



This form has been designed to guide community gardens' coordinators or practitioners to describe activities developed to inform, to raise awareness, to involve, to train, to increase quality, to increase impact, to enlarge or differentiate the target group of their community garden. EU'GO project considers all these practices as educational tools to be shared at international level.

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It can be addressed to...		It deals with the following themes... Please, put one or more X										
All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School		Intercultural dialogue	Intergenerational dialogue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Institution		Gender Equality	Fight against poverty								
Youngsters	<input type="checkbox"/> Social service		Sustainable Consumption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental education								
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Job service		Sustainable Urbanisation	Socio-professional training								
Women	<input type="checkbox"/> Migrants service		Health promotion	Social cohesion								
Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/> Health service		Horticultural therapy	Leisure activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
Other (specify) :		Other (specify) :										
BACKGROUND A good practice is a concrete action, successfully experienced at local level with a defined target group, leading to effective results. Please describe the practice you have developed.												
<p>The Agroclub of the garden 'Il fiore del deserto' represents one of the first examples of this agroclub model in Italy, we have been the first to implement it.</p> <p>The Agroclub model allows the owner of a cultivable piece of land to give it into adoption to external people who want to carry out gardening activities for leisure time but also for didactical or therapeutic purposes. People who get in touch with the Community Fiore del Deserto can rent a plot of 25/30 m², in exchange of a monthly fee that covers the milling of the land, the irrigation system by drops, gardening tools (hoe, spade, etc..). The renting/adoption lasts for 6 months in order to allow the preparation of the soil for spring time and autumn.</p> <p>In addition to the plot, the gardeners can benefit from a green area close to the garden in which they can spend free time with their friends or families also having meals (upon request).</p> <p>The gardeners engage themselves to follow some simple rules established through an agreement between them and 'Il Fiore del Deserto'.</p>												
MISSION Which is the main mission of the practice you have developed? Please, put one or more X												
Inform	Raise awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Involve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Train	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Increase impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enlarge/differentiate target group	<input type="checkbox"/>
AIM Why do you consider it a good practice? Which is the main purpose tackled in a community garden?												
<p>Through the Agroclub the Community 'Il Fiore del Deserto' has identified a new way of social intervention that supports educational activities. The Agroclub was born in order to connect the community with associations, cooperatives and social enterprises dealing with the culture of sustainability and that promote social activities.</p> <p>Moreover the Agroclub encourages its guests to experience gardening making them aware of the importance of natural cycles and time.</p>												
OUTCOMES Which are the concrete results that can be considered transferable out of the context where the tool has been developed and experimented?												
<p>The Agroclub model, by promoting an intergenerational dialogue in a protected environment, has aroused the interest of social sectors and has increased the involvement of people in community activities by establishing positive, durable and supportive relationships between them and the guests of the community.</p> <p>The Agroclub doesn't produce a considerable income for the Community but it has developed therapeutic benefits for its guests who started to take care of the plants; at the same time the gardeners have become more involved in the Community projects and activities.</p>												



STEP BY STEP Please, describe how to put in practice, guiding with clear instruction and materials needed someone that would like to experiment your tool in a local community garden around Europe		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To find the owner of a land interested in opening an Agroclub with a pool hall (refreshment bar, restaurant, etc.) wherever is possible - To organize the area to create the garden, the plots, the irrigation system and the gardening tools - To write the internal regulations to which the gardeners have to agree - To advertise about the agroclub - To try to involve the gardeners in the projects run by the Community. 		
EVALUATION Which are the elements that you normally use to evaluate the outcomes of this tool?		
☺ The continuation of the experience after 2 years The involvement of the guests in gardening activities and at the same time the involvement of the gardeners in the Community activities and projects	☹ Turnover of the gardeners	☹ Irregularity of the gardening activities that oblige the guests of the community to take care of the garden. No network of the Agroclub: though it is a registered trademark there is no structured federation.
COMPETENCES Which are the previous knowledge and skills required to put in practice this tool?		
Traditional knowledge about gardening but also experience and knowledge in social and educational services.		
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