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IDENTIFICATION OF A GOOD EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE OR TOOL

Name of the community garden		Possible short title for the practice	
PROJEKTHAUS POTSDAM		Potato Tower	
Type of tool		Contact person	Name and role
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It can be addressed to...		It deals with the following topics...	
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Other (specify)		Other (specify)	
DESCRIPTION Please describe the practice you have developed.			
The potato tower is a type of a raised bed.			
Basic principle: In the course of the year at the same time with the growth of the potato plant soil is filled in the construction.			
AIMS AND OUTCOMES Which are the main purposes tackled in a community garden with this tool? Which concrete results have been observed at short and long term?			
- Increase of the crop yield.			
WHAT MAKES IT A GOOD PRACTICE OR TOOL? Identify which elements make this action a good practice, for ex. Innovation, coherence, link with other projects or people, favours social mixing, simplify work, earn time or money, etc.			
- The potato tower (consisting of several layers) can be built with leftover materials (wood, metal, stone, plastic, car tires).			
- With an appropriate design and adequate material the tower can be used for several years.			
- The principle (filling up the earth according to the plant growth) can also be transferred to bins or sacks.			
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			
Construction of a tower: Positioning the first layer (drainage holes must be existing) and providing additional layers.			
In the spring a pregerminated potatoe is placed into the first layer of soil. Then, when the haulm is grown maximum 15 cm from the soil, the next construction layer is placed above. The new layer is filled up with soil. This can be repeated several times throughout the year.			



For the harvest the tower will be disassembled layer by layer.
If bins or sacks were used, they will be simply tipped over.

COMPETENCES Which are the previous knowledge and skills required to put in practice this tool?

- Selection of appropriate material and developing of a suitable construction, so the potato tower can be used as often as possible.
- Production of a suitable soil.

EVALUATION How do you normally evaluate the outcomes of this tool?

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