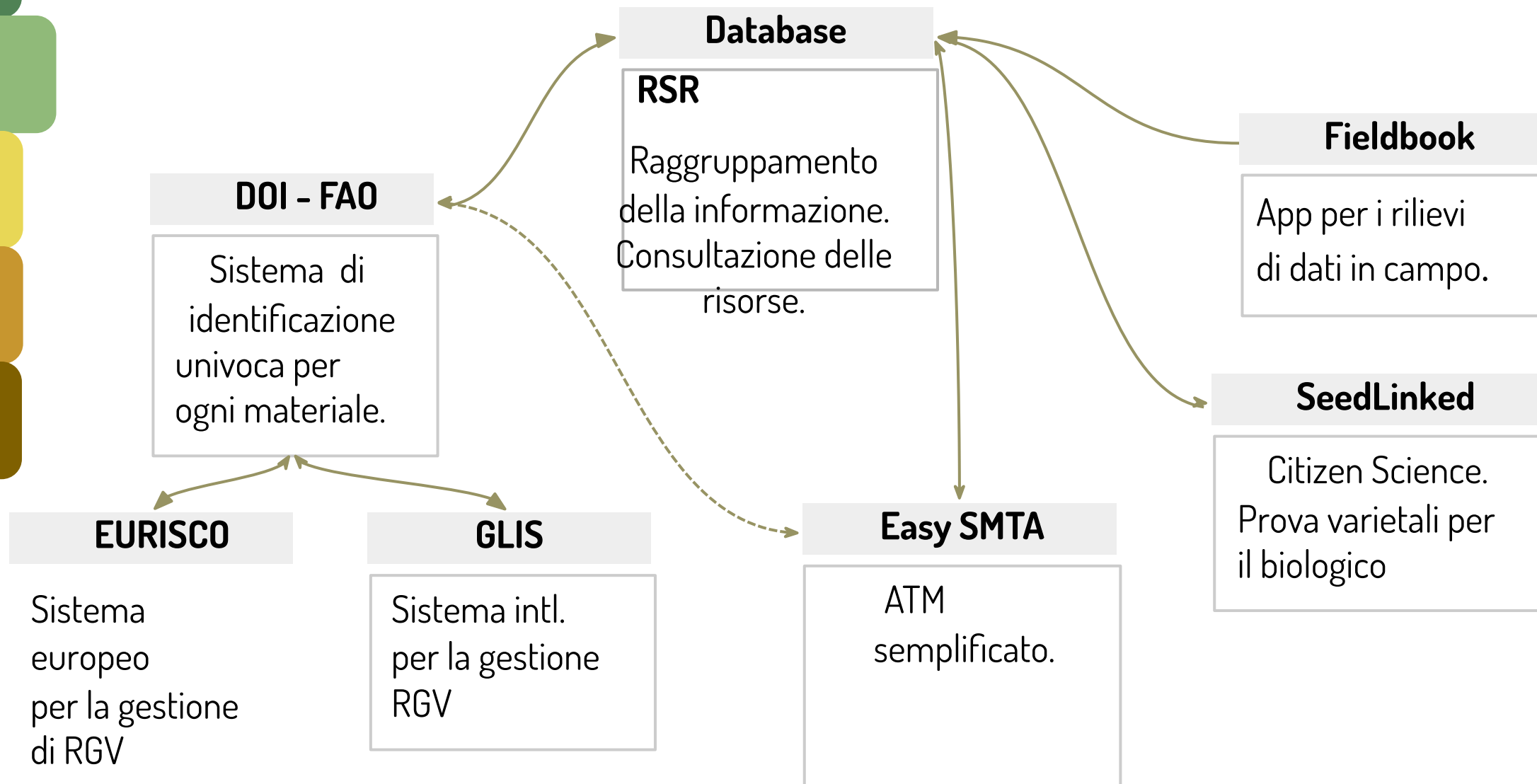


COMUNITÀ



SEMINARE IL  
CAMBIAMENTO

# L'ecosistema dell'informazione - RSR



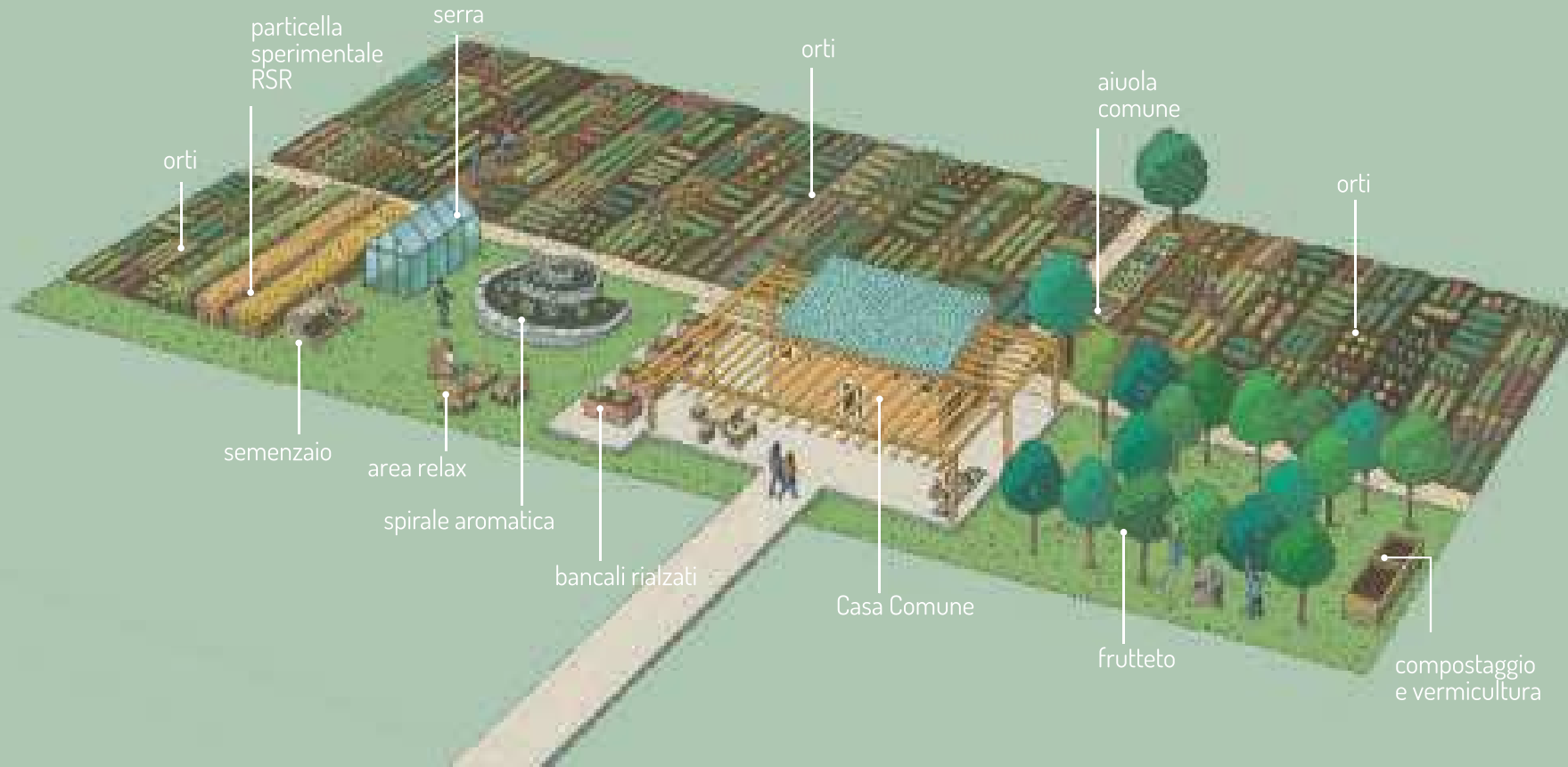
# La Biblioteca dell'Agrobiodiversità

Aperta al pubblico



# Orti della Diversità

## Vingone - Scandicci



A cura di:



ETICAMENTE



All'interno del progetto "Centomila orti in Toscana"



Con il contributo di

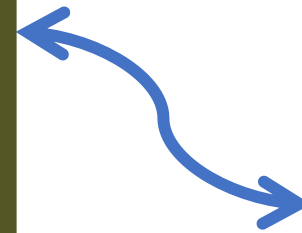


FONDAZIONE  
CR FIRENZE



