
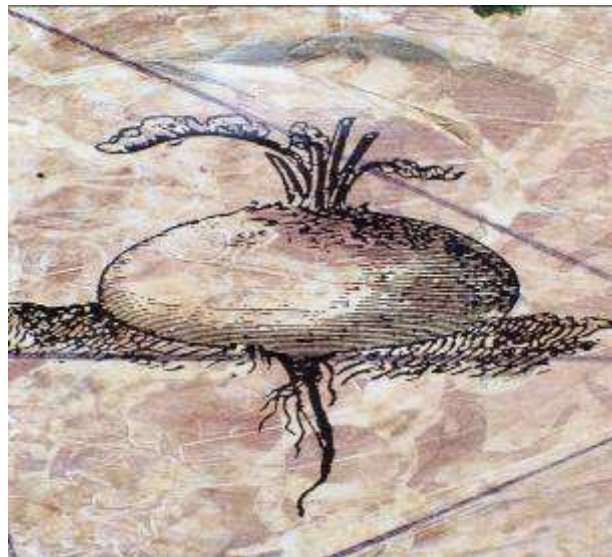




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Experience about  
environmental law





# What is it

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Students created it in 1998.



It started because we could see a lack of specialised environmental legal advice for NGO's. By organising volunteer activities on issues where there is a pending legal process we hope to ensure that environmental problems are not forgotten or ignored.

# What do we do?

## 1. Legal work

De Amicitia is a team of environmental lawyers who work to defend the environment and give legal advice on environmental issues. This service is primarily aimed at NGOs and other private or public organizations that want to protect the natural environment.

### Why?



Few members of the NGOs have environmental legal expertise and so are unaware of the existing environmental legislation.



NGOs do not have the economic resources to initiate legal procedures against those causing environmental destruction, or they use their limited economic resources for other purposes.



Environmental legislation is not easily used by judges and courts. This can be for many reasons including a lack of understanding, fear of the consequences of a strict application of the law, direct and indirect pressure from industrial lobbies or lack of awareness on the part of judges and magistrates about the importance of preserving the natural environment and rural life.

# What do we do?

## 2. Volunteering

- Actions:
  - International Work Camp
  - Reforestation
  - Mini Work Camp
- EVS (European Volunteer Service)
- Friends of De Amicitia and Volunteers

## Why?

- ♻️ Lack of specialised environmental legal advice
- ♻️ To be covered by the media
- ♻️ To raise public awareness and promote change





# What do we do?

1. Non formal education and seminars aimed at managers, students or environmental NGOs on environmental law, conservation and volunteering

Examples: Camp leader training, youth exchange, courses, ...

4. Participation to European Union programmes and projects

Why?

To spread out our philosophy and know how.

To encourage youngsters from rural areas to participate in international programmes

To be part of a networks.



# One example: Gargantilla del Lozoya, Sierra Norte, Madrid



## The problem:

The village is plenty of abandoned gardens since population there become too old to work or migrate to main cities

## Solution:



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# Example: Gargantilla del Lozoya, Sierra Norte, Madrid



## Effects:

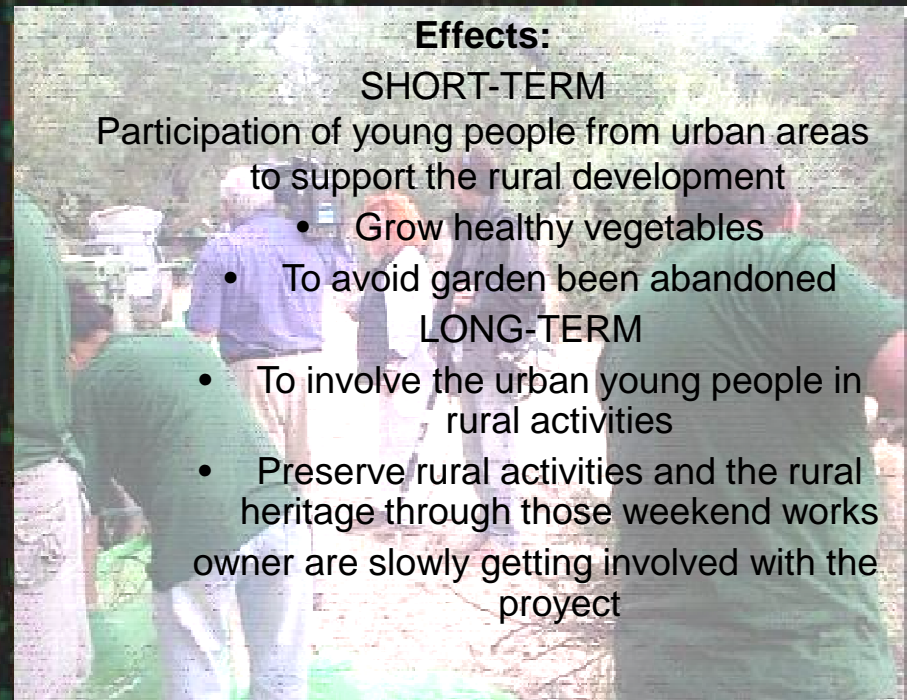
### SHORT-TERM

Participation of young people from urban areas to support the rural development

- Grow healthy vegetables
- To avoid garden been abandoned

### LONG-TERM

- To involve the urban young people in rural activities
  - Preserve rural activities and the rural heritage through those weekend works
- owner are slowly getting involved with the project

