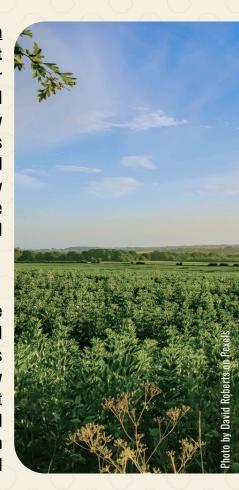
PRACTICE ABSTRACT #1



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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