



Education and Culture DG
Lifelong Learning Programme

Agroecology • • • Food sovereignty • • • Degrowth • • •
Permaculture • • • Urban garden • • • Transition town • • •
Food cooperatives • • • CSA • • • Land commune

If you feel identified with one of the words or projects above, then you might want to join the *Beyond our Backyards –BoB- network*. Collective action is a necessary step in supporting the development and outreach of the ideas of agroecology, food sovereignty and degrowth. BoB invites "agroecologists" from all spheres of action - academics, political activists, farmers, food eaters - to converge and act together for social change.

Beyond our Backyards has its **Third International Meeting from July 15th to 18th, 2013 at «Ca La Fou», Vallbona d'Anoia, Barcelona, Catalunya, España** (<http://www.calafou.org/en>). The participation is open to everyone interested in expanding his or her network beyond their own backyard of the agroecological project, political campaign or research.

These meetings have a clear participative direction, therefore the major part of the activities will be organized as work in small groups so that the ideas and experience of each one can be expressed. It is expected that every participant participates actively and with the maximum possible number of activities. The official language of activities will be English (although it would be possible to arrange a simultaneous translation if necessary).

For more information about the event, contact with : jornada@fundacioent.cat

Program

The program is divided into four parts:

- During 15th and 16th of July in the morning, there will be thematic discussion sessions, and for the evening, the members of the Beyond our Backyards -BoB- network will come together. *In addition, there will be a guided tour to Postcapitalist Ecoindustrial Colony Ca la Fou*
- In the morning and also on one part of the afternoon on the day 17th, there will be a visit to two local agroecology practices.
- In the evening of July 17, there will be a Conference on Agroecology in the center of Barcelona (with independent registration).
- In the morning of July 18, there will be concluding remarks on the meetings and we will identify future actions to further develop the *Beyond our Backyards – BoB- network*.

The detailed schedule of the events is attached below.

July 15th, Monday, Ca la Fou, Vallbona d'Anoia

10-00 - 11.00h - Welcoming and presentation of the participants. Explanation of the organization of meetings and logistic aspects related to *Ca la Fou*.

11.00 – 12.00h - Guided tour to the *Ca la Fou* project.

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12.00 – 12.30h - Breakfast

12.30 – 14.00h – Subject 1. Agroecological initiatives and degrowth. The introduction to this session will be made by François Schneider.

14.00 – 16.00h – Lunch at *Ca la Fou*.

16.00 – 18.00h – Meeting of the BoB network working groups. Proposed working groups: Active research, Edible Cities, Education and learning, Permaculture and Seeds.

16.00h – 19.00h – Participative theater workshop about environmental conflicts related to agroecology. Organizer: María Heras y Oscar F Vega.^c

Dinner at *Ca la Fou*.

July 16th, Tuesday, Ca la Fou, Vallbona d'Anoia

10.00 – 11.30h – Subject 2. The Commons (in relation with property rights over land and knowledge) and local agroecological projects. The introduction to this session will be made by Jofre Rodrigo Aribau (PhD holder in this topic).

11.30 – 12.00h – Breakfast

12.00 – 14.00h – Subject 3. Food sovereignty. The introduction to this session will be made by Gustavo Duch (The coordinator of the journal *Food Sovereignty*, Biodiversity and Cultures).

14.00 – 16.00h – Lunch at *Ca la Fou*

16.00 – 18.00h – Meeting of the BoB network working groups: Active research, Edible Cities, Education and apprenticeship, Permaculture and Seeds. Xènia Torras, a member of Seed Network "Resembrando e Intercambiando" (Spreading and Interchanging), will make a short introduction to the topic "Management of the local seed banks".

16.00 – 19.00h – Participative theater workshop about environmental conflicts related to agroecology. Organizer: María Heras y Oscar F Vega.^c

Dinner at *Ca la Fou*.

