



# ***Embedding crop diversity and networking for local high quality food systems***

***DIVERSIFOOD,  
an H2020 European project***

*Riccardo Bocci (WP4 leader – RSR)*

Embedding crop diversity and  
networking for local high quality  
**food systems**



This project has received funding  
from the European Union's H2020 Programme  
under grant agreement no. 633571

[www.diversifood.eu](http://www.diversifood.eu)



# A multi-actor project (2015-2019)

Connecting networks across Europe engaged on cultivated diversity,

Renewing the **food culture** to achieve local high quality food systems.



# The Consortium

21 Partners  
12 Countries

Seed or farmers  
organisations

Research, technical  
or communication/  
management  
organisations



# The Objectives



DIVERSIFOOD aims to:

- Adapt research organisation and concepts
- Renew **plant breeding** approaches based on diversity
- Discover new diversity and uses among untapped species or types of common cultivated plants
- Diverse healthy and tasty **food products** and market valorisation
- Connecting diversity to seed systems and civil society

# Broadening and renewing diversity

Seed from genebanks  
gardeners or farmers



Local or heritage  
landraces/varieties

Discovering our  
heritage and

And creating new  
diversity for a  
coherent organic  
agriculture

New populations  
and locally adapted  
varieties varieties  
bred on farm



“ Evaluation from **soil** to  
products ”



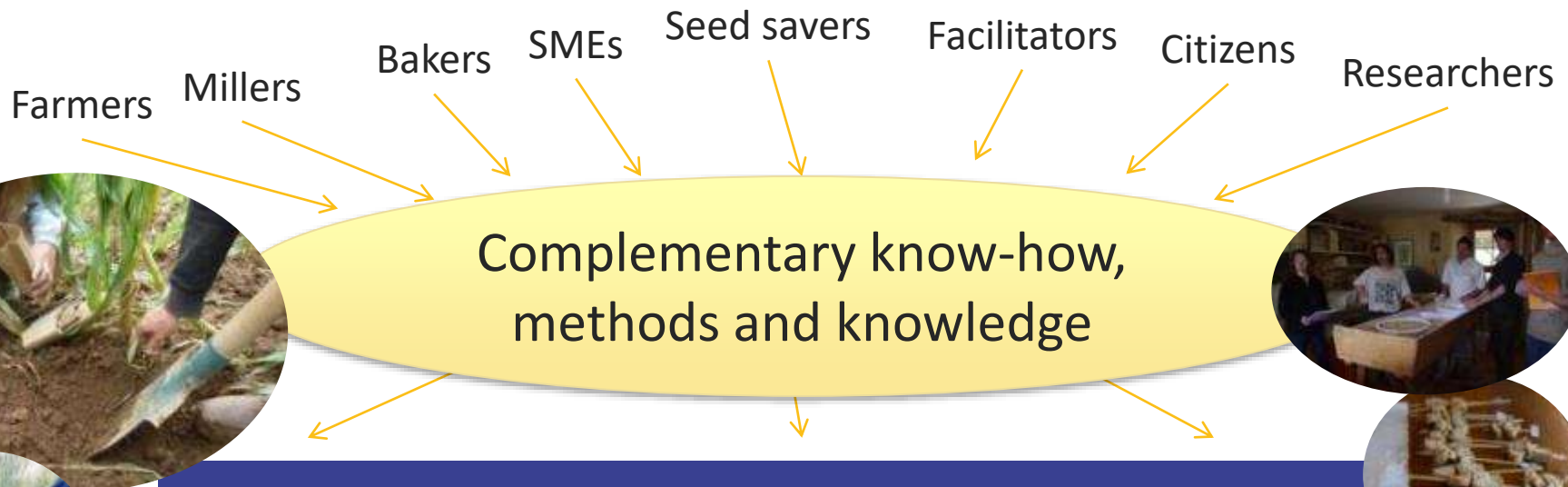
[www.diversifood.eu](http://www.diversifood.eu)



This project has received funding  
from the European Union's Horizon  
under grant agreement no 633571

