



**Ecologie Paysanne Europe**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> GATHERING**  
**18-20 October 2012**  
**Mas de Noguera (Caudiel)-ES**

*Throughout the world, farmers and rural societies have accumulated empirical knowledge about the territory they live in, as a result of centuries of observations and experimentations. With the modernization and industrialization, this knowledge is disappearing and is little studied as a resource for the management of natural resources and agro-ecosystems. But it can contribute to sustainable development.*

*By Farmers Ecological Knowledge, we understand the complex interconnection between man and nature, between a territory, its natural resources (water...) and man. And how the latter manages this complexity (of agro-pastoral or sylvo-pastoral systems for example) and organise himself (to manage conflicts, access to resources...).*

*In 2009, Geyser (France), Mas de Noguera (Spain) and Civitas Foundation (Romania) started a project in order to improve the interest on local ecological knowledge in Europe. It is based on French, Spanish and Romanian local groups' activities. This gathering ends this period of the project.*

## Objectives

- Exchange on: - methods
  - use and implementation of collected knowledge (which ones, how to transfer and valorise them, which role today?)
- Discuss proposals for a better integration of local ecological knowledge into public policies: why and how should they take them into account
- Study cooperation options on the European level.

## Participants

Individuals and groups working on the safeguard and promotion of local knowledge, aiming at sharing their experience and opened to future exchanges

## Draft Programme

*(Sessions content and length might change in the final programme)*

### Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

*Morning:* Farmers Ecology coordination meeting and participants.  
*Afternoon:* Field visit: the "huerta" in Valencia region.

### Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

9:00 Introduction  
 9:30 Presentation of participants and experiences  
 11:30 Pause.  
 11:45 Collecting methods  
 15:45 Field visit: resources management in Mediterranean mountain (Pina de Montalgrao) and/ or visit of Mas de Noguera experience.  
 18:00 Feedback on the visits  
 19:00 End of the day - International buffet and/or cultural event

### Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

9:00 How to manage the information collected (wiki, etc.).  
 10:00 Valorisation and use of ecological knowledge  
 13:30 Lunch  
 15:30 Workshops (parallel session): Policies + future collaborations  
 16:30 Plenary – results of the workshops and conclusions.  
 17:30 End of the meeting

## CONDITIONS

Registration is free. Thanks to our funder we can offer food and accommodation (shared room). In case of difficulties, we can study to cover a percentage of your travel costs; but for budgetary reasons, it will be restricted to a few cases.

## VENUE

Mas de Noguera  
12440 Caudiel (Castellón)  
Spain  
Phone: +(34) 964144074

Mas de Noguera is 1h15 far from Valencia and Castellón by car, 1h30 by regional train.

## TRANSPORT:

If you travel by train, plane or bus, we recommend you to arrive to Valencia. On Thursday 17 evening, we will organise shuttles from the visit place (near Valencia) to Mas de Noguera. If you arrive later, we will indicate you how to join us by train (to Caudiel train station, which 15 min far from Mas de Noguera by car; only 3 to 5 trains / day). <http://www.renfe.com/viajeros/cercanias/valencia/>.

## REGISTRATION: until September 30<sup>th</sup>!

Please fulfil the on-line form to register:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dG05RTNpaFUwNEFOUjFta3l0dk9fdGc6MQ>

The number of participant is limited; please wait for our confirmation before booking your travel.

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