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STSM Topic: Similarities and differences between urban gardens of southern Spain and southern France

Host Institute: Aix-Marseille University, Marseille (France)

COST TU1201 - Urban Allotment Gardens in European Cities - Future, Challenges and Lessons Learned

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN URBAN GARDENS OF SOUTHERN SPAIN AND SOUTHERN FRANCE

Workplan

Information about the host institution:

- Name of the host institution: Université de Aix-Marseille
- Name of the contact person from the receiving institution: Nicole Darmon
- Position of the contact person from the receiving institution: Research Director at the INRA (National Research Institute of Agronomy) in Marseille
- Information relating to the hosting institution:

Aix-Marseille University has nearly 72,000 students, including 10,000 international students, 7 staff 680 faculty, teachers, engineers, technicians and administrative staff, 12 graduate schools and nearly 3,800 graduate students. Aix-Marseille University is composed of 132 research structures - 118 research units and 14 federal structures - in connection with the biggest research organizations (CNRS, INSERM, IRD, INRA, CEA).

Aix-Marseille University has a proactive and dynamic policy for the development of cooperation with foreign institutions and the management of the mobility of students, researchers and teachers. Europe and Mediterranean countries represent a privileged partnership. The action towards this region will increase further in parallel with a strengthened international relations policy direction of the largest universities in the world.

Aix-Marseille University involved in the project JASSUR (Jardins ASSociatifs URbains) supported by ANR (Agence National de la Recherche) based on a consortium of 12 research partners and associations in seven French cities:

Lille, Grand Lyon, Marseille, Nancy Grand, Paris / Ile-de-France, Grand Toulouse.

Duration:

15 days

Antecedents of the activity:

My research on urban gardens are born from personal experience in the gardens Miraflores Park Seville, pioneer in Spain, recognized by the United Nations International Conference Habitat II (1996) and recent Medal of the City of Seville 2012.

During my first year of PhD I did stay at the Université de Paris1-Panthéon-Sorbonne, having established contacts with researchers from different universities in France. These exchanges have resulted in a great interest from the Federation Française de Jardins familiaux et Collectives, you have about my research on urban gardens in Spain.

All this has contributed to the need to increase knowledge about other realities in other

countries and cities. To do this, in 2012 I did stay in Manchester and Lisbon and in 2013 I've been in Montreal (Canada).

On this subject, I have many books and magazine articles. In 2010 I received the award for the best Seville Archive research.

Justification of stay:

This stay is requested to supplement the development of the Doctoral Thesis I am doing on the theme of urban gardens in Andalusia. I have a part-time contract as an associate professor in the area of Physical Geography at the University Pablo de Olavide (Seville). With this STSM I will be able to advance much in my PhD and consolidate my research at the University.

The context of southern France and southern Spain have many similarities as far as I surely will get good ideas and information to apply to my doctoral thesis.

Overall aim

- Acquire skills for improving the organization of information for conducting research.
- Understand and interpret concepts such as planning, public policy, etc., French perspective.
- Interlinking urban phenomena at different territorial levels.
- Learning methodologies for conducting field work in the French context.
- Locate the methodologies of intervention and the different roles of social actors, discussing in particular the role and contribution of scientific research to the construction of a reflective approach to urban intervention and citizen participation.

Objectives of the mobility:

- Progress in the implementation of the Doctoral Thesis on topics related to urban gardens.
- Gather information and conduct fieldwork experiences of urban gardens in the south of France (Marseille).
- Point out the similarities and differences between these gardens experiences (South France – South Spain)
- Know about the current problems and future projects of these gardens in Andalusia.
- Improve the use and knowledge of French and English.

Methodology:

The stay at the University of Aix-Marseille has a combined qualitative and quantitative methodology that is specified in the following table of methodological phases:

- 1.- Previous work (Revision of bibliographic information)
- 2.- Fieldwork
 - Interviews with researchers and academics.
 - Interviews with citizen-gardeners.
- 3.- Information Management
 - Categories and types of urban gardens and compared Marseille and Andalusia.

Methodological investigation form:

1. City Type
2. Location
3. Land planning status
4. Type of space
5. Property
6. Origin
7. Management

8. Financing
9. Legality
10. Finality
11. Division of work
12. Age
13. Employment status
14. Access
15. Permanence
16. Agricultural Practice
17. Products intended
18. Growing technique
19. Type of irrigation
20. Heritage values

Expected results:

- Obtain information relevant to the conduct of the Doctoral Thesis.
- Establish contacts with other researchers and lecturers on issues related to the city, participation, social issues, etc.
- Make a comparison between urban allotments gardens in Spain and Europe.
- Development of proposals to transfer the Action COST
- To acquire communication skills in French and English.

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