

EU GO- EUROPEAN URBAN GARDENS OTESHA

IDENTIFICATION OF A GOOD EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE OR TOOL

Name of the community garden			Possible short title for the practice		
PROJEKTHAUS POTSDAM			Seed Bombs		
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It can be addressed to...			It deals with the following topics...		
All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School	Intercultural dialogue	Intergenerational dialogue	
Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	Institution	Gender Equality	Fight against poverty	
Youngsters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social service	Sustainable Consumption	Education to sustainable development	
Adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	Job service	Sustainable Urbanisation	Socio-professional training	
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Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood	Horticultural therapy	Leisure activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)			Other (specify)		
DESCRIPTION Please describe the practice you have developed.					
Seed bombs are used as a method of sowing. This technique was developed by the Japanese Masanobu Fukuoka after World War II. In the 70s it gained worldwide recognition in the permaculture. Often this form of sowing is used by the Guerilla Gardeners.					
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?					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to topics such as "Guerilla Gardening" and "permaculture". - As a form of practical gardening it is suitable for the relaxation of rather theoretical seminars (fun factor). - Embellishment of the city by sowing in suitable locations. 					
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.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The collective production and sowing helps to meet fellow gardeners and increases the group cohesion. - Seed bombs can be given away or sold as an advertising medium (eg bombs in bags marked with the symbol of the garden). - The production can be very cheap (use of self-produced compost and self-collected seeds). 					
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					
Seed bombs are made of clay, compost, seeds in the ratio 5: 3: 1.					
These ingredients are mixed (with water added) and formed into small balls (about 4cm in diameter). Then the balls have to dry 1 - 2 days.					
For seeding a lay down at the selected site is sufficient. As long as the ball is dry, the seeds will remain protected from birds. After a moistening by rain, the ball will soak with water and the seeds begin to germinate.					



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

For the production no special skills are required. It is only necessary to provide the ingredients (clay, compost, seeds, water) and a work table.

Because not all seeds flourish equally well everywhere, the seed selection must be adjusted to the selected location. Therefore, knowledge of the needs of the plants are necessary.

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

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