21.00 – 22.00h – Cinema Forum

July 17th, Wednesday, Local experiences and Conference in Barcelona

a) Visit to local practices

9.00h - Departure from *Ca la Fou* by bus

10.15h - Meeting in the FGC Valldoreix station with other participants (line FGC Barcelona – Vallès). Options for train lines: S1, S2, S5 and S55. For more information: <http://www.fgc.cat/eng/barcelona-valles.asp>

10.45h - Arrival to Can Monmany (Sant Cugat del Vallès) - Guided tour of the practices of Ortiga Association (<http://educacioambiental.wordpress.com/about/collectius/ecoagroactivitats-comissio-intercoopes-de-sant-cugat-i/>). Responsible person: Kevin Fischer.

13.00h - Picnic at Can Monmany (catering service by *Barrinar cap a la Sostenibilitat* (<http://www.barrinarcapalasostenibilitat.org/>)).

15.00 – Visit to Can Masdeu (<http://www.canmasdeu.net/?lang=en>). Responsible person: Guillem Tendero or Claudio Cattaneo.

b) Conference on Agroecology in Barcelona with the title “European agroecology initiatives and proposals for its development” (independent registration: send and e-mail to: jornada@fundacioent.cat)

Place: Pati Manning (Auditorium) (Center for Cultural Studies and Resources (Center d’Estudis i Recursos Culturals, CERC), Province of Barcelona) (Calle Montalegre, 7, Barcelona).

18.00h - Welcoming and registration.

18.20 – 18.50h – Local agroecology initiatives renowned in Spain. Speaker: Guillem Tendero.

18.50 - 19.20h – International initiatives of international agroecology networks. Speaker: Gualter Batista.

19.20 - 19.40h – European agroecology initiatives II. (Speaker to be confirmed)

19.40 – 20.00h – European agroecology initiatives III. (Speaker to be confirmed)

20.30h – Return to *Ca la Fou* and dinner

July 18th, Thursday, Ca la Fou, Vallbona d’Anoia

On Thursday in the morning (10h – 13h) there will be an evaluation of the meetings and the conference and future actions to develop the *Beyond our Backyards – BoB- network* will be determined.

At 14h there will be a special lunch closing the event.

^a *The thematic sessions will consist of a short presentation of the speaker (20 minutes), a discussion session in small groups and a final closure. Everybody can join.*

^b *The method for group works is free to be defined by the responsible persons of the groups themselves. Any BoB member or someone interested from outside may participate.*

^c *The method used in the theater workshops include the following techniques: theatre games, image theatre and forum theatre. There will be two sessions, one of which will be dedicated to get learn the BoB group and the second will be dedicated to reflect daily challenges faced by BoB members in their projects.*

Where will the meeting take place?

Ca la Fou is a cooperative, quiet and sustainable place for the development of productive alternatives, technologies and housing. It is a self-organized space that includes common spaces for industrial, artisanal and creative activities for the organization of meetings and various activities.

Ca La Fou is an industrial colony acquired collectively in June, 2011 with 28,000 m² of production space and 27 apartments. It was unused and deteriorated significantly since the factory's closure implied a loss of industrial heritage and of the collective memory of an entire region. For the last

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two years there numerous actions have been realized for its rehabilitation without any external support. Still one can see "on works" for which any collaboration is welcome. Its size and variety of usable space made the cooperative fall in love with it and take it on to begin with this project. The formula we use to access to housing is to purchase the license to use by the cooperative, and for spaces of production, the social rate rental services and resources are shared between all those involved in the project.

Since its beginning, the intent is to develop a network based on a network of cooperatives, individual projects and housing in a collectivized area. This seeks to facilitate the sharing of ideas, goods and resources to foster synergies in a natural way. This is a place for social innovation, technology and policy that is based on self-responsibility and cooperation. A project where the productive economies are in the service of people allowing their needs for access to resources and tools are not obstacles to the realization of their creative potential.

