

France: “Agreement for the garden”(Pacte pour le Jardin)

The French allotment garden federation has signed the “agreement for the garden”, initiated by the Union of companies working for the protection of gardens and green spaces (Union des entreprises pour la Protection des jardins et des espaces verts)

With its partner of the National Council for Community and Allotment Gardens (Conseil National des Jardins Collectifs et Familiaux) the French federation has put much effort into this project in order to make it successful, because it does concern us directly. The aim is to put into practice several proposals so that the gardens will be better integrated in the towns with an increased access to the public (opening of gardens to the public at the occasion of open days, garden feasts etc.)

The aim is also to develop school gardens (put at the disposal of schools) as well as insertion and therapeutic gardens which are accessible for disabled people (Terraccessible, gardens for the five senses, etc.)

The demand for allotments in all their forms is steadily increasing: The aim of the agreement is to get a strong support from the authorities, as otherwise we will not be able to satisfy this demand.

In fact, both support and financial means are necessary to create therapeutic gardens.