How to achieve the target of 25% of organic agriculture without addressing the issue of organic seeds?

Common Ag policy  
Farm to fork strategy  
Biodiversity strategy



Two  
options

Bringing back  
diversity to food  
systems

Breeding for  
marginal  
environments



Not only genetic resources = raw materials for breeding

Understanding the frameworks

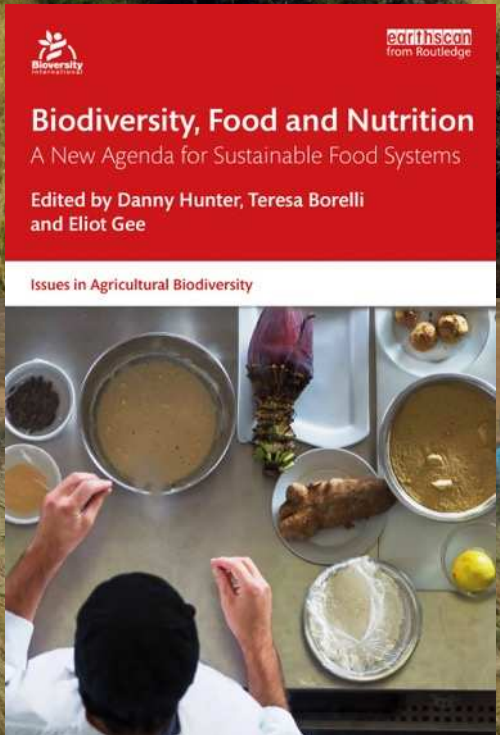
A new approach to AG diversity, from conservation to Community Agrobiodiversity Management

