

## PRACTICE ABSTRACT #1

# The Special Plan for Baix Llobregat near Barcelona

As part of the [FoodCLIC project](#), partners from the [Barcelona Metropolitan Area](#) mapped the importance of **the Special Plan for the Protection and Improvement of the Baix Llobregat Agricultural Park** (3,000 hectares in the delta and lower valley of the Llobregat River very close to Barcelona). It is a spatial planning tool **aiming to safeguard and enhance natural and agricultural landscapes** by implementing regulations and measures that **restrict urbanisation** within its territory, while **maintaining a balance between agricultural, ecological, and social functions**. The Plan has successfully curtailed urban pressure on the Park by prohibiting development, unless directly related to sustainable agriculture. Within the Park, ecological connectivity is promoted via cardio-healthy routes and recreational orchards, which create public health co-benefits.

**The governing Park Consortium** facilitates **participatory round table dialogues** to improve collaboration between farmers, associations, and local authorities and to increase agricultural knowledge and support self-employed workers to access land. They also address issues of **inclusive and fair land management by including marginalised farmers** (i.e. young farmers and farm workers who are not landowners) in the oversight and use of the park. Ultimately, the Park and associated Special Plan serves as a catalyst for fostering a deeper connection and **recognition of the cultural and historical significance of farming practices and communities**.



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