



“HARNESSTOM leading role in constructing a tomato production chain to valorize agrobiodiversity in Lazio.”

Jointly organised by the University of Tuscia (UNITUS, Viterbo, Italy), the Rete Semi Rurali association and the Agency for agricultural development of the Lazio region (ARSIAL), the 18th of April at the experimental farm of the University it was held the meeting “Costruzione della filiera del pomodoro per la valorizzazione della biodiversità del Lazio” (“Constructing the tomato production chain to valorize agrobiodiversity in Lazio”). The meeting was attended by scientific and technical staff of the three organizations, by a number of associated farmers (Cooperazione contadina), by representatives of a ministerial research center (CREA-DC), of an organic seed company (Arcoiris) and of organic processing companies (Casale dei Pozzi, Valentini). The participatory breeding activity carried out in the frame of Task 8.5 of the HARNESSTOM project has been thoroughly presented by Prof. Fabrizio Olivieri from UNITUS. The task, coordinated by Prof. Andrea Mazzucato (UNITUS) and Joan Casals (Polytechnic University of Catalonia) consists of a four-years participative pedigree selection of tomato populations characterized by yellow and orange color. The possibility to register these selections as an Organic Heterogeneous Material according to the EU Organic Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2018/848) has been discussed with the stakeholders involved in organic seed production (Arcoiris).





Photo 1. Professor Fabrizio Olivieri's intervention at the meeting.