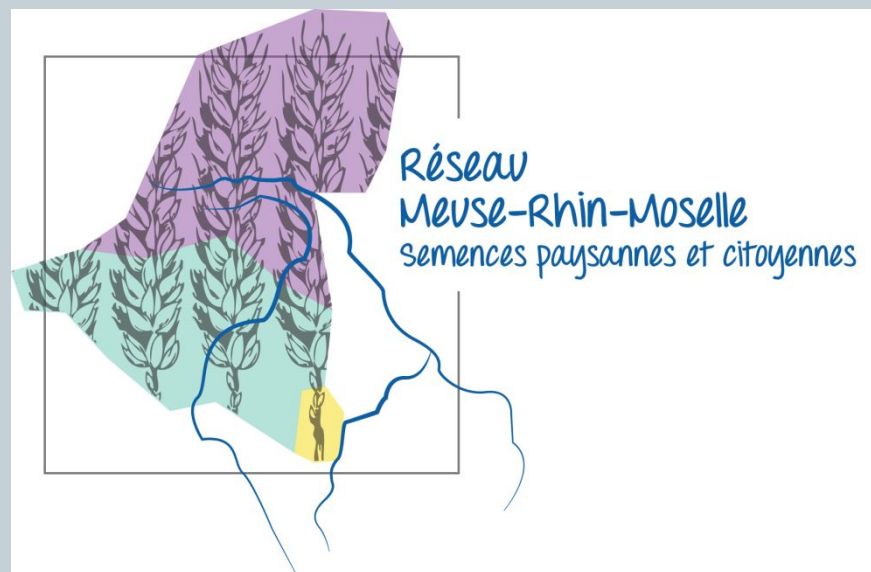


The Meuse-Rhine-Moselle Network



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When it all began...

- Various links between associations and common will to create a network in the « Grande region » and the « Benelux ».
- Official public presentation of the Meuse-Rhine-Moselle Network in septembre 2016, with the following organisations as founders:

- Nature et Progrès Belgique



- Mouvement d'Action Paysanne



- Li Mestère



- SEED Luxemburg



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- And SEED Ulg joined us after



Baptism by fire...

Organisation of the « Let's Cultivate Diversity » forum in June 2017



- With the help of the European Coordination of Let's Liberate Diversity and the financial support of the EU Project CERERE.
- 150 participants (farmers, seed breeders, researchers, administrators,...)
- 20 different workshops on various subjects around the peasants and citizen seeds => <https://be2017.cultivatediversity.org>



What we want to achieve in the future...

- Co-build and develop **knowledge and skills**
- Disseminate, and relay **political and legal advocacy** (and make their vulgarisation), on the issue of peasant and citizen seeds.
- Organize and amplify **exchanges and cooperation** between the actors of cultivated biodiversity.
- Develop, coordinate and promote **information and training** for different audiences
- Promote **diversity seeds** in fields, gardens and on local markets

What makes our specificities...

- Our cross-border status to foster cooperation between actors from bordering yet different countries
- Our desire to work on what brings us together rather than on our differences
- Our social diversity (professional farmers and seed growers, hobby gardeners, researchers, administrators...)
- Our willingness to work more on practices, in the fields, than on political advocacy and in research centers
- The specificity of our region: good trans-boundary communication and cooperation, constructive relationship with regional policy makers and public administration to proceed with legal and economic issues of diversity seeds

Where are we now...

- First meeting for interested organisations in september 2017

Topics on the agenda:

- Expectations on the network
 - Functioning of the network
 - Elaboration of statuts, creation of a non profit association
 - Financing of the network
- Second meeting on the 14th of December...

If your association is interested to join us:

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