Diversification of our agricultural systems

Diversification of our Food Systems

Diversification of our Diets

Public health and nutrition





**WHICH SEEDS FOR ORGANIC, AGROECOLOGICAL, LOW-INPUT & PEASANT SEED SYSTEMS?**  
**Towards the inclusive implementation of the EU Farm to Fork and Biodiversity**  
**Strategies in the EU seeds marketing reform**  
**CONFERENCE on 22nd June 2022 at the European Parliament, Brussels, 13:30 – 17:45**  
**Room 6Q2**  
**Registration: <https://forms.gle/dvw2sPsnccjBHthW9>**

*Interpretation is provided to and from English, German and French*

**13h30: Registration**

**14h00: Introduction and welcome: Hosting MEPs**

- GREENS/EFA: Martin HÄUSLING
- S&D: Eric ANDRIEU
- RENEW EUROPE: Dacian CIOLOS
- EPP: Norbert LINS
- GUE/NGL: Anja HAZEKAMP

**Introduction by MODERATOR of the event:** Hannes LORENZEN (general introduction to programme & topics covered by sessions)

**14h15: Introduction to the EU seed marketing reform**

- What are seed marketing laws? Reform timeline and work undertaken by the EU Commission (DG SANTE)

**14h30 Scope of the legislation**

*This session will provide a discussion on the scope of the legislation (which activities are considered as seed marketing in the sense of the law).*

- The exchange and sale of seeds by farmers and peasants: how could the reform implement the provisions of the UNDROP? (Christophe GOLAY, Geneva Academy & representative from European Coordination Via Campesina)
- The work of seed savers and the EU seeds marketing legislation (Magdalena PRIELER, ARCHE NOAH)
- The marketing of seeds to non-professionals (Blanche MAGARINOS-REY, Artemisia)

**15h15: Q&A session**

**15h30: Coffee Break**

**15h45: Pathways for the marketing of varieties and populations for organic and low-input agriculture**

**Introduction by session moderator (Martin SOMMER, IFOAM Organics Europe): what has the Organic Regulation brought and what is at stake with the seeds marketing reform?**

*This session will discuss existing pathways for the marketing of varieties adapted to organic and low input growing conditions, or of traditional/local varieties (registration based on an officially recognised description, DUS and VCU tests, or alternative notification systems), and assess the changes needed to reach different policy targets (F2F & Organic Regulation)*

- Conservation varieties and heterogeneous populations (Riccardo BOCCI, Rete Semi Rurali)
- An inclusive proposal for diversity varieties (François MEIENBERG, Pro Specie Rara)
- Organic varieties: streamlining the Organic Regulation and the seeds marketing legislation
  - Vegetable species: Barbara Maria RUDOLF (Saatgut E.V., Germany)
  - Agricultural crop species: tbc

**16h45 Q&A session**

**17h. Towards a future-proof and inclusive EU seed marketing legislation for agroecological and organic seeds?**

*This session will attempt to wrap up previous discussions and identify the main challenges and opportunities identified by different stakeholders in the use and development of seeds adapted to agroecology, peasant and organic production systems, in line with the European Green Deal and its Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies.*

**Moderation & summary of discussions: Hannes LORENZEN**

Reactions and discussions on podium: Euroseeds (Organic Seeds working group), IFOAM Organics Europe, European Coordination Via Campesina, ARCHE NOAH, Demeter International, European Commission, DG SANTE (plant health unit, tbc), and European Commission, DG AGRI (Organics unit, tbc)

**17h30 Conclusions & final remarks by hosting MEP's**



Technical manual series on Community Seed Banks

Manual 1

Community Seed Banks  
Establishment, management and governance



Technical manual series on Community Seed Banks

Manual 2

Community Seed Banks  
Documentation systems: a tool for data and information management



## Manual #1

Community Seed Banks “Establishment, management and governance”

*Banques de semences communautaires “Création, gestion et gouvernance”*



Technical manual series on Community Seed Banks

Manual 3

Community Seed Banks:  
access to germplasm and benefit sharing models



management”

*données et des*

and benefit sharing

*l'accès au*

Languages: English, French, Spanish, Italian, Hungarian