



Picture 1. Amarantos (photo was taken in 2013).



Picture 2. Ellovos (photo was taken in 2014).

## URBAN GARDENS IN: CYPRUS

- In Cyprus, urban garden is considered as the garden beautification.
- Cyprus society and Cypriot people in particular, are not very interested in urban gardening.
- Despite that fact, two years ago relevant actions called "Collective Bahçe", "Feed the People", "Amarantos" (see pic. 1) and "Ellovos" (see pic. 2) were organized in Cyprus. Those efforts were not effective and the results did not meet the organizers' expectations. Therefore, they all stopped approximately one year ago.
- To be mentioned, there is no awareness or interest about urban gardens in Cyprus. That's why our country does not take any further collective actions on this issue.
- However, some people individually create their small, private urban garden in their yard.
- Concepts of "involution", "collectivity", "organization", "coordination", "groundwork" and "community" do not relate with the aspects of Cyprus urban gardening.
- Consequently, in Cyprus there is no connection between urban gardening and social issues such as (crime) prevention or social entrepreneurship. This connection could be found in countries with more developed sense of urban gardening.
- Of course, in Nicosia town there is a lot of free space for cultivation (if it was being built it could fit 1 million people).
- At this moment, "Utopia Collectiva", which is based in Nicosia, is trying to organize their urban garden.
- In conclusion, we hope that someday the community gardening actions in Cyprus will attract all generations with or without background in farming.