

Poland: The existence of allotment gardens threatened!

The judgement of the Constitutional Court, dated 11th July 2012 and entering into force on 21st January 2014 will deprive the Polish allotment garden federation (PZD) of its legal personality if no new law is voted meanwhile.

The Polish federation has informed the Office that the consequences of this loss of its legal personality will be the expiration of all the rights authorizing the Polish allotment gardeners to use their allotments. The property situated on the land (sheds, plants, common equipment) belonging to the individual gardener or the federation will be transferred to the owner of the ground (State, municipalities).

The Polish federation has elaborated a draft law taking into consideration the requirements of the Constitutional Court. According to information received from the Polish federation there exist efforts in the House of Parliament to see a legislation no more guaranteeing the right of association, the right of the association's autonomy and the protection of property adopted.

This is an event without precedent in the European Union!

The International Office will take appropriate steps on European level.