



Picture 1: Urban Vineyard (Thessaloniki)



Picture 2: Urban Gardening by a NGO (Athens)

URBAN GARDENS IN: GREECE

Garden types

Not for profit:

- ❖ Urban Vegetable Gardens in public spaces → Municipality and NGOs in order to tackle poverty (EU funding)
- ❖ Guerilla Gardens → self-organized with many activities (website, articles, inspiring videos etc), conflicts with the authorities
- ❖ Institutional Gardens (e.g University): open access to citizens without social and economical criteria
- ❖ Community Gardens in Ecological Parks (collective kitchen, seminars, festivals every Sunday)

For profit:

- ❖ Social Co-operations → networks between citizens and producers (no intermediates)
- ❖ Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in urban and peri-urban farms → box schemes
- ❖ Hospital Gardens → production is selling to the inner vegetable shop

- ❖ NGO “PELITI” for the preservation and spread of the traditional varieties of the greek flora → co-operation with many urban gardens and solidarity movements worldwide.

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Group **PER.KA** (2011)

- 1st self-organized Communal Garden in Northern Greece, not for profit but for self-consumption and support of vulnerable social groups
- Operation: Former military camp
- Communal, in season cultivation of vegetables, flowers, herbs based on organic farming
- Alternative, cooperative economy of the region
- Goal: Escape economical, social crisis

ACTIVITIES

Daily presence → reduce instances of robberies, ransacking of the buildings, tree cutting → safe area for visitors

Preservation and promotion of the local flora

Social aspects:

Cooperative way to escape economical and social crisis
Create a free and open space for the citizens

Seminars, Festivals, Synergies with other social groups worldwide



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Picture 1: General plan of the garden



Picture 2: Aspect of the "small fenced gardens"

Community vegetable garden in Xanthi

- 130 "small fenced gardens" - about 30 m² each.
- The study area is located near the city center, at a walking distance.
- The operation of the garden is organized by the Municipality of Xanthi.
- Local water company provides water supply to the gardeners for free.
- The community garden has been operating since 2013 as a social structure for the relief of socially vulnerable groups of the region. Beneficiaries are elderly people, unemployed, single parents ect. according to financial and social criteria.
- The gardeners do not pay any kind of "rent".
- The social structure of Community garden is being supported by an agronomist and a social worker.
- Gardeners are required to give 10% of their production to the Social Grocery - another social structure.
- In the Garden there are rights and obligations in order to ensure its proper operation.
- Community vegetable garden is open to schools for educational purposes.

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