Objective
Preventing biodiversity loss in horticultural crops and wild relatives species.

Preservation
The samples are stored as seeds at low relative humidity and low temperature (-18°C).

Multiplication
Samples are grown in the field to increase the amount and quality of the seeds.

Characterisation
Primary characterisation data are collected during the entire crop cycle.

Backup
A duplicate sample is preserved in the base collection at the National Plant Genetic Resources Centre of INIA (CRF-INIA).

Distribution
Requests aimed at research, plant breeding and promotion of preservation and sustainable use of vegetable resources are handled.

Prospecting
Endangered landraces are collected.

Some figures...
- Approximately 17,000 samples belonging to more than 400 species are preserved.
- Most of the samples are local or traditional landraces of Spanish origin; many of them have ceased to be cultivated.
- The following collections are noteworthy: tomato (1,748 samples), pepper (1,335), bean (885), lettuce (815), onion (624), melon (534), and cucumber (407).
- More than 1,800 samples from Aragon are preserved, most notably the bean (326 samples), tomato (284), and lettuce (101) collections.