

Vienna: Eco-crop-fields – a real success

Because it is extremely difficult, especially in Vienna, to get new allotments, the Austrian federation has extended its field of activities in 2011 with so-called eco-crop-plots (Öko-Ernteland-Parzellen). These plots cover about 80 sq metres and are planted with different biological vegetables. Interested people can then rent a plot. They only have to cultivate it and harvest the vegetables. Because of the big interest, not only from individuals but also from politicians, we have decided to continue this idea and expand it.

After the first year we can draw very positive conclusions.

For example: One of these plots was given to a kindergarten group, which could work here for free. The children had so the possibility to learn how vegetables grow and how you have to take care of them so that you can harvest them at the end. This is a very important educational aspect.

On 1st October a barbecue was organised on this ground and all the plot holders were invited. While eating and drinking people discussed their experiences. A majority of the actual plot holders wish to rent again a plot next year.

The present cultural season ended on 13th November. Now the whole area will be ploughed.

We have planned to extend the ground in 2012 so that more people will have the opportunity to get a plot. Many interested people, who had no plot this year, have already asked to get one next year.

We already look forward to restart this activity next year.