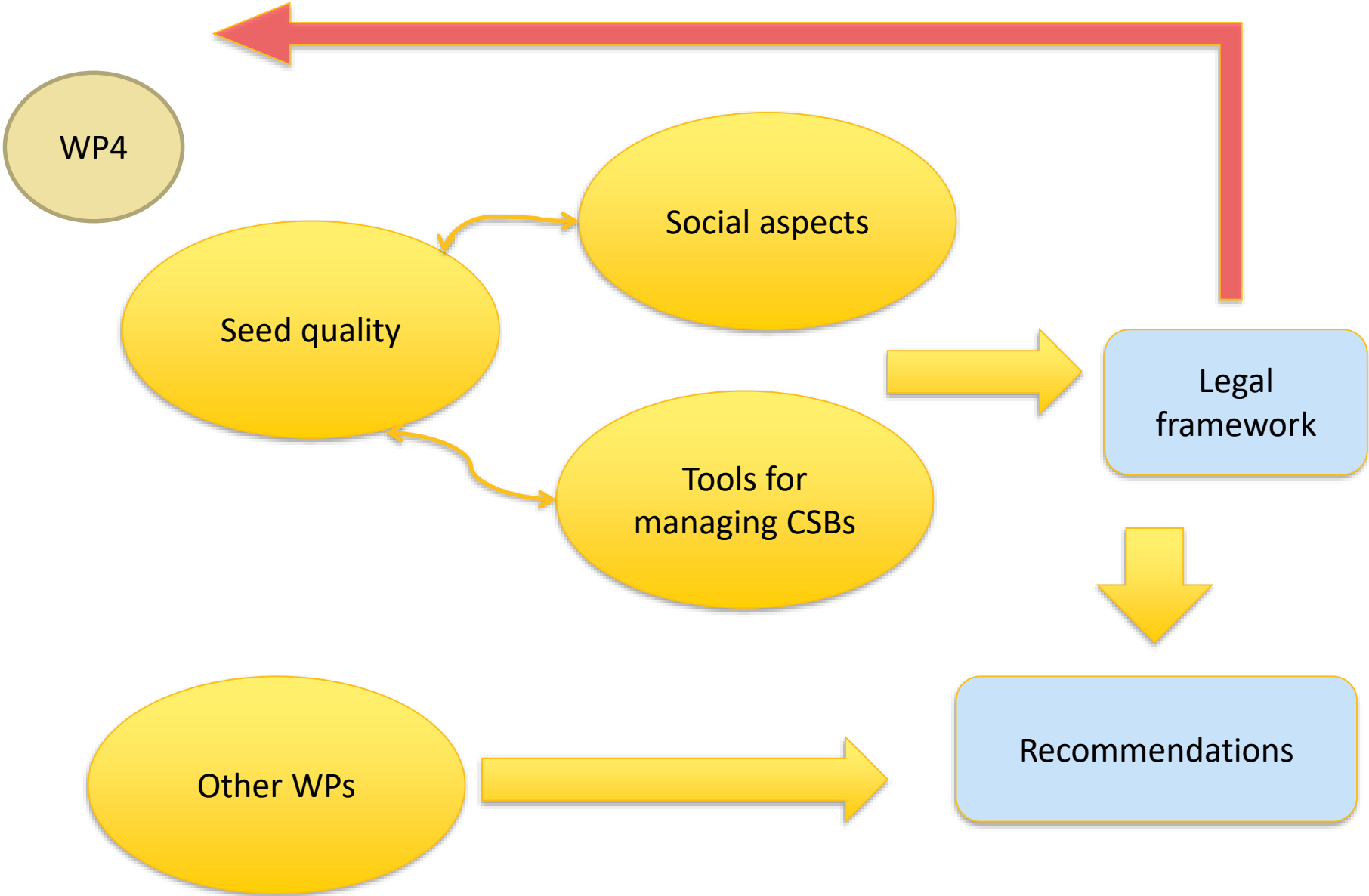
# The multi-actor concept

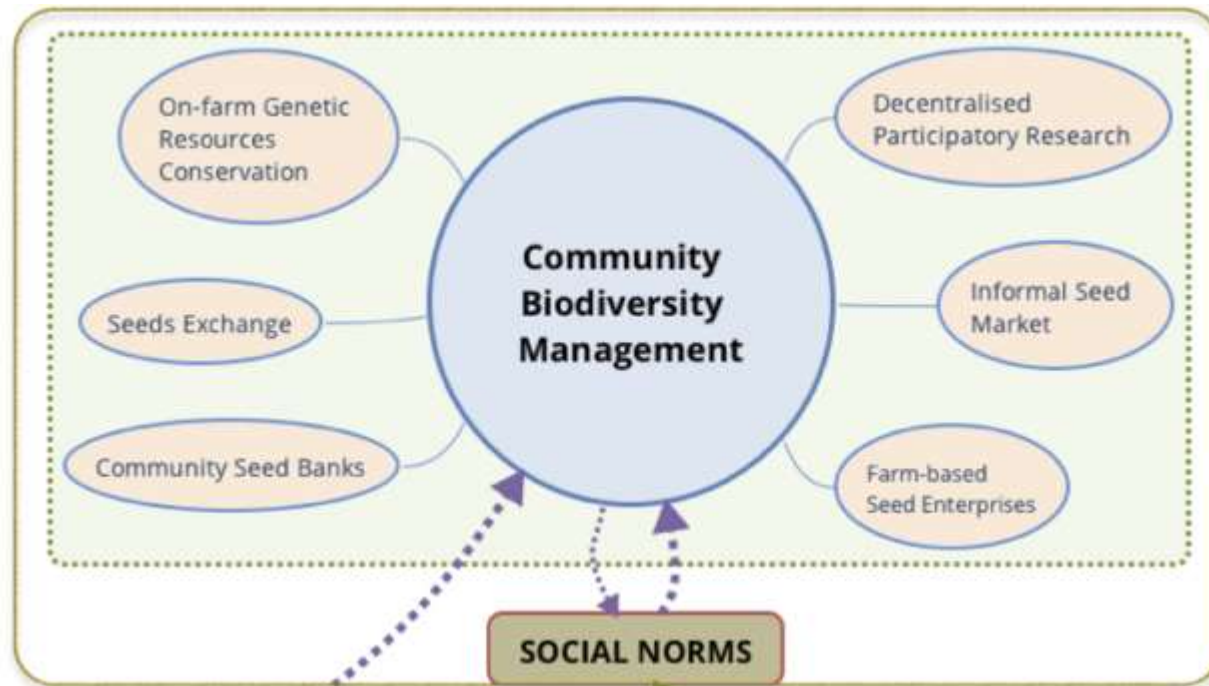
Common objective embedded in the food chain reality



Research based on actions

and common space to share  
vocabulary, concepts, methods and results  
within an iterative process







# Links with other institutions

**CAPSELLA**



MOU

Joint meeting in Pisa March 2017

**ECPGR**



Project on the role of end users in the ex situ system

**ITPGRFA**



Workshop on Sustainable use of PGRFA 19-21 July  
ACSU meeting in October 2016  
CSB meeting in September 2017  
Side event during the GOB October 2017

**Biodiversity  
International**



Involvement on the work on CSBs

# COMMUNITY SEED BANKS:

## SHARING EXPERIENCES FROM NORTH AND SOUTH



### REPORT

FROM A SIDE EVENT HELD  
1 NOVEMBER 2017,  
DURING THE SEVENTH  
SESSION OF THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY  
ON PLANT GENETIC  
RESOURCES FOR FOOD  
AND AGRICULTURE  
IN KIGALI, RWANDA

Regine Andersen, Pitambar  
Shrestha, Gloria Otieno, Yoshiaki  
Nishikawa, Patrick Kasasa and  
Andrew Mushita



[www.diversifood.eu](http://www.diversifood.eu)



10



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Programme under grant agreement no. 633571



*Thank you for your attention!*



This work is licensed under a Creative Commons  
[Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/)  
4.0 International License.

<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/>