To get more information and to get a first impression of *Ca La Fou* you may check our website: <https://www.calafou.org/en>



Costs and funding

The participants can make a voluntary contribution, with a minimum suggested amount of 20 € (a receipt can be issued). This is a small contribution to the accommodation, food and all logistics of the meeting. The remaining costs of the meeting would hopefully be covered by a grant from the EC Grundtvig Lifelong Learning Program. You can also apply for funding for your travel costs to the meeting.

Come to Ca La Fou!

To be registered for all of the activities, you have to be registered on our website (<http://agroecol.eu/user/register>) and fill the [formulario de inscripción de la reunión internacional](http://agroecol.eu/bob2013/registration) (<http://agroecol.eu/bob2013/registration>).

- You can also be registered only for the Conference on Agroecology in Barcelona with the title "European agroecology initiatives and proposals for its development". Send an e-mail to: jornada@fundacioent.cat

Accommodation

There are different options for accommodation during the meeting:

Staying at *Ca la Fou* with your own mat and sleeping bag in collective rooms with mattresses placed over wood. It is also possible to make camping on some green and flat areas just beside the same place. It is highly recommended hand or headlamps to use them at night when there will not be much light around.

To stay at Fonda of Vallbona d'Anoia, 15 minutes walking distance from *Ca la Fou*, in single or double rooms with private bathroom (approximate cost: 10 €/person and night). To make a reservation please call directly: 0034 93 771 92 16.

Transportation

Ca la Fou is well connected to the city with train (ferrocarril). The train station of Vallbona d'Anoia is located at 15 minutes walking distance from *Ca la Fou*. To arrive Vallbona d'Anoia, one should take the train line R6-Igualada from the train station (FGC) at Plaza de España in Barcelona. There are trains each hour or thirty minutes. It takes one hour and fifteen minutes by train from Barcelona to Vallbona d'Anoia.

We need to support the use of train and not the car, whose access they want favor to increase the urbanization and tourism in the zone. Nonetheless, it is possible to come by car, and there are some parking places.

The local train timetables can be found here:

Barcelona (Pl. Espanya) – Vallbona d'Anoia:

http://www.fgc.cat/downloads/horaris/R6_Igualada_gener2013.pdf

Language

The meeting will be in English and Spanish with translations.

What/Who to bring?

Do not forget to bring your reusable dish, mug and spoon. If you do not sleep at hotel bring sleeping bag and mattress. Thanks for leaving pets at home.

Children are very welcome. If there will be a sufficient number of children, we will organize a childcare system for them. Please fill in the application form the number of children who are going to attend and whether they have some special needs.

We look for people who would help to prepare the meals during meeting days (2-3 person per meal). The organization of the place and buying of ecologic food will be realized by the responsible people of *Ca La Fou*. Our contact person from the colony is Alex.



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Join Beyond our Backyards

BoB is an open network aimed at developing structures and processes for exchanging experiences, learning and advancing knowledge through action research. By sharing knowledge and joining efforts in this network, we can increase our capacity to understand and engage in political issues and processes that impact our initiatives. Together, we can explore the potential of our actions and imaginaries in the transformation of politics, economics and the society we are part of.

Join BoB by [registering in the portal](http://agroecol.eu/user/register) (<http://agroecol.eu/user/register>) or contact <mailto:info@agroecol.eu> for additional information and questions or to clarify which working group you want to join.

ENT Foundation

This event is organized by ENT Foundation (www.fundacioent.cat) which is a private research center located in Vilanova i la Geltrú (Barcelona). Its aim is to develop research and innovation projects in the areas of environment, development and international cooperation. For these projects we work with other research centers, public administration and NGOs.

The ENT Foundation has been created in 2010 by ENT, Environment and Management (www.ent.cat).

To achieve these aims, the Foundation carries out activities that the Board considers necessary and/or in collaboration with other entities, institutions or individuals. Some examples of the activities carried out are: design and development of research and innovation projects, pilot projects with exemplary character, awareness raising actions through the development of publications and communication activities in our main fields, delivery of aid, scholarships, awards and grants for the implementation of actions related to our main objectives, and strengthening networks that have the same objectives as those laid down in our principal aims, among others.