

Short title in English	The Peasant's Box
Country	Romania
<p><b>Short summary for practitioners in English on the (final or expected) outcomes</b> (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces).</p> <p>This summary should at least contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Main <b>results/outcomes</b> of the activity (expected or final)</li> <li>– The <b>main practical recommendation(s)</b>: what would be the main added value/benefit/opportunities to the end-user if the generated knowledge is implemented? How can the practitioner make use of the results?</li> </ul> <p>This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers/end-users, using <u>a direct and easy understandable language</u> and pointing out entrepreneurial elements which are particularly relevant for practitioners (e.g. related to cost, productivity etc). Research oriented aspects which do not help the understanding of the practice itself should be avoided.</p>	<p>The Peasant's box is a Romanian CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) project creating a direct relationship between local peasant producers and people in the city through a delivered food box scheme. Initially they operated only in Cluj but now they operate across several cities in Romania and work with 26 peasant producers.</p> <p>Members can agree to have boxes delivered weekly, fortnightly, monthly or even every six weeks.</p> <p>The people at The Peasant Box believe in educating the community about agroecology and permaculture principles, to help the members appreciate how hard the peasants work.</p> <p>They are currently encouraging the peasants who work with them to use less plastic – if they want to join The Peasant's Box they just need to make time to listen to the story and be open to work together to build the relationship.</p> <p>Some of the new younger producers are already into permaculture and a positive environmental impact and there is hope they will influence other farmers.</p> <p>Many peasants and their families that stay with the project are becoming self-sustainable and having sovereignty of their livelihoods. They have built greenhouses and invested in water systems. They have been able to send their daughters to university.</p> <p>Families in the city are very grateful to receive their boxes. They have a direct connection with the producer. Not only can they ask exactly how their food was grown, but they can even visit the gardens.</p> <p>70% of members who signed up for boxes seven years ago are still receiving their boxes.</p>