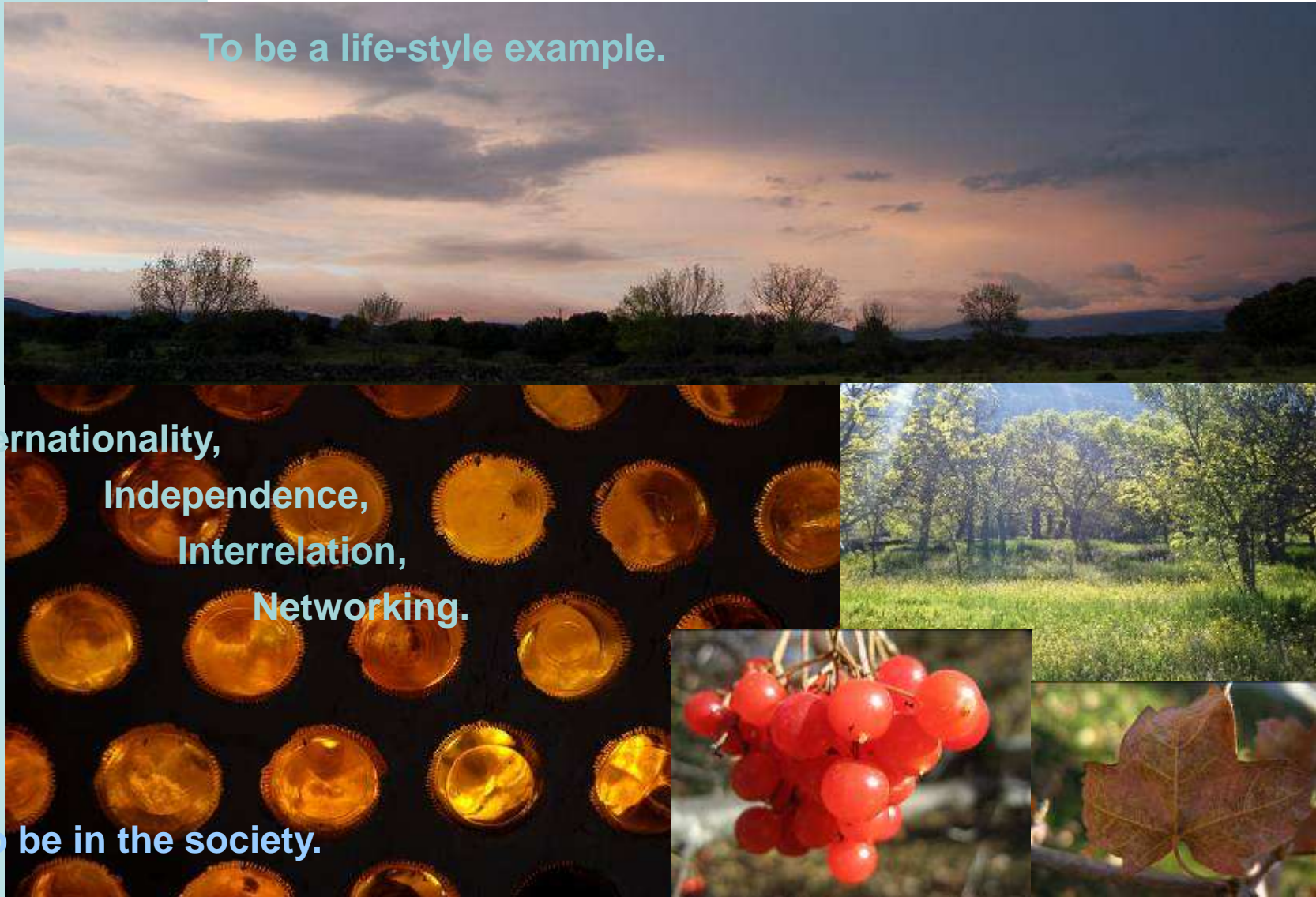


# Our main ideas

To be a life-style example.

Internationality,  
Independence,  
Interrelation,  
Networking.

To be in the society.





