Motivation for using community gardens

* Mandatory field

Section 1: (Previous) cultivation experience

1. When did you start cultivating crops in (any) community garden? *

   Please mark one option only.

   - I’m beginning this season
   - I’ve cultivated since last season
   - 2-5 years ago
   - more than 5 years ago
   - other: ………………..

2. How did you learn about the garden you go to now? *

   Please mark one option only.

   - I searched for it actively
   - I often pass by it
   - from friends
   - from workmates
   - from social media
   - from newspapers (e.g., city district paper)
   - other: ………………..

3. Previous crop cultivation experience *

   Please tick all valid options.

   - I come from a family house where we (used to) grow crops
   - I have grown crops at a summer house, garden allotment, grandparents’, etc.
   - I have grown crops in my flat/on the balcony
   - I was a member of another community garden
   - I have no previous cultivation experience
   - other: ………………..

4. Room for your other comments

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Section 2: Motivation for cultivation

In this section, we are interested in your motivation for going to the community garden.

5. Please state what made you become a member of a community garden and cultivate your crops there. *

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6. Please choose three most important factors that make you grow crops in a community garden. *

* Please tick all valid options.

☐ joy of gardening
☐ food (crop) quality
☐ known origin of crops
☐ food self-sufficiency
☐ monetary saving on crop (vegetable and fruit) purchases
☐ insufficient space for gardening on balcony
☐ way to spend leisure time
☐ relaxation
☐ opportunity to socialize (meeting other members)
☐ passing on of cultivation knowledge and skills to children (where food comes from and how to grow it)
☐ other: .....................

7. Room for your other comments

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8. How many times (on average) a week do you go the garden in the season? *
   Please mark one option only.
   
   - 6–7 times a week
   - 4–5 times a week
   - 2–3 times a week
   - once a week
   - less often than once a week (e.g., once every ten days)

9. How many hours a month (by estimate) do you spend in the garden in the season? *

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10. How much is the annual fee you pay for community garden membership and cultivation? *

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11. What crops do you grow in the community garden? Why did you choose just these crops? *

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12. Do you have an idea of the quantity of fruit and vegetables that you grow and take home in a year? Please try to estimate the quantity in pieces for the different crops.

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13. Within the community garden, you are: *

Please mark one option only.

○ a coordinator
○ an active member (you are involved in garden organisation besides growing crops)
○ a rather passive member (you grow crops, and you contribute to maintenance of shared areas as needed)
○ a passive member (you grow crops only)
○ other: ....................

14. What other activities do you pursue in the garden besides growing crops? (how often and why) This refers, e.g., to maintenance/management of shared areas, participation in social events, workshops, etc. *

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15. Do you also use other garden services, such as composting household organic waste? If you do, please state what services you use (if none, just write “NO”). *

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16. Room for your other comments

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17. Do you follow and consider origin when buying fruit and vegetables (regional products, organic products, etc.)? *

*Please tick all valid options.*

- [ ] never or to a very limited extend due to prices
- [ ] never or to a very limited extend due to mistrust in quality
- [ ] never or to a very limited extend due food self-sufficiency (e.g., stocking for the winter from own production)
- [ ] frequently, in the long run, due to expanded supply of farmers’ markets and other specialised shops
- [ ] frequently, due to my own experience of growing fruit and vegetables
- [ ] other: .....................

18. Does your consumer behaviour change outside the community garden season? *

*Please mark one option only.*

- [ ] I buy more fruit or vegetables
- [ ] I buy less fruit or vegetables
- [ ] I buy the same quantity of fruit and vegetables
- [ ] other: .....................

19. How do you most commonly spend your free time besides being in the community garden? *

*Please mark one option only.*

- [ ] mostly actively (e.g., sports, work in my own garden, DIY, etc.)
- [ ] mostly passively (e.g., reading, watching TV, theatre, etc.)
- [ ] both actively and passively (cannot tell which prevails)
- [ ] other: .....................
20. Do you spend your leisure time doing other outdoor activities too? *
   Please mark one option only.
   
   ○ yes, other outdoor activities besides the community garden make up a significant part of my leisure time
   ○ yes, other outdoor activities besides the community garden make up a part of my leisure time
   ○ no, most of my other leisure activity is indoors
   ○ no, I spend the rest of my time doing indoor leisure activities only

21. Can you name/describe this activity briefly? *

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22. Room for your other comments

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Section 5: What do you miss in your garden?

   Is there anything you miss in the garden and would welcome/use? Do you have an idea of further development of the garden and its community?

23. Do you have any suggestions for improving or changing your community garden?

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24. Room for your other comments

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Section 6: What does the garden give its surroundings outside the involved community?

Think about what your garden brings for its surroundings.

25. Do you perceive any effects of the community garden (positive or negative) on its immediate surroundings?

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26. Room for your other comments

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Section 7: Your community garden

27. The municipality in which your garden is located: *

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28. Garden name: *

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29. Garden address (street, municipality):

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Section 8: Demographic data

Although the questionnaire is anonymous, we would still like to know a little about you.

30. Where do you live? *

Please mark one option only.

○ in a flat
○ in a house
○ other: ....................
31. How far from the garden do you live as the crow flies (approximately)? *

Please mark one option only.

- up to 500 m
- 500 m–1 km
- 1–2 km
- 2–5 km
- more than 5 km
- other: ………………..

32. How do you travel to the garden? (prevailing mode) *

Please mark one option only.

- on foot
- bicycle/scooter
- car
- public transport
- other: ………………..

33. How long does your trip from home to the garden take (in minutes)? *

Please mark one option only.

- up to 5 minutes
- 5–15 minutes
- 15–30 minutes
- 30–45 minutes
- 45–60 minutes
- more than 60 minutes

34. What is the number of adults in your household (including you)? *

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35. What is the number of children in your household? *

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36. Does your household own a car? *
   Please mark one option only.
   
   ○ yes
   ○ no

37. What gender are you? *
   Please mark one option only.
   
   ○ female
   ○ male
   ○ other: ………………..

38. How old are you? *
   Please mark one option only.
   
   ○ less than 14
   ○ 14–20
   ○ 21–30
   ○ 31–40
   ○ 41–50
   ○ 51–65
   ○ more than 65

39. What is your highest achieved education? *
   Please mark one option only.
   
   ○ incomplete primary
   ○ primary
   ○ secondary professional
   ○ secondary professional with leaving exams
   ○ higher vocational
   ○ bachelor’s degree
   ○ master’s degree or higher
   ○ other: ………………..