


HORTIS Horticulture in Towns for Inclusion and Socialisation



HORTIS - Horticulture in Towns for Inclusion and Socialisation - is a project co-funded by the European Union in the framework of the [Lifelong Learning Programme](#), sub-programme [Grundtvig](#) for adults learning.

HORTIS is coordinated by Dipartimento di Scienze Agrarie dell'Università di Bologna (Italy) and realized in cooperation with partners from:

 Germany: Workstation ideenwerkstatt berlin e.V.

 Hungary: Corvinus University of Budapest and Magyar Biokultúra Szövetség

 Italy: Horticity, Mammut Film and Amitié srl

 Spain: Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena and Fundación Tierra Integral.

HORTIS wants to contribute to fight social exclusion, poverty and unemployment, as well as to promote lifelong learning among adults **through community and urban gardening**.

HORTIS concrete objectives are the following:

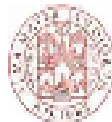
- ♣ To develop a [set of educational materials](#) in various formats (video tutorial, e-book, etc.) and languages (English, German, Italian Hungarian and Spanish) to illustrate different aspects of the social & community gardening.
- ♣ To organise [training courses for trainers on community gardening](#) in Berlin (DE), Budapest (HU), Bologna (IT) and Cartagena (ES) and to set up in each town involved a place for learning and gardening ("training community garden").
- ♣ To organise [pilot courses on urban gardening](#) for adults, and especially low-skilled unemployed persons.
- ♣ To create an [interactive and multilingual web](#) portal, that makes available the educational materials created by the project as well as fosters communication and networking among stakeholders and end users, especially civil society associations, trainers, local government officials in social work, urban planners, etc..

HORTIS educational materials for ALL include:

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- ♣ **practical tutorials** in form of short videos illustrating different activities and steps required to maintain a garden
- ♣ a set of **easy-to-use-and-handle “cards”** illustrating with photos and drawings the gardening steps, from the first preparation of the soil to the harvesting.

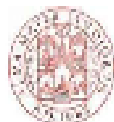
HORTIS educational materials for TRAINERS include e-books on different aspects of urban and community gardens, such as:

- ♣ Sustainable urban gardens
- ♣ Simplified soilless systems for urban vegetable production
- ♣ Sustainable community gardening in cities
- ♣ Green design
- ♣ Zero km agriculture, consumer buying groups in cities

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HORTIS promotes urban and community gardening through a variety of activities and tools, including:

- ♣ The organisation different types of events in each country and town involved, such as:
 - **dissemination events**, inviting neighbours to visit the training community gardens, to see, taste and smell their products and to encourage the participation to the courses and the creation of new gardens
 - **awareness workshops**, inviting stakeholders at national level to visit the training community gardens and to discuss benefits of social gardening and to explore existing and futures garden policies implementation.
 - **International conference** with international speakers and experts participation in Bologna in Winter 2014
- ♣ The promotion of networking and communication opportunities among all people interested in urban gardening at national and trans-national levels, through the HORTIS web site and the main social networks (Facebook, Twitter and YouTube)
- ♣ The production and diffusion of a promotional video and tool-kit composed by a DVD, guidelines on how to create a little garden and a kit of seeds ready to be sown.

HORTIS project lasts 2 years: from January 2013 to December 2014.

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