# To be a life-style example



“Deeds no words”

We want to link principles with concretes actions.



To live in a rural world.



We are one of the solutions.



To be simple.



# To be in the society

- ♻️ Facing a “deep ecology”, we are trying to keep in touch with citizens.
- ♻️ Using new technologies
- ♻️ Volunteering.
- ♻️ International networking and participation in platforms, municipalities and other organizations.
- ♻️ We implement environmental projects easy to understand and to be put in practise, close to people.





# Internationality, Independence, Networking



**Internationality**



**Independence**



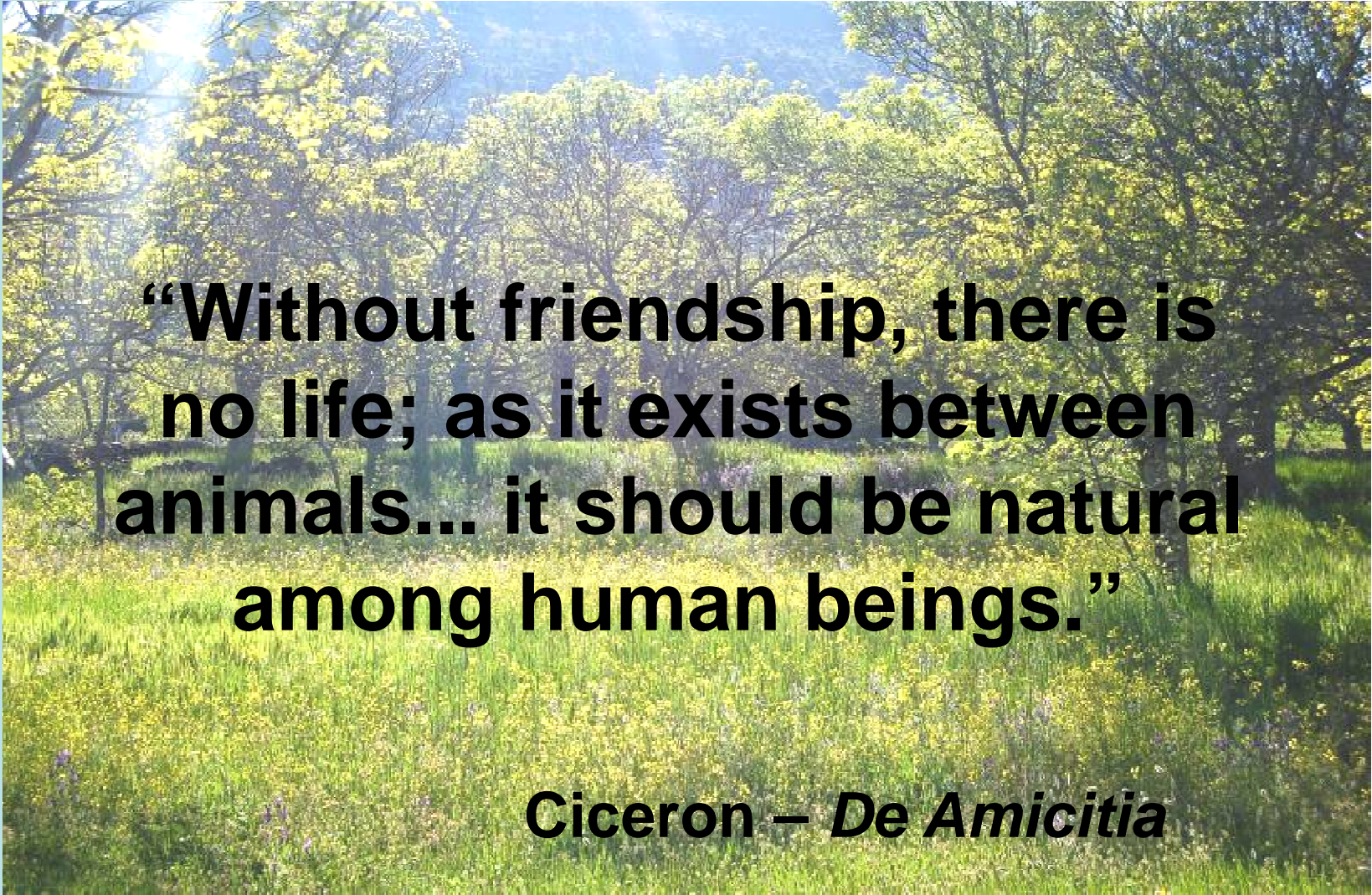
**Networking**

- SCI, Bouworde...

- EU programme  
*Youth in Action*



# The Name



**“Without friendship, there is no life; as it exists between animals... it should be natural among human beings.”**

**Cicero – *De Amicitia***



# Donkey Caravan



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